

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA DECLARING THE INTENT TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROJECT PLAN AND CREATION OF ONE OR MORE TAX INCREMENT DISTRICTS UNDER THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ACT; DIRECTING PREPARATION OF A PROJECT PLAN; APPOINTING A REVIEW COMMITTEE; DIRECTING THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO MAKE FINDINGS AS TO ELIGIBILITY AND FINANCIAL IMPACT, IF ANY, ON TAXING JURISDICTIONS AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND DIRECTING THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Norman (“City”) has endeavored for many years to facilitate the development of the property east of Interstate 35 between Tecumseh Road and Robinson Street, and while a portion of the area has experienced significant investment, the remainder continues to suffer from relative economic stagnation and requires public improvements and investment to reverse that stagnation, to attract major investment in the area, to serve as a catalyst for expanding employment and private investment in the area, to enhance the tax base, and make possible investment, development and economic growth which would otherwise be difficult or impossible (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Local Development Act, 62 O.S. § 850, *et seq.* (“Act”), was passed by the Oklahoma Legislature to implement Section 6C of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, which empowers the governing bodies of cities, towns, and counties to apportion tax increments to help finance the public costs of economic development; and

WHEREAS, the development of the area depends upon the utilization of tax increment financing to help finance the public costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Norman City Council, as the governing body of the City, is empowered to approve the creation of a tax increment district to further the public purpose of economic development in Norman; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides for the appointment of a Review Committee to review and make a recommendation concerning the proposed district, plan, or project, to consider and make findings and recommendations with respect to the conditions establishing the eligibility of the proposed district, and to consider and determine whether the proposed plan and project will have a financial impact on any taxing jurisdiction within the proposed district and to report its findings and make its recommendations to the governing body; and



WHEREAS, the Act provides that the membership of the Review Committee shall consist of the following: a representative of the governing body who shall serve as chairperson; a representative of the planning commission having jurisdiction over the proposed district; a representative designated by each taxing jurisdiction within the proposed district whose ad valorem taxes might be impacted by the plan; and three members representing the public at large and selected by the other committee members from a list of seven names submitted by the chairperson of the Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, one of the at large Review Committee representatives is required to be a representative of the City's business community, and, where a proposed project may include retail development, that representative must be either a retailer or a representative of a retail organization; and

WHEREAS, the taxing jurisdictions within the proposed district whose ad valorem taxes might be impacted by establishment of a tax increment district in the relevant area of Norman are Cleveland County, Norman Public Schools, Cleveland County Health Department, Moore Norman Technology Center, and Pioneer Multi-County Library System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1. The Norman City Council intends to consider approval of a project plan and creation of a tax increment district to facilitate the financing of eligible project costs for economic development and hereby directs the preparation of a project plan for the Project to be submitted for consideration in accordance with the Act.

Section 2. A Review Committee is hereby appointed whose membership shall consist of the following: one representative of the Norman City Council, who shall serve chairperson of the Review Committee; one representative of the Norman Planning Commission to be designated by that body; one representative designated by Cleveland County; one representative designated by Norman Public Schools; one representative designated by the Cleveland County Health Department; one representative designated by Moore Norman Technology Center; one representative designated by the Pioneer Multi-County Library System; and three representatives of the public at large, including at least one representative of the City's business community, who will be selected by the other committee members from a list of seven names submitted by the chairperson of the Review Committee. Because the Project may involve potential retail development, the business community representative shall be a retailer or representative of a retail organization.

Section 3. Mayor Larry Heikkila shall serve as the Norman City Council's representative and chairperson of the Review Committee.

Section 4. The chairperson of the Review Committee shall request that each of the following entities designate a representative to serve on the Review Committee: (a) Cleveland County, (b) Norman Public Schools, (c) Cleveland County Health Department, (d) Moore Norman Technology Center, and (e) Pioneer Multi-County Library System.

Section 5. The chairperson of the Review Committee shall submit a list of seven names of possible persons to represent the public at large on the Review Committee, and the other committee members shall select three persons from this list, who shall represent the public at large on the Review Committee; at least one of the three people selected to represent the public at large shall be a representative of the business community in the City and a retailer or a representative of a retail organization.

Section 6. The Review Committee shall consider and make its findings and recommendations to the Norman City Council with respect to the conditions establishing the eligibility of the proposed district and the appropriateness of approval of the proposed project plan and Project.

Section 7. The Review Committee shall consider and determine whether the proposed project plan and Project will have a financial impact on any taxing jurisdiction and business activities within the proposed increment district and shall report its findings to the Norman City Council.

Section 8. The Norman Planning Commission shall review the proposed project plan and make a recommendation regarding the project plan to the Norman City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

(SEAL)

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk