



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman,
OK 73069

Tuesday, February 08, 2022 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Conference in the Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building on the 8th day of February, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Breea Clark
Councilmember Ward 1 Brandy Studley
Councilmember Ward 2 Lauren Schueler
Councilmember Ward 3 Kelly Lynn
Councilmember Ward 4 Lee Hall
Councilmember Ward 5 Rarchar Tortorello
Councilmember Ward 6 Elizabeth Foreman
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 8 Matthew Peacock

AGENDA ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE JAMES GARNER BOULEVARD PROJECT BRIDGE AESTHETICS - PUBLIC ART.

Mr. Scott Sturtz, City Engineer, provided an overview of the James Garner Boulevard Project including the bridge aesthetics/public art. He said James Garner Boulevard will be an uninterrupted corridor into downtown Norman from Flood Avenue. It will be a two lane divided street with a new bridge at Robinson Street. There will be a multi-lane roundabout at the Flood Avenue intersection. The project will also realign and extend Legacy Trail to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety. He said it will also relieve traffic congestion within nearby neighborhoods and on both Flood Avenue and Porter Avenue.

The portion of the project from Acres Street north to Flood Avenue is Phase II. The project was awarded federal funds for FYE 2022 and design is 95% complete. The right-of-way portion should be finalized by mid-February. Utility relocations are currently underway. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental investigations are nearing completion by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT). Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

Item 1, continued

Mr. Sturtz said we have the opportunity to create an iconic entryway into downtown at the roundabout intersection at Flood Avenue to include public art in the roundabout and streetscape and landscaping along James Garner Boulevard in both the median and along Legacy Trail.

There will be black wrought iron fence along James Garner Boulevard and with signage on the overpass at Robinson Street depicting Legacy Trail, the street name, a custom Pontiac Firebird emblem, as seen on the famous 'Rockford Files' television program, on the center bridge beam with the word Norman below it and the final piece will be James Garner's signature on the bridge structure. All pieces will be LED back lit.

The estimated cost for the bridge aesthetics is \$215,500 and \$200,000 for the public art in the roundabout for a total of \$415,500. There was Council consensus to move forward with the bridge aesthetics and work with the Norman Arts Council for the public art in the roundabout.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor