



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING -SWEARING IN
Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, July 05, 2022 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Holman called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Holman
Councilmember Ward 2 Lauren Schueler
Councilmember Ward 3 Kelly Lynn
Councilmember Ward 4 Lee Hall
Councilmember Ward 5 Rarchar Tortorello
Councilmember Ward 8 Matthew Peacock

ABSENT

Mayor Clark
Councilmember Ward 1 Brandi Studley
Councilmember Ward 6 Elizabeth Foreman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Holman led the Pledge of Allegiance

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO AND SEATING OF MAYOR-ELECT LARRY HEIKKILA, COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT LAUREN SCHUELER, WARD 2; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT HELEN GRANT, WARD 4; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT ELIZABETH FOREMAN, WARD 6; AND COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT MATTHEW PEACOCK, WARD 8.

Judge Thad Balkman, Cleveland County District Court, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Larry Heikkila.

Judge Drew Nichols, City of Norman Municipal Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember-Elect Lauren Schueler, Ward 2; Councilmember-Elect Helen Grant, Ward 4; and Councilmember-Elect Matthew Peacock, Ward 8

Appointments

2. ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM

Elect Councilmember Peacock as Mayor Pro Tem

Motion made by Councilmember Tortorello Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Peacock

Councilmember Peacock was Elected as Mayor Pro Tem

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3. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Elect Mayor Heikkila as Representative and Councilmember Ward 4 Schueler as Alternate Representative of the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Peacock.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Peacock

Mayor Heikkila was Elected as Representative and Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler as Alternate Representative of the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

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4. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Elect Mayor Heikkila as Representative and Councilmember Ward 7 Holman as Alternate Representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Peacock

Mayor Heikkila was Elected as Representative and Councilmember Ward 7 Holman was Elected as Alternate Representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors.

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5. ELECTION OF A CITY COUNCILMEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF NORMAN RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Elect Councilmember Ward 6 Foreman to serve on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 2 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Peacock

Resolutions

6. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2223-14: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, COMMENDING AND EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO LEE HALL FOR SERVING AS WARD FOUR COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler.

Item 6, continued:

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Peacock

Resolution R-2223-14 was Adopted.

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Council Farewells.

Councilmember Schueler said she does not think people understand the level of commitment that Former Councilmember Hall gave her position on City Council. She said when she was appointed as Councilmember for Ward 2, Hall welcomed her in virtual meetings during the pandemic and offered to “show her the ropes”. She said Hall made it her mission to shepherd all of the new Councilmembers through the City processes. She said Hall always did her homework and was fiercely committed to Ward 4 as well as the betterment of community as a whole. She said Hall has assured City Council that they are not losing her as an advocate for the community, but she is planning to be more involved in the core issues she really cares about. She said she is thankful that she got to know her and can call her a friend.

Councilmember Lynn said he appreciated former Councilmember Hall and her efforts. He said he admires anyone who puts himself or herself out there to do this community service and she put her heart into it and did the work. He said they did not agree on everything and he always tried to sway her with chocolate.

Councilmember Grant said she was one of candidates for the vacancy to Ward 4 with Former Councilmember Hall. She said Hall was selected, but it worked out fine and she even donated money to Hall’s campaign. She said Hall was informative about Ward 4 and the processes to follow. She said she feels very informed taking over her position. She said she learned some good habits from Hall and said she will still be living in Ward 4 and can continued to be a resource.

Councilmember Tortorello said former Councilmember Hall provided so much information to all of Council and they relied on her all of this time to fill in the blanks. He appreciated everything she has done for the Council. He respected that she stood her ground when she did not agree with something. He said she spend every week doing her job by representing her ward extremely well. He thanked her for her friendship and being there when he needed something.

Councilmember Holman said during his nine years on Council with over 30 different Councilmembers and 4 mayors. He is hopeful with the new faces that Council will be able to come together to address some of the serious issues that affect our community. He said he appreciates former Councilmember Hall, former Mayor Clark, and all he has served to be willing to put themselves out there.

Council Farewells, continued:

Councilmember Peacock said he once asked a constituent what he could do to grow and improve as a Councilmember and the answer was “Be more like “Lee Hall.” He said that single quote is a testament to the standard of excellence Hall brought to this office and the positive impact she has had on our community. She will be greatly missed and it has been an honor and a privilege and he cannot thank her enough. He thanked her for showing him that you can never go wrong by doing what is right.

Mayor Heikkila said he did not get to work much with former Councilmember Hall, but they became acquainted during his campaign and he very much appreciates because she has done as many have said, “service, no matter what”, which is a labor of love and not anything you do for money. He said her dedication to her constituents, to the ward, to the City, to the State of Oklahoma is greatly appreciated by him.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor