



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING - AMENDED
Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

The Planning Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street, on the 14th day of March, 2024.

Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and online at <https://norman-ok.municodemeetings.com> at least twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Chair Erica Bird called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Cameron Brewer
Steven McDaniel
Liz McKown
Chair Erica Bird
Doug McClure
Jim Griffith
Maria Kindel

ABSENT

Michael Jablonski
Kevan Parker

A quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT

Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager
Roné Tromble, Admin. Tech. IV
Beth Muckala, Assistant City Attorney
Bryce Holland, Multimedia Specialist
Awet Frezgi, Traffic Engineer
Paul D'Andrea, Capital Projects Engineer

Daws Street ROW Closure

- 3. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. O-2324-43: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, CLOSING A PORTION OF THE DAWS STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.**

ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD:

1. Staff Report
2. Location Map
3. Ordinance No. O-2324-43
4. Request to Close Daws Street at the North Porter Intersection
5. Updated Staff Report, Ordinance, and Additional Easement Map & Description

PRESENTATION BY STAFF: Beth Muckala reviewed the staff report, a copy of which is filed with the minutes. We received a protest letter which represents 1.7% of the notification area.

Mr. Brewer asked if there will be any change to the area. Ms. Muckala responded that it is already fully constructed as planned.

Ms. Bird asked if this will go forward to vacate the right-of-way. Ms. Muckala responded that the private properties have the option at any time to do that once the property has been closed by the City; the City will not necessarily be a part of the vacation action, but would be named as a defendant and make sure we're reserving the easements as already agreed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Brenda Kimmel, 309 E. Daws Street, said a school bus or sanitation truck cannot make it around the cul-de-sac without backing up and turning. She would like to have a sound barrier put up to cover the ugliness that she looks at. She would like it to be left open to Porter Avenue; 50% of Van's customers use the drive-thru and exit onto Porter. Originally there was going to be trees, plants and a bench.

Denise Clear, 3300 Fireside Circle, representing Don's Mobile Lock Shop. They did not request the closure of Daws; that was all done by the City and part of the project. Their parking lot was requested by the City to be one way in from Acres and exit onto Daws and it has become a mess; people go the wrong direction and use it as a street. The only signs are ones that she put up. The closure of Daws has hurt their business. They do not oppose the closure of the right-of-way.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Ms. Kindel commented that she has gone to Don's and her car was almost hit by two cars trying to figure out which way they were supposed to go, and it was confusing for her to leave. She agrees there needs to be signage.

Mr. Brewer goes to Don's and sometimes gets confused where he is supposed to go. Signage would help direct traffic.

Ms. Bird pointed out that the matter before the Commission is only the right-of-way closure, and does not extend to signage and walls, etc. She encouraged the City to hear the comments that have been made and work toward a solution.

Motion made by Brewer, seconded by McClure, to recommend adoption of Ordinance No. O-2324-43 to City Council.

Voting Yea: Brewer, McDaniel, McKown, Bird, Griffith

Voting Nay: McClure, Kindel

The motion to recommend adoption of Ordinance No. O-2324-43 to City Council passed by a vote of 5-2.

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