



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING - AMENDED
Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman,
OK 73069
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:00 PM

MINUTES

The City Council Special Meeting of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, will meet in Regular Session in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:00 PM, and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and on the City website at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 1 David Gandesbery
Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 3 Robert Bruce
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 6 Joshua Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Kimberly Blodgett
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager
Ms. Shannon Stevenson, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Clint Mercer, Chief Accountant
Ms. Lisa Krieg, CDBG Grants Manager
Ms. Tara Reynolds, CDBG Financial Management Specialist
Mr. Rick Knighton, City Attorney
Ms. AshLynn Wilkinson, Assistant City Attorney
Ms. Jane Hudson, Planning and Community Development Director
Ms. Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager

Mr. James Heath, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist
Mr. Tim Miles, City Engineer
Mr. Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works
Ms. Beth Muckala, Assistant City Attorney
Ms. Jamie Meyer, Interim City Clerk
Mr. Derick Colwell, Sooner Mall

AGENDA ITEMS

1. ORIENTATION TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAMS.

Ms. Lisa Krieg, CDBG Grants Manager, provided an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs, including program purpose, funding sources, eligibility requirements, and administrative structure. She explained that both programs are federally funded and primarily benefit low- to moderate-income residents through housing rehabilitation, neighborhood improvements, and community services.

Ms. Krieg reviewed funding allocation methods, eligible and ineligible activities, and compliance requirements associated with federal funding, including reporting, environmental review, and income qualification standards. She noted that the City's primary use of CDBG funds is housing rehabilitation, completing approximately 30–45 projects annually, often assisting senior citizens with critical home repairs.

Additional discussion included the Section 108 Loan Program as a potential financing tool for larger redevelopment projects, as well as the HOME Program's focus on long-term affordable housing, down payment assistance, and partnerships with local housing organizations.

Council discussed the importance of the programs in supporting housing stability, preventing homelessness, and leveraging additional investment within the community. Council also discussed potential future applications of funding tools for redevelopment projects.

2. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSAL FROM SOONER MALL FOR A SALES TAX REBATE AGREEMENT.

Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager, provided an update on the proposed sales tax rebate agreement with Sooner Fashion Mall, following review by the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB). He stated that staff gathered additional information regarding property ownership within the mall footprint, including parcels not owned by the mall but managed as part of the overall development.

Mr. Pyle discussed key considerations for the proposed agreement, including structuring the rebate to apply to the entire mall footprint, limiting multiple agreements for separately owned parcels, and evaluating rebate cap options. Options discussed included a lower cap with a higher reimbursement percentage and a higher cap with a shared percentage structure.

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Discussion also included current and projected sales figures, as well as the level of increased sales required to reach proposed rebate caps. Mr. Pyle stated that the term sheet is included on the consent agenda to authorize staff to proceed with negotiations, with a final agreement to return to Council for consideration and public meeting.

Council discussed the financial structure of the proposal, including rebate caps, projected sales increases, and long-term economic impact. Questions were raised regarding investment levels, property ownership, and agreement structure.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY OKLAHOMA STATUTES, UNDER TITLE 25 § 307(B)(4) TO DISCUSS SETTLEMENT OF A PENDING TORT CLAIM SUBMITTED BY CLIFFORD JEMISON AND TO DISCUSS THREATENED LITIGATION REGARDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2425-2.

Motion to adjourn out of the Special Session and convene into Executive Session was made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon
Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 5:38 p.m. Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager; Ms. Shannon Stevenson, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Rick Knighton, City Attorney; Ms. AshLynn Wilkinson, Assistant City Attorney; Ms. Beth Muckala, Assistant City Attorney were in attendance at the Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn out of Executive Session and reconvene the Special Session made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Executive Session was adjourned out of the Special Session was reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

The discussion of a settlement of a pending tort claim submitted by Clifford Jemison and a discussion on the threatened litigation regarding ordinance O-2425-2. No action was taken and no votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor