

# CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069 Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM

### **MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:30 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 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

# CITY COUNCIL, NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, AND NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

You are required to sign up in advance of the meeting on the City's webpage, by calling the City Clerk's Office (405-366-5406), or at the Council Chambers prior to the start of the meeting with your name, ward, and item you wish to speak to including whether you are a proponent or opponent. When the time comes for public comments, the Clerk will call your name and you can make your way to the podium. Comments may be limited on items of higher interest, if so, the Mayor will announce that at the beginning of the meeting. Participants may speak one time only up to 4 minutes per person per item. There will be no yielding of time to another person. Sign up does not guarantee you will get to speak if the allotted time for that item has already been exhausted. If there is time remaining after those registered to speak have spoken, persons not previously signed up may have the opportunity to speak. Comments received must be limited to the motion on the floor only.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Stephen T. Holman
Councilmember Ward 1 David Gandesbery
Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Brandon Nofire
Councilmember Ward 6 Joshua Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Kimberly Blodgett
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Holman.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2024, OCTOBER 22, 2024, FEBRUARY 25, 2025, MAY 20, 2025, JULY 8, 2025, AUGUST 15, 2025, AND AUGUST 16, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL, NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, AND NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2024, OCTOBER 8, 2024, OCTOBER 22, 2024, FEBRUARY 25, 2025, MARCH 11, 2025, JUNE 10, 2025, AND JULY 8, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024, DECEMBER 3, 2024, DECEMBER 17, 2024, AND FEBRUARY 27, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2025.

Motion 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 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The minutes were Approved.

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#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

2. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-13: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2025, AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

#### Item 2, continued:

Participants in Discussion:

- 1. Ms. Jodie Stewart, Women's Resource Center
- 2. Ms. Stephanie Penate, Women's Resource Center

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Proclamation P-2526-13 was Acknowledged.

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#### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Citizen Recognition and Community Engagement

Councilmember Gandesbery thanked residents who attended his recent town hall meeting, emphasizing that these gatherings provide valuable insight into community priorities and upcoming events. He expressed appreciation to the CPAN organization (Police Academy Alumni Association) for adopting a portion of Alameda Street, from 12th to 24th Avenue, for cleanup efforts. He also thanked Ms. Tiffany Vrska, Chief Communications Officer, and the citizens participating in the Citizens Academy, congratulating the graduates on completing the program.

Councilmember Peacock congratulated the Citizens Academy graduates on their accomplishment.

Councilmember Grant congratulated the Citizens Academy graduates and thanked them for dedicating time to learn about City operations and governance.

Councilmember Nofire congratulated the Citizens Academy graduates and gave special recognition to Mr. Nolan Bier, a Norman resident who organizes volunteer cleanup efforts at Lake Thunderbird through his Facebook group *Thunder Trash*. He encouraged residents to support the initiative.

Councilmember Hinkle congratulated the Citizens Academy graduates.

Councilmember Blodgett congratulated the Citizens Academy graduates.

Councilmember Dixon congratulated the Citizens Academy graduates and thanked Ms. Tiffany Vrska, Mr. Bryce Holland, and Ms. Michele Loudenback for their contributions to City events and sustainability initiatives. He highlighted the success of the Monarchs in the Park event and expressed appreciation for their work.

Mayor Holman thanked the Citizens Academy participants for their commitment to learning about local government and encouraged residents to become more involved in civic activities.

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Council Announcements continued:

#### Community Events and Initiatives

Councilmember Grant reported a partial street closure that allowed a live performance and procession to take place safely. She noted that while residents have expressed interest in more street closures, such approvals depend on the type of event and weather conditions.

Councilmember Nofire announced that PikeOff OTA will host a fundraiser and Q&A session at Hollywood Corners on Friday, October 17th, from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Councilmember Hinkle reminded residents about the Watershed Cleanup Event at Sutton Wilderness, scheduled for Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Councilmember Dixon commended the Norman High School volleyball team for their recent win and wished them success as they advance toward the state tournament. He also mentioned his support for Bridges, a nonprofit organization assisting homeless high school students, noting that he purchased his yellow shirt at the Farm Girl Fair, which raised funds for the group.

Mayor Holman announced that the National Night Out event was taking place that evening, featuring booths hosted by the Police Department, emergency services, and other family-friendly community activities.

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#### City Meetings and Deadlines

Councilmember Grant reminded residents that the deadline for nominations for the City of Norman Human Rights Award is Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

Mayor Holman provided updates on upcoming and recent City meetings:

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#### **CONSENT DOCKET**

This item is placed on the agenda so that the City Council, by unanimous consent, can designate those routine agenda items that they wish to be approved or acknowledged by one motion. If any item proposed does not meet with approval of all Councilmembers, that item will be heard in regular order. Staff recommends that Item 3 through Item 34 be placed on the consent docket.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Items 3 through 34 were placed on the Consent Docket.

#### First Reading Ordinance

3. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-9 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTION 36-201 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN SO AS TO REMOVE THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4) OF SECTION NINETEEN (19) TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, RM-6, MEDIUM-DENSITY APARTMENT DISTRICT, AND A-2, RURAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN A PUD. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF W. ROCK CREEK ROAD AND N. PORTER AVENUE INTERSECTION)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-9 was Adopted on First Reading by title.

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4. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-15 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN DELETING SECTION 24-104(E)(6), REPEALING SECTION 24-308, AND DELETING RELATED FINES SET FORTH IN APPENDIX B OF THE NORMAN CODE OF ORDINANCES ALL RELATED TO THE MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL CHARGE OF PEEPING TOM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-15 was Adopted on First Reading by title.

#### Reports/Communications

5. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM FIREHOUSE ART CENTER TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

#### Receipt of the Report was Acknowledged.

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6. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM MOORE-LINDSAY HISTORICAL HOUSE MUSEUM TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

#### Receipt of the Report was Acknowledged.

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7. SUBMISSION OF AND ACKOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF A REPORT ENTITLED "PIONEER LIBRARY SYSTEM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" FOR JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT" AS PREPARED BY GRAY, BLODGETT, AND COMPANY, P.L.L.C., CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

# Receipt of the Report was Acknowledged.

#### **Easement**

8. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONSENT TO ENCROACH EN-2526-1: FOR LOT 30, BLOCK 4, VINTAGE CREEK ADDITION, CITY OF NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FOR SWIMMING POOL. (512 Legacy Court)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Consent to Encroach EN-2526-1 was Approved and the filing thereof with the Cleveland County Clerk was Directed.

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#### **Final Plat**

9. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FP-2526-3 FINAL PLAT FOR EAGLE CLIFF WEST, SECTION 1 (GENERALLY LOCATED ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH OF CEDAR LANE ROAD AND ONE-HALF MILE WEST OF 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE S.E).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Final Plat FP-2526-3 for Eagle Cliff West, Section I, was Approved.

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10. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FP-2526-4 FINAL PLAT/FINAL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MONTE VISTA ESTATES, PHASE 1, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING THE DEFERRAL OF PAVING, DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALKS IN CONNECTION WITH EAST TECUMSEH ROAD (GENERALLY LOCATED ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE N.E. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST TECUMSEH ROAD.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

#### Item 10, continued:

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Final Plat FP-2526-4 for Monte Vista Estates, Phase I, was Approved.

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11. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FP-2526-5 FINAL PLAT FOR LOTS 2, 3, & 6, BLOCK 1, JENNINGS ESTATES NO. 1 ADDITION (A REPLAT OF LOTS 2 & 3, BLOCK 1, JENNINGS ESTATES NO. 1 ADDITION) (GENERALLY LOCATED 270-FEET EAST OF 24<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE S.E. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST MAIN STREET).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Final Plat FP-2526-5 for Jennings Estates Number 1 Addition, was Approved.

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12. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FP-2526-6 FINAL PLAT FOR CROSSPOINTE ADDITION (A REPLAT OF LOT 1, BLOCK 5, PEBBLE BROOK ADDITION, SECTION 2) LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF 24TH AVENUE S.E. AND OVERBROOK DRIVE.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Final Plat FP-2526-6 for Crosspointe Addition, was Approved.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FP-2526-7 FINAL PLAT FOR TURTLE CROSSING, PHASE 2, (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST LINDSEY STREET AND ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF 24<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE S.E.).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Final Plat FP-2526-7 for Turtle Crossing, Phase 2, was Approved.

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#### <u>Settlements</u>

14. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-59: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING JOINT PETITION SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM FILED BY KYLE BERNHARDT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE CASE OF KYLE BERNHARDT V. THE CITY OF NORMAN, WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CASE 2024-06289 K; DIRECTING THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO THEN FILE SUCH SETTLEMENT AND ALL ATTENDANT COSTS IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBSEQUENTLY PURCHASE SUCH WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION JUDGMENT FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE FUND.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-59 was Adopted.

15. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-60: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING JOINT PETITION SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM FILED BY DARIN HIETT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE CASE OF DARIN HIETT V. THE CITY OF NORMAN, WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CASE 2024-04540 W; DIRECTING THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO THEN FILE SUCH SETTLEMENT AND ALL ATTENDANT COSTS IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBSEQUENTLY PURCHASE SUCH WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION JUDGMENT FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE FUND.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-60 was Adopted.

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#### Contracts

16. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2425-2: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND ELLSWORTH CONSTRUCTION OKC, L.L.C., ADDING 100 DAYS AND BERRY ROAD LOCATION AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$59,562.52 FOR THE STREET MAINTENANCE BOND, URBAN CONCRETE PAVEMENT, FYE 2025 LOCATIONS, BID 1 PROJECT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Change Order One to Contract K-2425-2 and final acceptance of the project were Approved.

17. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2425-3: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND ELLSWORTH CONSTRUCTION OKC, L.L.C., INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$26,489.66 FOR A REVISED AMOUNT OF \$1,299,019.66 AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT K-2425-3 AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$32,475.48 FOR THE STREET MAINTENANCE BOND, URBAN CONCRETE PAVEMENT, FYE 2025 LOCATIONS, BID 2 PROJECT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Change Order One to Contract K-2425-3 and final acceptance of the project were Approved.

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18. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER TWO OF CONTRACT K-2526-1: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND ARROYO'S CONCRETE, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$187,659.82 FOR THE INSTALLATION OR MODIFICATION OF SIDEWALKS IN THE OLD SILK STOCKINGS NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE FYE 2026 SIDEWALK CONCRETE PROJECTS.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Change Order two to Contract K-2526-1 and final acceptance of the project were Approved.

19. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-9 AND CONTRACT K-2526-30: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND ARROYO'S CONCRETE, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,043,546.00 FOR THE URBAN CONCRETE PAVEMENT - FYE 2026 LOCATIONS, BID 1, PERFORMANCE BOND B-2526-13; STATUTORY BOND B2526-14; MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2526-12, AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2526-15 GRANTING TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Bid B-2526-9 was Accepted, Contract K-2526-30 and all associated Bonds were Approved and Resolution R-2526-15 was Adopted.

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20. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-10 AND CONTRACT K-2526-31: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND ARROYO'S CONCRETE, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,150,517 FOR THE URBAN CONCRETE PAVEMENT - FYE 2026 LOCATIONS, BID 2, PERFORMANCE BOND B-2526-15; STATUTORY BOND B-2526-16; MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2526-13, AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2526-16 GRANTING TAX-EXEMPT STATUS AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Bid B-2526-10 was Accepted, Contract K-2526-31, all associated Bonds, and Budget Appropriation were Approved and Resolution R-2526-16 was Adopted.

21. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-32: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND C-P INTEGRATED SERVICES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$580,672.50 FOR THE MISTY LAKE DAM REPAIR PROJECT, CHANGE ORDER ONE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169,927.50; PERFORMANCE BOND B-2526-17; STATUTORY BOND B-2526-18; MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2526-14, AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2526-17 GRANTING TAXEXEMPT STATUS.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Contract K-2526-32 and all associated Bonds were Approved and Resolution R-2526-17 was Adopted.

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22. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-69: A PROJECT MAINTENANCE, FINANCING, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT TAP3-8723(004)AG, STATE JOB 38723(04)(05)(06)(07), FOR BOYD STREET SIDEWALK UPGRADES AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2526-52.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Contract K-2526-69 was Approved and Resolution R-2526-52 was Adopted.

23. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-88: A PUBLIC TRANSIT REVOLVING FUND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) DISTRIBUTING A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED TWO HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX DOLLARS (\$228,986) TO BE USED FOR ESTABLISHING, EXPANDING, IMPROVING, AND MAINTAINING THE CITY OF NORMAN'S URBAN PUBLIC MASS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Contract K-2526-88 was Approved.

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24. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FROM THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE (OHSO) TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT HIGH-VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT, SATURATION PATROLS, INFORMATION/EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS DIRECTED TOWARD TRAFFIC SAFETY, AND PARTICIPATE IN OHSO MOBILIZATIONS; APPROVAL OF CONTRACT K-2526-90; AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Contract K-2526-90 and Budget Appropriation were Approved.

25. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA BY AND THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE OKLAHOMA OPIOID ABATEMENT BOARD (OAB) FOR THE FY 2025 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$498,000 TO BE USED FOR AN APPROVED OPIOID ABATEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF NORMAN; AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT K-2526-92 BY AND BETWEEN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA AND THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR THE OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANT AWARD AND APPROVED PROJECT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The grant from the State of Oklahoma through the Office of the Attorney General was Accepted and Contract K-2526-92 and Budget Appropriation were Approved.

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26. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-93: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AND THE VIRTUE CENTER, FOR A TOTAL OF \$498,000 OVER THREE YEARS TO IMPLEMENT THE APPROVED FY 2025 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANT PROJECT WHICH CONSISTS OF FREE EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND AWARENESS PROGRAM(S), EXPANSION OF OUTPATIENT TREATMENT SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS ADDICTED TO OPIATES, INCLUDING A NEW STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM, AND PROVISION OF MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Contract K-2526-93 was Approved.

#### Resolutions

27. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT. AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-55: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$13,830.24 FROM THE REIMBURSEMENTS-CITIZEN SIDEWALK ACCOUNT TO REPLENISH THE CITYWIDE SIDEWALK AND CURB RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT ("50/50 PROGRAM.")

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-55 was Adopted.

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28. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-56: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN ACCEPTING THE AWARD OF \$1,522,828 THROUGH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S (FTA) FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND 2025 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT URBANIZED AREA (STBG-UZA) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT, EXECUTE, AND FILE AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORMAN WITH THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) AND/OR THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS (ACOG) TO PROGRAM THE PROJECT AWARD.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-56 was Adopted.

29. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE THREE 35-FOOT LOW-FLOOR CNG TRANSIT BUSES FROM GILLIG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,302,818 UTILIZING THE STATE OF WASHINGTON CONTRACT NUMBER 06719; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORMAN TO EFFECTUATE THE AGREEMENT; AND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The purchase of three 35-Foot Low-Floor CNG Transit Buses and Budget Appropriation were Approved.

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30. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-57: REQUESTING THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER THE CITY OF NORMAN'S SELECTED TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029 FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-57 was Adopted.

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31. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-61: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TRANSFERRING \$725,537.91 TO TECHNOLOGY PLACE STREET EXTENSION FROM VARIOUS PROJECTS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT FOR THE SAXON INDUSTRIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

#### Item 31, continued:

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-61 was Adopted.

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32. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-62: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, DECLARING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2025, AND DECEMBER 23, 2025, SHALL BE CANCELLED.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-62 was Adopted.

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33. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-66: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMMENT AGENCY'S HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM EXPRESSING ITS COMMITMENT TO SECURE FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL MATCH IF SUCH GRANT IS AWARDED AND PROJECT APPROVED.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nofire, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

# Resolution R-2526-66 was Adopted.

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# **Acting As the Norman Municipal Authority**

34. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-68: A RESOLUTION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY APPROPRIATING \$287,700 FROM SANITATION FUND BALANCE TO SANITATION CAPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR PURCHASE OF POLYCARTS AND DUMPSTERS AS NEEDED FOR FYE 2026.

Motion made by Trustee Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Trustee Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Chairman Holman, Trustee Ward 1 Gandesbery, Trustee Ward 2 Peacock, Trustee Ward 4 Grant, Trustee Ward 5 Nofire, Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Trustee Ward 7 Blodgett, Trustee Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-68 was Adopted.

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#### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

#### Norman Forward II

Dan Munson, Ward 7, proposed that the next major Norman Forward art project align with the 2028 Olympics, suggesting a women's softball theme and an annual girls' softball camp beginning in 2026.

#### Safety Town

Dan Munson, Ward 7, commended the "Safety Town" youth program.

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#### University North Park

Dan Munson, Ward 7, advocated for form-based code and improved road maintenance in the University North Park area. He noted ongoing maintenance issues, such as potholes and debris, and emphasized the area's importance for tourism and local investment.

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#### Civil Dialogue, Social Media Conduct, and Respect in Civic Debate

Mr. Gary Barksdale, Ward 8, expressed concern over "violent rhetoric" from two Councilmembers, urging accountability and public apologies. He called for professionalism, denounced inflammatory language, and ended with a moment of silent prayer for healing and peace.

#### Miscellaneous Comments continued:

Nathan Trepagnier, Ward 5, voiced concern about divisive rhetoric, emphasizing that Norman has long valued respectful discourse. He said recent language labeling some residents as part of a "death machine" made him question the City's welcoming spirit. He concluded with a call for unity and prayer.

John Ryan, Ward 7, a recent resident and law enforcement member, shared discomfort at being characterized as part of a "death machine." He expressed admiration for civic engagement and concluded with the Lord's Prayer, calling for compassion and mutual respect.

Stephen Ellis, Ward 4, clarified that Councilmember Grant's "death machine" comment referred to systemic gun violence, not individuals. He encouraged context, understanding, and sincerity in faith and dialogue, emphasizing constructive solutions over political division.

Trenton Rippy, Ward 7, representing Young Americans for Liberty, discussed protecting free speech and collaboration across ideologies. He highlighted inclusive initiatives and urged civic participation, faith, and open dialogue as foundations for democracy.

Emmalee Griffith, Ward 7, cited scripture urging prayer for one's enemies and led the audience in prayer. She prayed for Council unity, forgiveness, and moral courage, expressing concern for divisive language following Charlie Kirk's passing.

Heather Boss, condemned "morally reprehensible" rhetoric from certain Councilmembers regarding Charlie Kirk's death and called for their resignation, citing scripture and urging integrity and accountability in leadership.

Justus Chandler, State Chair for Young Americans for Liberty, emphasized accountability and moral standards in leadership, condemning any celebration of a person's death and advocating for grace and reflection.

Kalib Magana, President of Turning Point USA at OU, defended Charlie Kirk and criticized perceived hypocrisy and disrespect by some leaders. He called for a public apology and discussed broader moral and political issues, including free speech and education.

Caleb McGee, Ward 4, addressed the tone of public discourse, advocating empathy and solutions for homelessness, housing affordability, and senior care over polarization and hostility.

Lindsey Bruehl, Ward 8, spoke against mixing religion with governance and called for empathy, introspection, and cooperation to reduce political division and address gun violence.

Mark Campbell, Ward 2, delivered satirical remarks criticizing hypocrisy in political discourse and reaffirmed Councilmembers' right to free speech, calling for humility and unity.

Jordan Cantrell, defended Turning Point USA, affirming support for free speech and moral accountability. He disputed claims about misinterpreted remarks and emphasized respectful faith expression in public life.

Michael Blunk, Ward 6, expressed pride in Norman's compassion and civic spirit, rejecting negative portrayals of the City. He reflected on his personal and professional service to the community and affirmed his dedication to Norman's values.

Miscellaneous Comments continued:

Marguerite Larson, Ward 6, praised Councilmembers for their courage and commitment, criticized political idolization, and advocated separation of church and state, urging focus on human life and community well-being.

Ella Crenshaw, Ward 6, thanked the Council for their hard work and professionalism, acknowledging the emotional and ethical challenges of public service.

John Cipolla, Ward 4, shared his political awakening influenced by Charlie Kirk and expressed disappointment in remarks he deemed disrespectful. He encouraged humility, faith, and compassion in civic dialogue.

Sereta Wilson, Ward 4, reflected on the challenges and risks of public service, affirmed her support for current leadership, and denounced extremist ideologies.

Layne Paul, Ward 4, an OU student, expressed support for Charlie Kirk's family and encouraged forgiveness, compassion, and prayer for unity within the community.

Riley Worley, Ward 1, called for consistent enforcement of decorum rules and cautioned against selective outrage. Urged focus on free speech and safety, noting concerns about outside influence in City matters.

Phillip Holshouser, a local pastor, read scripture on repentance and salvation, calling for moral reflection and concluding with a moment of silent prayer.

Audrey Digua, Ward 1, urged civic engagement and voter participation, discussed infrastructure issues with the University North Park TIF, and advocated empathy toward the homeless.

Chelsea Gravel, Ward 4, addressed public safety, infrastructure, and transparency. She urged fair enforcement of public comment rules, recognized effective collaboration, and emphasized ethical governance.

Karlinda Gravel, Ward 4, further questioned her Councilmember's conduct and requested clarification on ethics and open records procedures, citing concerns about fair representation.

Russell Rice, Ward 2, addressed traffic safety concerns, and defended free expression. He called for pragmatic action on homelessness and infrastructure.

Evan Dunn, Ward 7, discussed media-driven division, condemned celebratory reactions to violence, and promoted empathy and community healing through local initiatives.

Lane Brown addressed church-state separation and school safety, advocating for arming teachers.

Mandy Roper, urged respectful communication and personal accountability from Councilmembers, emphasizing civility, inclusiveness, and leadership by example. Joe Love, Ward 1, criticized divisive rhetoric from a Councilmember and urged focus on inclusivity, dialogue, and rebuilding public trust.

Miscellaneous Comments continued:

Kaylee Holshouser shared her faith journey, condemned celebratory reactions to violence, and called for compassion and empathy, closing with a moment of silence.

Alex Kineszky, Ward 4, briefly expressed appreciation for the Council's service and recognized the challenges of public leadership.

Aisha Ali, Ward 3, Human Rights Commissioner, praised Council dedication and called for empathy, unity, and accountability in public speech. Drawing from faith traditions, she urged forgiveness and compassion, concluding with a reminder that cooperation is essential for peace and healing.

Sherylann Densow, Wards 4 and 6, raised procedural concerns about Council discussions after adjournment.

#### Opportunity Knocks

Mayumi Windler, Ward 2, praised the Opportunity Knocks program for its effectiveness and called for transparency and measurable outcomes from "A Friend's House." She reaffirmed support for programs demonstrating accountability and community impact.

# Cleveland County Economic Development Coalition

Dianna Hutzel, Ward 5, supported the Cleveland County Economic Development Coalition agreement, citing its record of attracting investments and creating jobs. She described the contract as a strategic investment in Norman's economic future.

Cynthia Rogers, Ward 4, opposed the CCEDC contract on the consent agenda, citing missing audits and lack of transparency. She urged accountability and financial oversight before renewing any agreements.

#### City Budget/Affordable Housing

John Scamehorn, Ward 1, expressed concern over City budget deficits and proposed supportive housing near senior facilities. He urged prioritizing essential services and community safety.

Sherylann Densow, Wards 4 and 6, supported fiscal accountability, and criticized long-term financial practices like Tax Increment Finance districts. She called for transparency and openness.

#### Mental Health

Victoria Garcia, Ward 4, highlighted mental health issues at Griffin Memorial Hospital and advocated for stronger state coordination and funding to support patient recovery and reduce recidivism.

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was Adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Stephen T. Holman