



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, March 25, 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, March 25, 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.

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

Mayor Heikkila called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Heikkila
Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball
Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 3 Bree Montoya
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Michael Nash
Councilmember Ward 6 Josh Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Heikkila.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ward 8 – Councilmember Dixon

- Announced a Ward 8 Town Hall scheduled for tomorrow, 6:30–7:30 p.m., at the Young Family Athletic Center (YFAC).
- Recognized several Ward 8 residents for their service during the wildfire response:
 - Tiffany Vrska, Chief Communications Officer, for her work at the Emergency Operations Center.
 - The City Manager for late-night efforts.
 - Kyle Hurley, Director of EMSTAT.
- Extended thanks to all who worked to keep residents safe and informed.
- Expressed gratitude to First Responders, nonprofits, and neighbors for their roles in the wildfire response, emphasizing community resilience.

Ward 7 – Councilmember Holman

- Echoed thanks for the wildfire response.
- Shared upcoming events:
 - Legislative Town Hall – Saturday at 10:00 a.m., St. Michael’s Church, with Norman’s state delegation.
 - A Goofy Movie at Lions Park – Friday evening, hosted by Parks and Recreation.
 - Medieval Fair – next weekend at Reaves Park, the largest annual event in Norman. Noted ongoing construction on Jenkins Avenue related to the voter-approved widening project.
- Reported that a Norman delegation (City Council, OU, business, and county representatives) will travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with federal representatives about projects, employment, and other community priorities.

Ward 6 – Councilmember Hinkle

- Echoed thanks for the wildfire response, noting efforts to protect people and livestock.
- Highlighted upcoming events:
 - Norman Unity Parade – May 3, 2025, 11:00 a.m. (racismstinks.org for details).
 - Cookie Fest at The Well – March 29th benefitting Loveworks, a leadership nonprofit serving middle school students.
 - Southern Style Powwow and Singing Sessions – held at the Jacobson House on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through May, open to all.
- Encouraged residents to apply for service on the City’s Boards and Commissions, recognizing Ward 6 resident December Ambos for reappointment to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Citizens Advisory Committee.

Ward 5 – Councilmember Nash

- Reported that the March 14th wildfires burned approximately 1,800–2,000 acres in Ward 5.
- Praised the Fire Department for its extraordinary response and suggested formal recognition for their work.

Ward 4 - Councilmember Grant

- Recognized the life of John Hadley, a Norman resident, OU art professor, and musician, whose creative contributions enriched the community.
- Announced upcoming Norman in the Know events hosted by the City and Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma on April 7th and April 21st at the Development Center.
- Noted Emergency Management participation, encouraging residents to gather resources for preparedness.
- Highlighted Council Resolution on consent agenda to support residents affected by wildfires with temporary housing while rebuilding.

Council Announcements, continued

Ward 3 - Councilmember Montoya

- Announced Ward 3 Spring Cleanup dates:
 - March 29th for residents with Monday trash service.
 - April 5th for residents with Tuesday trash service.

Ward 2 - Councilmember Peacock

Encouraged support for the OU Women's Basketball Team in their upcoming NCAA Tournament game against UConn.

Ward 1 - Councilmember Ball

Noted spring activities, including youth baseball and softball and praised the Parks Department and parent volunteers, encouraging residents to reach out if a child needs equipment or assistance to participate.

Mayor Heikkila

Expressed sympathy for those affected by the recent wildfires, noting the losses of property, dreams, and community stability.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2425-18: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, AS CULTURAL UNITY DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Richard Baxter, Racism Stinks, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council.

Receipt of the proclamation was Acknowledged.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2324-22: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2025, AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Participants in discussion

1. Ms. Julie Sisler, Executive Director, Bethesda, and Mr. Greg Roberts, President, Exchange Club of Norman, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council.

Receipt of the proclamation was Acknowledged.

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 20 be placed on the consent docket.

Motion to place Item 3 through 20 on Consent Docket was made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Item 3 through 20 were placed on the Consent Docket.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITY COUNCIL OVERSIGHT MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2025

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2024, AND AMENDED STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2024, AND MARCH 18, 2025.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Minutes were Approved.

First Reading Ordinance

4. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2425-24 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 PART OF THE NORTH HALF (N/2) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION FIFTEEN (15), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE A-2, RURAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND PLACE THE SAME IN THE O-1, OFFICE-INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (2710 36TH AVENUE NW)

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2425-24 was Adopted on First Reading by title.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2425-28 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 LOT 1, BLOCK 1, LIFE.CHURCH NORMAN AND LOT 2C, BLOCK 1, SOUTH CLASSEN ADDITION OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN THE PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (2919 CLASSEN BLVD. AND 1500 E. IMHOFF RD.)

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2425-28 was Adopted on First Reading by title.

Appointments

6. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

ADA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERM: 05/28/25 TO 05/28/28, SUE FAVORS, WARD 8

TERM: 05/28/25 TO 05/28/28, DECEMBER AMBOS, WARD 6

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERM: 03/25/25 TO 02/13/28, CHIP MINTY, WARD 8

TERM: 03/25/25 TO 02/13/28, AYSHA PRATHER, WARD 5

DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR TIF NO. 2

TERM: 04/10/25 TO 04/10/28, BILL WILSON, WARD 5

TERM: 04/10/25 TO 04/10/28, KURT LEE, WARD 3

BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

TERM: 03/25/25 TO 01/01/28, ELLEN USRY, WARD 5

TERM: 03/25/25 TO 01/01/28, KRISTI ISACKSEN, WARD 2

TERM: 03/28/25 TO 01/01/27, MARK NANNY, WARD 1

TERM: 03/28/25 TO 01/01/27, KRISTINA WYCKOFF, WARD 4

TERM: 03/28/25 TO 01/01/27, TODD FAGIN, WARD 2

TERM: 03/28/25 TO 01/01/28, WILL SPAIN, WARD 4

Item 6, continued

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Appointment were Approved.

Reports/Communications

7. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2025, AND DIRECTING THE FILING THEREOF.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Receipt of the Finance Director's Investment Report was Acknowledged.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Receipt of the Monthly Departmental Reports was Acknowledged.

9. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RECEIPT OF REPORT ENTITLED "THE CITY OF NORMAN SINGLE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024," AS PREPARED BY THE CITY OF NORMAN FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND AUDITED BY THE FIRM OF FORVIS MAZARS, L.L.P., FOR THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, NORMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Receipt of the City of Norman Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2024, Report was Acknowledged.

10. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE NORMAN REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM 2022, 2023, 2024 AND 2025 BUDGETS.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Receipt of the Norman Regional Health System 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 was Acknowledged.

Receipt of the Monthly Departmental Reports was Acknowledged.

Contracts

12. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT ONE TO CONTRACT K-1920-104: WITH FREESE AND NICHOLS AND THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING OF THE CONSTITUTION STREET 2019 BOND PROJECT – JENKINS AVENUE TO CLASSEN BOULEVARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,400 AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Amendment One to Contract K-1920-104 was Approved.

13. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-63: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND BRAMLETT AND ASSOCIATES MULTIMEDIA, L.L.C., D/B/A BOLD MULTIMEDIA, FOR MARKETING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,955 FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, WESTWOOD PARK, AND THE YOUNG FAMILY ATHLETIC CENTER.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Contract K-2425-63 was Approved.

14. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-102: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND AGUIRRE & FIELDS, LP., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,350.00 FOR THE DESIGN OF THE EAST ROBINSON STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND BUDGET TRANSFER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Contract K-2425-102 was Approved.

15. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-107: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, NORMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE CITY OF NORMAN.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Contract K-2425-107 was Approved.

Resolutions

16. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-98: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY APPROPRIATING \$947,430 FROM THE 2021 STREET MAINTENANCE BOND FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT FOR BOND PROJECT ASPHALT LOCATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2425-98 was Adopted.

17. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-99: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$125,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO PAY PENDING AND ANTICIPATED OUTSIDE LEGAL EXPENSES FOR THE REMAINDER OF FYE 2025.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2425-99 was Adopted.

18. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-108 : A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING JOINT PETITION SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM FILED BY JARED TIPTON UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE CASE OF *JARED TIPTON V. THE CITY OF NORMAN*, WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CASE 2024-05980 T; 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 Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2425-108 was Adopted.

19. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-109: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$53,193.00 FROM THE NORMAN FORWARD FUND BALANCE TO BE USED FOR THE NORMAN FORWARD ARTS PROJECTS.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2425-109 was Adopted.

20. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-110: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA ESTABLISHING POLICIES, DUE TO THE RECENT WILDFIRES, FOR ALLOWING AFFECTED RESIDENTS TO INHABIT TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WHILE REBUILDING PERMANENT STRUCTURES DESTROYED BY THE WILDFIRES AS A MEANS OF DISASTER RELIEF.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2425-110 was Adopted.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to allow Councilmember Peacock to abstain from Item 21 was made by Councilmember Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Abstain: Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock

Councilmember Peacock was Allowed to abstain from voting on Item 21.

Second Reading Ordinance

21. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2425-19 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTION 36-201 OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN SO AS TO REMOVE LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2), IN BLOCK SEVEN (7), OF D.L. LARSH'S FIRST ADDITION, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE CCFBC, CENTER CITY FORM-BASED CODE, URBAN RESIDENTIAL FRONTAGE, AND PLACE SAME IN THE CCPUD, CENTER CITY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (201 W APACHE ST)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Matthew Peacock, DC Jones Holdings LLC, architect representing the applicant
2. Mr. Evan Dunn, Ward 7, made comments

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Abstain: Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock

Ordinance O-2425-19 was Adopted on Second Reading section by section.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Abstain: Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock

Ordinance O-2425-19 was Adopted on Final Reading as a whole.

22. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-82: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING THE NORMAN 2025 LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN SO AS TO REMOVE PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N/2 NW/4) OF SECTION FOURTEEN (14), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN (I.M.), CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE VERY LOW RESIDENTIAL AND COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL DESIGNATIONS AND PLACE THE SAME IN THE INSTITUTIONAL DESIGNATION. (4020 E TECUMSEH ROAD)

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

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Nathan Madenwald, Utilities Engineer
2. Mr. Trey Kirby, Ward 5, opponent
3. Ms. Victoria Garcia, Ward 4, made comments

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2425-110 was Adopted.

23. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2425-25 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: 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 GRANT SPECIAL USE FOR MUNICIPAL USE IN THE RE, RESIDENTIAL ESTATES DWELLING DISTRICT FOR PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N/2 NW/4) OF SECTION FOURTEEN (14), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (4020 E TECUMSEH ROAD)

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

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Trey Kirby, Ward 5, opponent
2. Mr. Evan Dunn, Ward 7, made comments
3. Mr. Rick Knighton, City Attorney

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2425-25 was Adopted on Second Reading section by section.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2425-25 was Adopted on Final Reading as a whole.

Preliminary Plats

24. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PP-2425-7 PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR NORMAN GROUNDWATER FACILITY LOCATED AT 4020 EAST TECUMSEH ROAD (APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF 36TH AVENUE N.E. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST TECUMSEH ROAD).

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

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Trey Kirby, Ward 5, asked questions
2. Mr. Evan Dunn, Ward 7, made comments

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 1 Ball, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The preliminary plat for Norman Groundwater Facility was Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Constituent Communication and Accountability

Trey Kirby, Ward 5, emphasized the importance of councilmembers returning phone calls and messages from residents even a brief response shows respect and accountability. He noted that officials represent all residents, regardless of voting history and urged consistent communication on issues, both large and small.

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Miscellaneous Comments, continued

Utilities and Customer Service

Steve Rogers, Ward 3, (Brookhaven Square Resident) discussed increased neighborhood water bills and the process of investigating usage. He thanked Utilities Department Staff, particularly Chris Mattingley, for their professionalism and assistance. He noted Staff provided detailed usage graphs and excellent customer service, which he said should “set the standard.” He expressed gratitude on behalf of the neighborhood for their responsiveness.

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Civic Engagement and Participation

Evan Dunn, Ward 7, suggested new ways for citizens to engage in local governance. He proposed a system like jury duty; “City Council Duty” or “School Board Duty” where residents would be randomly selected and compensated for attending meetings. He believed this could strengthen civic involvement and broaden participation in public decision-making.

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Community Environment and Atmosphere

Evan Dunn, Ward 7, recommended placing live plants in the Council Chambers. He cited health, atmosphere, and symbolism of shared oxygen as reasons for the addition.

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Personal Reflections and Broader Lessons

Evan Dunn, Ward 7, shared personal insights from his experiences with brain cancer and travel. He expressed a desire to teach “Lessons of Brain Cancer,” focusing on unity, mindfulness, and the shared human condition. He emphasized that connection and growth transcend ancestry, race, religion, or economic status.

ADJOURNMENT


The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk





Mayor