



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
Development Center, Room B, 225 N. Webster Ave., Norman, OK 73069
Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

The Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in Conference Room B at the Development Center, on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, at the Development Center at 225 N. Webster, and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Linda Price
Committee Member Kenny Orr
Committee Member Mark Emerson
Committee Member Russell Rice
Committee Member Ann Gallagher
Committee Member Gregory Gilkey
Committee Member Brittany Elliott

ABSENT

Committee Member Kyle Hurley
Committee Member Lea Greenleaf

OTHERS

Major Chad Vincent, NPD
Asst. Chief Chad Roney, NFD
Jacob Huckabaa, Budget Analyst
Bill Scanlon, Citizen

MINUTES

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, POSTPONEMENT, AND/OR DISCUSSION OF MINUTES FROM JULY 10, 2025

Member Rice moved to approve the June 12, 2025, Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes which were duly seconded by Member Emerson. The motion passed unanimously.

Items submitted for the record:

Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Minutes from July 10, 2025.

REPORTS

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, POSTPONEMENT AND/OR DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Analyst Jacob Huckabaa gave the report. Sales tax revenues came in at approximately 12% below the target for the month of July and Use tax was approximately 5% below the target. Revenue as a total, is approximately 13.7% below the July target. Huckabaa reviewed the expenses for the month of July as well. "Looking over all the different cost centers, everything is going to be over budget for the monthly costs," Huckabaa said. These costs include but aren't limited to salaries and benefits as well as some capital equipment that included two police cars.

3. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Member Gallagher motioned to approve the FY25 Annual Financial Report which was duly seconded by Member Orr. The motion passed unanimously.

Items submitted for the record:
FY2025 Annual Financial Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. MONTHLY UPDATES

a) FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Assistant Chief Chad Roney gave the update. The Fire Union attempted to roll the fire contract over from the previous year; however, this was denied by the union members. Roney stated that there will be an attempt to clean up some of the language in the contract and there may be some incentives involving time off added to the contract negotiations. Roney does not believe that the contract will change much from a monetary perspective.

The Fire Department is currently in the hiring process. There are ten positions available. There are 106 individuals going through the interview process the week of August 11. These applicants have already passed the physical agility and written test. The fire academy will start in October and cadets will graduate in January 2026. "This academy will only be filling vacant positions. It is not an increase in staffing," Roney said. "We will typically get to the end of an academy with the same number we started with."

Replacement fire apparatuses include: a super single brush unit that is expected to be received in September 2025, Engine Three that is scheduled to be received in December 2025 and Ladder One that is scheduled to be received in May 2026.

b) POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Major Chad Vincent gave the update. The Police Department is short seven commissioned officers. A hiring event will take place in October with an academy starting in May. "Police retirement has changed for the good, but that's also going to encourage some folks to retire," Vincent said. "So, we're going to have to navigate those waters in the coming year or so." A community policing officer position has been opened. It is expected that in approximately one month, this position will be filled and more community police events will be arranged.

Vincent stated that the Department has been focused on “back to school” and the School Resource Officer Program. “We have been very cautious on how we’re spending overtime dollars,” Vincent said. “We’ve put out a bit of a minimal plan. We’ve pulled back a little this year. We still have lots of great coverage in our schools, but not as much as we’ve done in the past.”

On September 10 the Police Department will host a cookout for residents at Lexington Crossings Mobile Home Park. “We’ll have a bunch of officers out and it’s just a good time for us to hang out with the community and cook some hamburgers,” Vincent said.

On September 27 the Police Department will compete in the charity kickball tournament, “Clash for a Cause” that supports Fostering Futures.

On October 14 the Police Department will host National Night Out at the Sooner Mall.

Vincent stated that Norman Police Department seeks and utilizes outside resources to help with homeless complaints; however, he also acknowledged that the City needs a group like the Homeless Alliance to “quarterback” the homeless crisis.

c) DISPATCH UPDATES

No dispatch update was given.

d) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS CENTER (ECOC) UPDATES

No Emergency Communications Operations Center update was given.

5. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC SAFETY STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION

No information regarding the formation of an Ad Hoc committee has been received by the Committee.

6. ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 MEETING

The topics for the September 11, 2025 meeting will remain the same.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

There were no miscellaneous comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was duly seconded by Member Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.



Linda Price, Chair
Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee

