



MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Conference in the Executive Conference Room of the Norman Municipal Building on the 10th day of December, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray Street 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Heikkila
Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball
Councilmember Ward 2 Lauren Schueler
Councilmember Ward 3 Bree Montoya
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 6 Elizabeth Foreman
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 8 Matthew Peacock

ABSENT

Councilmember Ward 5 Michael Nash

AGENDA ITEMS

1. AIM NORMAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE.

Ms. Amy Haas, Garver Engineering, provided an update on the AIM Norman Area and Infrastructure Master Plan. She said community involvement to date includes 21,200 visits to the project website; 3,071 responses to the monthly polls, 34 pop-up and public events, 15 Steering Committee meetings, and 29 Sub-Committee meetings. There were 192 comments from the events.

Ms. Haas reminded Council of the 10 development principles:

- Manage urban services efficiently;;
- Promote diverse housing options;
- Promote infill development and neighborhood reinvestment;
- Protect the environment in all decision-making;
- Enhance distinctive neighborhoods, business districts, and natural areas with a strong sense of place;
- Provide a multi-modal and connected transportation network;
- Enhance public safety and minimize hazards;
- Encourage balanced and connected neighborhoods;
- Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective; and
- Make decisions in a transparent and collaborative manner.

AIM Norman guides land use policies that will ensure the needs and desires of the community continue to be met as the community grows and diversifies. Ms. Haas said several of the AIM Norman Development Principles support a flexible land use approach that encourages mixing of uses and focuses on the intensity of uses rather than the use itself. The distribution of uses is informed by existing land use patterns, adjacencies, infrastructure, transportation, and environmental impact.

Ms. Haas highlighted the aspects of each individual plan.

Water Supply Plan - reviews water supply and alternatives as well as an assessment of future distribution needs. Two primary goals are to identify feasible solutions for both Norman's long-term water supply as well as the distribution system where safe water is delivered to the end user.

Wastewater Master Plan – evaluates the collection system model as well as the treatment and reuse model for wastewater. The two primary goals are to identify feasible solutions for both Norman's water reclamation and treatment system as well the sewer collection system where wastewater is collected and conveyed to the final treatment facility.

Stormwater Master Plan - analyzes how stormwater is managed in the city and creates a plan to ensure current and future management systems will continue to adapt to the needs of the community. The goals for this Plan are to address water quality, flood risk, ecological character, riparian and recreation areas, community awareness and education, and transparency.

Housing Plan - develops a comprehensive strategy that addresses the affordable housing needs of the community. The Plan goals are to modernize development regulations for consistency, efficiency and outcomes; add a variety in housing types across more densities and design approaches; increase attainable, accessible, and quality housing options for all people; enhance and promote infill opportunities in existing neighborhoods; and have clear, understandable, and reasonable housing incentives and program procedures.

Transportation Master Plan - assesses the current and future needs of the transportation system and accounts for active transportation, providing for the safety of all those walking, biking, or rolling in the city. Guiding principles and goals for transportation include making Norman a special place to live; address mobility; maintain and improve existing infrastructure; fiscal stewardship; and enhance economic vitality.

Parks Master Plan - recognizes the strong parks system Norman has and builds upon it by providing a strategy for improving their connections with neighborhoods and one another. Plan objectives will maintain, update, and improve the Park System; support and elevate the organizations who contribute to arts and culture in Norman; update and modernize policies; provide opportunities for connection and growth; and protect natural resources.

Item 1, continued

Councilmember Holman said he hopes to see a detailed review of all undeveloped land and whether the use would produce enough revenue to pay for the infrastructure in perpetuity, once it is built out.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor