



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING

Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK
73069

Thursday, May 04, 2023 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

The City Council Business & Community Affairs Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers on the 4th day of May, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. and notice of the agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Peacock called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmember Ward 8 Matthew Peacock (Chair)
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Rarchar Totorello

OTHERS PRESENT

Councilmember Ward 2 Lauren Schueler
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman
Mr. Chris Mattingly, Utilities Director
Ms. Michele Loudanback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager
Mr. Steve Hardeman, Utilities Manager
Ms. Rachel Croft, Water Treatment Plant Manager
Ms. Kathryn Walker, City Attorney
Mr. Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney
Mr. Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works
Ms. Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager
Ms. Sara Kaplan, Business and Community Relations
Ms. Jamie Meyer, Administrative Technician IV

Agenda Items

1. PRESENTATION ON THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA CAPSTONE WETLANDS PILOT PROJECT

Presenter: Dr. Bob Nairn, University of Oklahoma (OU) Professor; OU Capstone Project Team.

Dr. Nairn began with opening remarks and then turned the presentation over to the group of University of Oklahoma (OU) students and they presented their Capstone Wetlands Pilot Project, which focused on the creation of constructed wetlands for stormwater management and environmental benefit within the City of Norman. The students shared project background, potential locations, environmental impacts, and preliminary design concepts. They discussed water quality improvement, flood mitigation, and educational opportunities.

Committee members asked questions and expressed interest in exploring ways the City could support or pilot such a program.

2. PRESENTATION FROM JOHNSON CONTROLS ON THEIR PERFORMANCE-BASED EFFICIENCY PROGRAM AND POSSIBLE APPLICATION IN CITY FACILITIES.

Presenter: Mr. Caleb Kamarunas, Johnson Controls

Representatives from Johnson Controls gave an overview of their performance-based efficiency program, which enables municipalities to make energy and infrastructure upgrades that are paid for through guaranteed utility and maintenance savings. The presentation covered potential improvements for City of Norman buildings, the financial structure of the program, and examples of successful implementation in other cities.

Committee members asked questions about return on investment, eligibility of different facilities, and next steps if the City wished to move forward.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING REGULATION FOR ABANDONED SHOPPING CARTS.

Presenter: Mr. Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney

Mr. Purinton presented an overview of the ongoing issue of abandoned shopping carts throughout Norman and the challenges faced by City staff in addressing the problem. He explained that current ordinances do not provide adequate tools for enforcement or retrieval.

Committee members discussed potential regulatory approaches, including requiring businesses to implement cart retention systems, providing fines or penalties for carts left off property, and establishing a cart retrieval program. Staff was directed to research how other cities handle the issue and return with recommendations for a potential ordinance or policy.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor