



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

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

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, August 13, 2024, 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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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heikkila called the meeting to order.

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 Joshua Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Heikkila.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2023.

NORMAN UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2023.

NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2023.

NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024, MARCH 7, 2024, AND MAY 2, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2024, AND JUNE 30, 2024.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 1 Ball.

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 minutes were approved.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ward 1 - Councilmember Ball

- Commended the strong and patriotic delivery of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- PorchFest 2024: Scheduled for August 31, 6:00–10:00 PM in the Miller Historic District.
- American Red Cross: Urged residents to donate blood, especially given current shortages. Suggested coordinating with the City to bring a donation truck back soon.
- Acknowledged Ward 2 resident Chris Purcell for his upcoming service on the Economic Development Advisory Board.

Ward 3 – Councilmember Montoya

- Thanked residents for their patience as she returns from an extended trip and works through a backlog of messages.
- Expressed appreciation to Interim Public Works Director Scott Sturtz and Staff for their work on making sidewalks ADA compliant in Ward 3.

Ward 4 – Councilmember Grant

- Commented on the brief weather reprieve followed by significant flooding; residents were reminded to report flood damage using the City's form at www.normanok.gov/flood-damage-form. This assists with securing future stormwater infrastructure funding.
- Announced Original Townsite Neighborhood Meeting:
 - Date/Time: August 17 at 10:00 AM
 - Location: American Legion Post #88, 710 E Main St.
 - The meeting is open to residents, property owners, businesses, and nonprofits within the Original Townsite area.
 - Contact: [TinyURL.com/OTSNeighborhood](https://tinyurl.com/OTSNeighborhood) or call 405-672-7872.

Council Announcements, continued

Ward 4 – Councilmember Grant, continued

- Encouraged residents to contact her at ward4@normanok.gov for help with neighborhood organizing or connecting with the Neighborhood Alliance.
- Thanked Ward 4 resident Janice Oak for her appointment with the ADA Citizens Advisory Committee for a three-year term.

Ward 6 – Councilmember Hinkle

- Pioneer Library System Summer Learning Program: Final week; residents reminded to submit reading logs to earn rewards.
- Youth Volleyball Registration: Late registration at the Young Family Athletic Center is open through August 25th.
- Adult Swim Event: "Ditch Your Boots," a country-themed adult-only swim night, will be held this Friday at Westwood.
- Extended best wishes to Norman Public Schools and private school students, faculty, and staff as they begin the new school year.

Ward 7 – Councilmember Holman

- Ribbon Cutting – James Garner Boulevard at the Roundabout on August 22nd at 7:00 PM. He acknowledged the project as a voter-approved Norman Forward 2015 project. It features a new public art installation at the roundabout.
- Ribbon Cutting – Norman Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on August 27th on East Robinson Street. The new facility will house emergency dispatch, emergency management, and traffic control and was built to withstand severe weather events.
- Community Planning and Transportation Committee Meeting Next Thursday at 4:00 PM City Hall and is livestreamed via the City of Norman YouTube channel; discussion topics include public transit ridership, infrastructure, road construction updates, and Highway 9 safety concerns.
- Public encouraged to email ward7@normanok.gov with questions or suggestions.

Ward 8 - Councilmember Dixon

- AIM Norman Project: Ongoing citywide comprehensive planning effort. Public input is still welcomed at AIMNorman.com.
- Recognized Ward 8 resident Chip Minty for his appointment with the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- Encouraged residents to explore volunteer opportunities on city boards and commissions via the City's website.

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 2 through Item 38 be placed on the consent docket.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Consent Docket, continued

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

Items 2 through 19 were placed on the Consent Docket.

First Reading Ordinance

2. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2425-1 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 GRANT SPECIAL USE FOR MINI-WAREHOUSE IN THE C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR LOT TWO (2), BLOCK FIVE (5), CAMBRIDGE ADDITION SECTION VI, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (4801 WEST MAIN STREET).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-1 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

Appointments

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

ADA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERM: 08/13/24 TO 05/28/27, JANICE OAK, WARD 4

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERM: 08/13/24 TO 02/13/25, CHIP MINTY, WARD 8

TERM: 08/13/24 TO 02/13/25, AYSHA PRATHER, WARD 5

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

TERM: 08/13/24 TO 08/13/27, HOSSEIN FARZANAH, WARD 3

TERM: 08/13/24 TO 08/13/27, CHRIS PURCELL, WARD 2

Item 3, continued

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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 appointments were Approved.

Bids

4. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AWARING BID 2425-7: AN ACCEPTANCY OF A QUOTE FROM RED ROCK DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, BY THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, TO PROVIDE UNLEADED AND DIESEL FUEL DELIVERY SERVICES AT CERTAIN PRICES FOR THE CITY'S FLEET MAINTENANCE FUELING FACILITIES AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Bid 2425-7 was Accepted and Awarded to Red Rock Distributing Company.

Request for Payment

5. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF SPECIAL CLAIM SC-2425-1: SUBMITTED BY KAYLA CASTO IN THE AGREED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT OF \$13,750 FOR DAMAGE TO HER VEHICLE, MEDICAL EXPENSES, AND ADDITIONAL COSTS AS A RESULT OF AN INCIDENT WITH A CITY SANITATION TRUCK ON OCTOBER 13, 2023.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Special Claim SC-2425-1 was Approved.

Donation

6. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,375.63 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA PRICE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS TO BE USED AT THE NORMAN ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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 donation from the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business was Accepted.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION FROM THE CLEVELAND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX COMMITTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,527.35 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ENDOTRACHEAL TUBES AND INTUBATION EQUIPMENT TO BE USED BY THE NORMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND APPROPRIATION OF THE DONATED FUNDS.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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 donation from the Cleveland County Public Safety Sales Tax Committee was Accepted and the appropriation was Authorized.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,700 FROM THE CAVINS GROUP LLC OF NORMAN TO BE USED TO PURCHASE SERVICES AND ITEMS FOR THE NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT, AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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 donation from Cavins Group, LLC, of Norman was Accepted.

9. CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,855.00 FOR A MURAL TO BE PAINTED ON THE SOUTH EXTERIOR WALL AT THE NORMAN FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER, LOCATED AT 444 SOUTH FLOOD AVENUE.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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 donation from the Firehouse Art Center was Accepted.

Certificate of Survey

10. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF NORMAN RURAL CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY COS-2425-1: FOR MEISER ACRES AND EASEMENT NUMBER E-2425-1 (LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TECUMSEH ROAD APPROXIMATELY ¾ MILE EAST OF 24TH AVENUE NE).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Norman Rural Certificate of Survey COS-2425-1 was Accepted.

Contracts

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER FOUR TO CONTRACT K-1920-133: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, AND CROSSLAND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., DECREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$103,321 FOR THE BUILDING C (HR/IT) PORTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX RENOVATION PROJECT AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT.

Acting as the City Council and the Norman Municipal Authority

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Change Order Four to Contract K-1920-133 was Approved and the Building C (HR/IT) portion of the Municipal Complex Renovation Project was Accepted.

12. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT ONE TO CONTRACT K-2122-136: A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GRAY STREET TWO WAY PROJECT – UNIVERSITY AVENUE TO PORTER AVENUE, FEDERAL AID PROJECT STP-214C(142)AG, JOB NO. 35956(04).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2122-136 was Approved.

13. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT ONE TO CONTRACT K-2122-137: A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORTER AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT – ALAMEDA STREET TO ROBINSON STREET, FEDERAL AID PROJECT STP-214B(129)AG, JOB NO. 35321(04).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2122-137 was Approved.

14. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWO AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT K-2223-76: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND RUDY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,885.74 FOR THE ROBINSON STREET WIDENING AND SIGNALIZATION PROJECT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Change Order Two Contract K-2223-76 was Approved and the Robinson Street Widening and Signalization Project was Accepted.

15. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT ONE TO CONTRACT K-2223-88, A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE JENKINS AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT – IMHOFF ROAD TO LINDSEY STREET AND RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS. ODOT PROJECT J3-6148(004)AG, JOB NUMBER 36148(04).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2223-88 was Approved.

16. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2324-111: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND SILVER STAR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,694.57 FOR THE REPAIR OF AN INTERSECTION IN THE PINE CREEK ADDITION.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Change Order One to Contract K-2324-111 was Approved.

17. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT K-2324-125: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND HAPPY PLAYGROUNDS LLC. FOR THE SUNRISE PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$220,000.00.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Final Acceptance of Contract K-2324-125 was Approved.

18. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-7: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND RUDY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$655,256.40 FOR THE DRAINAGE REHABILITATION PROJECT, PERFORMANCE BOND B-2425-9; STATUTORY BOND B-2425-10; MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2425-5; CHANGE ORDER ONE; RESOLUTION R-2425-5 AND APPROVAL OF AN APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 1 Ball.

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-2425-7, Change Order One, and the associated bonds were Approved; Resolution R-2425-1 was Adopted; and the budget appropriation was Authorized.

19. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-13: A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LINDSEY STREET SPECIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT – ELM AVENUE TO JENKINS AVENUE AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2425-9 APPROVING ODOT AS THE PROJECT AGENT, ODOT PROJECT STP-214B(172)AG, JOB NO. 36870(04).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-13 was Approved and Resolution R-2425-9 was Adopted.

20. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-16: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE NORMAN NEIGHBORS ACTIVITIES.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-16 was Approved.

21. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-17: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND METROPOLITAN FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL INC. FOR FAIR HOUSING SERVICES AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FIFTH YEAR ACTION PLAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-17 was Approved.

22. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-18: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND NORMAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FIFTH YEAR ACTION PLAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-18 was Approved.

23. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-19: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND ROSE ROCK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC. FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FIFTH YEAR ACTION PLAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-19 was Approved.

24. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-20: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 FOR THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE HOMEBUYER PROGRAM.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-20 was Approved.

25. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-27: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY AND WASTE CONNECTIONS OF OKLAHOMA, INC., DBA AS OKLAHOMA CITY WASTE DISPOSAL INC., TO PROVIDE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND COMMINGLED RECYCLING PROCESSING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF NORMAN THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2029.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-27 was Approved.

26. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A GRANT THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS (ACOG) OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION 5303 FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 TO BE USED FOR ELIGIBLE TRANSIT PLANNING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA (TMA) AS IDENTIFIED IN THE FYE 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP); APPROVAL OF CONTRACT K-2425-30.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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 grant was Accepted and Contract K-2425-30 was Approved.

Resolutions

27. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$366,577.68 IN STBG-UZA-SAFETY FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERA UPGRADES (PHASE 2) AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS IN NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-15 was Adopted.

28. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-16: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, REQUESTING \$595,208.02 IN STBG-UZA-SAFETY FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF REFLECTORIZED TRAFFIC SIGNAL BACKPLATES UPGRADES (PHASE 2) AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS IN NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-16 was Adopted.

29. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, REQUESTING \$583,772.57 IN STBG-UZA-SAFETY FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE 36TH AVENUE NW INTERSECTION WITH CASCADE BOULEVARD IN NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-17 was Adopted.

30. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-18: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, REQUESTING \$431,357.23 IN STBG-UZA-SAFETY FUNDING FOR VIDEO DETECTION UPGRADES (PHASE 3) AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS IN NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-18 was Adopted.

31. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-19: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, REQUESTING \$7,500,000 IN STBG-UZA FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO 36TH AVENUE NW BETWEEN TECUMSEH ROAD AND FRANKLIN ROAD IN NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-19 was Adopted.

32. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$6,358.48 FROM THE REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS RISK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT TO REPAIR CITY VEHICLES DAMAGED BY OTHER DRIVERS IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-20 was Adopted.

33. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROGRAMMING ACOG TAP FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF BOYD STREET FROM BERRY ROAD TO FLOOD AVENUE IN NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-21 was Adopted.

34. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-22: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$5,413,176.03 IN STBG-UZA FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LINDSEY STREET BETWEEN PICKARD AVENUE AND ELM AVENUE IN NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-22 was Adopted.

35. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-23: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, REQUESTING \$1,600,104 IN STBG-UZA FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 36TH AVENUE NW INTERSECTION WITH TECUMSEH ROAD IN NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-23 was Adopted.

36. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-24: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, REQUESTING \$831,512 IN STBG-UZA FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 36TH AVENUE NW INTERSECTION WITH CRAIL DRIVE IN NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-24 was Adopted.

37. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-29: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING JOINT PETITION SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM FILED BY CARL SHANON SMITH UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE CASE OF *CARL SHANON SMITH V. THE CITY OF NORMAN*, WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CASE 2023-00163 Q; 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 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-29 was Adopted.

38. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-30: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, FOR THE APPROVAL OF MAY 30, 2024, AMENDMENTS TO THE 1983 AMENDED AGREEMENT CREATING THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS (ACOG).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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-2425-30 was Adopted.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

39. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-34: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA ACKNOWLEDGING THE OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY'S ACCESS OKLAHOMA PROGRAM TO IMPROVE AND CONSTRUCT TURNPIKE FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE LAKE THUNDERBIRD WATERSHED, THE CANADIAN RIVER CORRIDOR, THE CITY'S DRINKING WATER SUPPLY, AND THE CITY'S FLOOD HAZARD AREAS.

Motion to postpone to August 27, 2024, made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 5 Nash.

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-2425-34 was Postponed to August 27, 2024.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA)

Kelly Wilson, Ward 6, thanked the Council for tabling the resolution and taking time to consider its implications. She submitted an information packet containing data collected over 2.5 years. She criticized the OTA for not following the federal Uniform Relocation Act (URA), unlike most Oklahoma municipalities. She shared data from the Kickapoo Turnpike: 104 homes taken, 44 via condemnation; several cases remain in court and stated that OTA does not cover replacement housing price differentials or incidental relocation expenses. She emphasized the elderly population's vulnerability and showed Ward 8 maps illustrating impacted properties and urged the City to enact restrictions to protect citizens from further encroachment by OTA.

Tassie Hirschfeld, Ward 5, drew parallels between the Norman situation and the "Tuna Bond Scandal" in Mozambique, major international corruption case. She quoted extensively from the UK judge's comments, emphasizing ethics in governance and warned that an absence of ethical standards, even where legality is maintained, can cause systemic harm. She challenged the accuracy of previous City statements minimizing the number of court cases stemming from eminent domain.

Julie Sondag, Ward 5, expressed fear and emotional distress caused by the OTA's plans and lack of transparency. She described the OTA as greedy and unaccountable, referencing broken promises and unpaid obligations from the Kickapoo Turnpike. She urged the Council not to adopt misleading language or collaborate with an agency under active scrutiny and called on the Council to reject any resolution of partnership with OTA.

Rob Norman, Ward 3, applauded the Council's decision to delay the resolution. He communicated messages of support from State Representatives Annie Menz and Danny Sterling urging the Council to stand firm in opposition to OTA. He advised the Council to maintain an oppositional stance while working constructively on alternatives and stressed the importance of following federal relocation standards (URA) and ensuring displaced residents receive equitable compensation.

Marguerite Larson, Ward 6, urged the Council to reject the resolution, noting that any benefit such as saving seven minutes of drive time is not worth displacing neighbors. She criticized the lack of meaningful economic benefit from the turnpike.

James Livingston, Ward 5, spoke emotionally about the distress caused by the project and his determination to appear despite being disabled and expressed deep distrust of OTA and concern about the lack of City resistance. He thanked local advocates and leaders opposing the project.

Pam Post, Ward 5, thanked the Council for pausing the resolution vote and warned against aligning with an agency under investigation by the Oklahoma Attorney General. She called OTA a bully, citing its coercive behavior and disregard for local governance and encouraged the Council to resist deadlines and threats from OTA and prioritize transparency and citizen advocacy.

Rick Sondag, Ward 5, shared a family legacy of military service to highlight the value of democratic voices. He emphasized the need for the Council to hear all voices and resist OTA's repeated efforts and called the Council the "Magnificent Eight" and urged them to act as heroes by standing against the turnpike.

Mayumi Windler, Ward 2, requested stronger language than "request" in the proposed resolution.

Miscellaneous Comments, continued

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA), continued

Kate Contreras, Ward 1, expressed anger over OTA's use of eminent domain and their exemption from the URA due to funding structure. He cited specific relocation supports not offered by OTA and proposed specific language to be added to the City's resolution mandating OTA adhere to URA standards and support financial transitions for displaced homeowners and urged the Council to hold a study session with citizen experts before committing to any resolution of partnership with OTA.

Travis Wilson, Ward 6, expressed appreciation for the Council's service and urged them to exercise caution when working with the OTA. He stated the City should not empower the OTA beyond what is necessary to complete the basic turnpike infrastructure. Mr. Wilson strongly opposed delegating land acquisition for City projects like bike paths or retention ponds to the OTA, warning this would allow unnecessary property takings. He advocated for the City to retain control of such initiatives and emphasized the impact on specific properties in the Blue Lakes area.

Adriene Gautier Ward 4, Red Earth Group, Sierra Club, offered a motivational message encouraging Councilmembers to protect Norman's water resources by opposing the turnpike resolution. She emphasized Council does, in fact, have the legal authority to delay cooperation with the OTA until environmental impact assessments are complete and federal permits are obtained. She criticized the hybrid resolution as premature and coercive and urged the Council to uphold ethical leadership and prioritize environmental protections.

Stephen Ellis, Ward 4, praised Council for postponing the resolution and supported comments made by Rob Norman. He critiqued the original resolution as a confusing mix of concessions and appeasement to the OTA. He urged the Council to maintain its 2022 position of opposition to the turnpike and warned against accepting inevitability. He also pointed out a procedural concern, stating the public should have been allowed to comment before the resolution was postponed and advised the Council to uphold full public participation in the future.

Randy Carter, Ward 5, criticized a slide from a recent City presentation suggesting OTA funding might be jeopardized if the Council did not pass the resolution. He likened this to a "ransom note" and accused the OTA of coercion. He further stated that the information presented to Council was prepared by consultants with ties to the OTA, which he argued was a conflict of interest. Mr. Carter supported the call for a full audit of the OTA by the State Auditor and Attorney General and cautioned the Council against aligning with an agency under investigation, warning of reputational and legal risks.

Heather Supinie, Ward 5, Chair of Red Earth Group, expressed strong opposition to the proposed turnpike, stating that true community-building means protecting water sources, preserving wildlife, maintaining green spaces, and avoiding displacement of residents. She emphasized that clean water is a right and not a privilege. She called for the City of Norman to prioritize infrastructure improvements like bus routes and bike paths rather than supporting toll roads. She urged the Council to support Councilmember Nash's original resolution independently, rather than the "hybrid" proposal, and to avoid past mistakes that have already jeopardized Lake Thunderbird.

Cynthia Rogers, Ward 4, thanked the Council for postponing the resolution and praised the engagement of community members. She emphasized the turnpike would not contribute to community-building or economic development, noting that highways move people through towns, not into them. She stressed the need for the resolution to clearly enforce local laws and protect Lake Thunderbird, which is already environmentally impaired. She also recommended establishing a baseline for water quality monitoring to hold OTA accountable for any future environmental harm.

Miscellaneous Comments, continued

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA), continued

Greg Fitter, Ward 5, Civil Engineer, with a background in civil engineering and nearly four decades of highway bridge design experience, raised ethical concerns over OTA's environmental review process. He stated the three engineering firms managing the Access Oklahoma Program's environmental studies are also contracted for the design of those same projects, posing a significant conflict of interest, real or perceived. He urged the City of Norman to demand environmental assessments from truly independent, third-party sources to ensure unbiased review of impacts on Lake Thunderbird Watershed.

Amy Cerato, Ward 5, President of PIKE-OFF OTA and Oklahoma for Responsible Transportation, requested a study session with the Council to share in-depth findings regarding the OTA. She detailed her groups' successful efforts over the past 2.5 years, which resulted in a rare investigative audit of OTA, new legislative protections for property owners, and reforms to the OTA Board. She warned against entering a resolution or partnership with OTA, citing past examples where OTA failed to fulfill commitments, including financial damages in Oklahoma and Tulsa counties. She reminded the Council that OTA lacks required federal permissions and environmental studies to proceed with the proposed turnpike. She concluded by calling for a town hall and a moratorium on City work permits to OTA until all issues are resolved.

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Homelessness

Mayumi Windler, Ward 2, shared observations from a recent visit to Canada where transit, housing density, and mixed-use planning contrasted favorably with Oklahoma's infrastructure and noted that homelessness was a shared concern there as well.

Floyd Carroll, Ward 4, shared his personal experience of losing his home and expressed empathy for others potentially facing displacement.

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Law Enforcement Practices

John Willard, Ward 6, stated he would continue attending meetings to petition the Council due to past grievances with law enforcement and City processes. He shared his personal experiences, claiming he was a victim of excessive force and wrongful arrest while engaging in constitutionally protected activity. Mr. Willard questioned whether the Council is part of the problem or the solution and emphasized his continued pursuit of justice.

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Racism Stinks

Richard Baxter, Founder, Racism Stinks, thanked the Mayor, the Norman Police Department, and others for their support of his community work. While typically using humor in public remarks, he noted the seriousness of the turnpike issue and expressed appreciation for public engagement. As a new Norman resident and OU student, he commended the turnout and encouraged continued civic involvement.

ADJOURNMENT

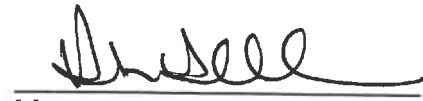
The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk




Mayor