



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - AMENDED
Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 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, May 26, 2026, 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.

**CITY COUNCIL, NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY,
NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND NORMAN PARKING AND
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 1 David Gandesbery
Councilmember Ward 3 Robert Bruce
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Trey Kirby
Councilmember Ward 6 Joshua Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Kimberly Blodgett
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

ABSENT

Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Holman.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. RECOGNITION OF THE 2025-2026 NORMAN YOUTH COUNCIL.

Mayor Holman and AshLynn Wilkerson, Assistant City Attorney, recognized the following students:

Eden Bales, Lila Bales, Britton Carroll, Anika Dehadrai, Katie Evans, Madhav Jayachand, Jamie King, Heesu Kim, Emerson Merrick, Eliot Michalski, Carolyn Ringus, Victoria Sun, and Carter Thomas.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ward 1 - Councilmember Gandesbery

Councilmember Gandesbery expressed appreciation for the Norman Youth Council's presentation and encouraged them to stay involved in the community and local government. He also offered to personally fund the group's first project wherever they choose in Norman.

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Ward 4 - Councilmember Grant

Councilmember Grant discussed her recent trip to Utah and expressed support for future transit improvements in Norman, including expanded bus service and possible rail connections. She highlighted upcoming community events, including the MAG Maveric bike races and neighborhood activities, and spoke in support of the Gray Street two-way conversion. She also raised concerns about pedestrian and cyclist safety downtown and thanked the Youth Council for their presentation on stormwater and environmental issues.

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Ward 5 - Councilmember Kirby

Councilmember Kirby thanked the Youth Council for their presentation and recognized several Ward 5 farms, ranches and local businesses.

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Ward 6 - Councilmember Hinkle

Councilmember Hinkle thanked the Youth Council and congratulated the Islamic Society of Norman on their agenda item.

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Ward 7 - Councilmember Blodgett

Councilmember Blodgett praised the Youth Council and offered ideas for community partnerships and educational resources to support their environmental projects. She also encouraged outreach to elementary schools and congratulated the Islamic Society of Norman.

Council announcements continued,

Ward 8 - Councilmember Dixon

Councilmember Dixon thanked the Youth Council and recognized the Norman North athletes for strong performances and school records at the state track meet.

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Mayor Holman

Mayor Holman thanked the Youth Council and discussed efforts to expand regional transit in the Oklahoma City Metro area following a recent trip to study Utah's transit system. He expressed support for the Gray Street redesign and emphasized improving pedestrian safety downtown. Mayor Holman also criticized recent action taken on homeless encampment clearances as ineffective and called for broader solutions addressing homelessness, mental health, and economic challenges.

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 21 be placed on the consent docket.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Items 2 through 21 were placed on the Consent Docket.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2026.

NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2026.

NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2026.

NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2026.

NORMAN PARKING AND TRANSIT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2026.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Minutes were Approved.

First Reading Ordinance

3. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-58 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE:
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 NINETEEN (19) AND TWENTY (20), IN BLOCK THREE (3), D.L. LARSH'S FIRST ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, FROM CCFBC, CENTER CITY FORM-BASED CODE DISTRICT, URBAN RESIDENTIAL FRONTAGE, AND PLACE SAME IN A CCPUD, CENTER CITY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (126 W APACHE; WARD 4)

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-58 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-59 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE:
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 TWENTY-FIVE (25) AND TWENTY-SIX (26), IN BLOCK SIX (6), D.L. LARSH'S FIRST ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF FROM CCFBC, CENTER CITY FORM BASED CODE DISTRICT, URBAN RESIDENTIAL FRONTAGE, AND PLACE SAME IN A CCPUD, CENTER CITY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (214 W APACHE; WARD 4)

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-59 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

Reports/Communications

5. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Monthly Departmental Report was Acknowledged.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF APRIL 30, 2026, AND DIRECTING THE FILING THEREOF.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Finance Director's Investment Report was Acknowledged.

Surplus

7. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF DECLARATION OF SURPLUS AND/OR OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL THEREOF.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Declaration of Surplus was Approved, and the sale thereof was Authorized.

Bids

8. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-33: SUBMITTED BY AMERICAN WATERWORKS SUPPLY INC., FERGUSON WATERWORKS, UTS, CORE AND MAIN AND OKLAHOMA CONTRACTOR'S SUPPLY, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$181.00 EACH, FOR THE PURCHASE OF COPPER METER YOKES FOR WATER METERS FOR THE LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

BID 2526-33 was Accepted and Awarded to Ferguson Waterworks.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-34: SUBMITTED BY AMERICAN WATERWORKS SUPPLY INC., FERGUSON WATERWORKS, UTS, CORE AND MAIN AND OKLAHOMA CONTRACTOR'S SUPPLY, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83 EACH, FOR THE PURCHASE OF HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE PLASTIC (HDPE) METER BOXES WITH ANTI-FLOAT LIDS AND HDPE ANTI-FLOAT LIDS FOR THE LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

BID 2526-34 was Accepted and Awarded to Ferguson Waterworks and Utility Technology Services (UTS), and Core and Main.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-35: SUBMITTED BY AMERICAN WATERWORKS SUPPLY, INC., FERGUSON WATERWORKS, UTS, CORE AND MAIN AND OKLAHOMA CONTRACTOR'S SUPPLY, L.L.C., FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR CLAMPS FOR THE LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

BID 2526-35 was Accepted and Awarded to Utility Technology Services (UTS), Ferguson Waterworks, Core and Main, and Oklahoma Contractors Supply.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-36: SUBMITTED BY BOB CUNNINGHAM, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18.50 PER CUBIC YARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAND FOR THE LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

BID 2526-36 was Accepted and Awarded to Bob Cunningham, Inc.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-37: SUBMITTED BY BOB CUNNINGHAM, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41.00 PER CUBIC YARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF SCREENED TOPSOIL FOR THE LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

BID 2526-37 was Accepted and Awarded to Bob Cunningham, Inc.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-38: FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE AND ONE HALF (1 ½") AGGREGATE MATERIAL (GRAVEL) TO HILLIS SERVICES, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29.00 PER TON FOR THE LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

BID 2526-38 was Accepted and Awarded to Hillis Services, L.L.C.

Acceptance of Funds

14. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A SETTLEMENT OFFER FROM STATE FARM INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR DAMAGE TO CITY OF NORMAN WATER WELL #19. (U.S. Interstate 35 Service Road, near mile marker 115; Ward 8)

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Insurance Settlement Offer was Approved.

Resolutions

15. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-145: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND CALMING PROGRAM MANUAL IN ORDER TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS AND TO ADD CLARIFYING INFORMATION FOR STAFF AND INTERESTED CITIZENS.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-145 was Adopted.

16. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-147: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, TRANSFERRING \$395,089 IN BUDGET FUNDS AS WELL AS ADJUSTMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$504,621.11 FROM PAY-GO TO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-147 was Adopted, and budget transfer was approved.

17. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-149: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, TRANSFERRING \$45,000 FROM THE WESTWOOD TENNIS CENTER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO THE WESTWOOD GOLF COURSE DRIVING RANGE RENOVATION PROJECT.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-149 was Adopted, and budget transfer was approved.

Easement

18. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF EASEMENT E-2526-22 THROUGH E-2526-35: TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENTS E-2526-22, E-2526-23, E-2526-24, E-2526-25, E-2526-26, E-2526-28, E-2526-30, E-2526-32, AND E-2526-33; TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS E-2526-27, E-2526-31, AND E-2526-34; PERMANENT EASEMENTS E-2526-29, AND E-2526-35; AND THE FILING THEREOF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,785.00 FOR THE LINDSEY STREET SPECIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT FROM PICKARD AVENUE TO ELM AVENUE AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Easements E-2526-22 through E-2526-35 were Accepted and the filing thereof with the Cleveland County Clerk was directed.

Contracts

19. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT FOUR TO CONTRACT K-1415-134: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND WSB, L.L.C./MESHEK & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE SCOPE OF SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOWER IMHOFF CREEK STABILIZATION PROJECT. (Ward 2)

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Amendment four to Contract K-1415-134 was Approved.

20. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-41 AND CONTRACT K-2526-153: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND GRAPHTEC, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$178,382 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WAYFINDING SIGNS PHASE 5 ON THE ROCK CREEK ROAD, ALAMEDA STREET, AND LINDSEY STREET CORRIDORS AS WELL AS MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2526-57, PERFORMANCE BOND B-2526-77, STATUTORY BOND B-2526-78, AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2526-137 GRANTING TAX EXEMPT STATUS. (CITY)

Item 20, continued

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

BID 2526-41 was Awarded, Contract K-2526-153 and associated Bonds were Approved, and Resolution R-2526-137 was Adopted.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

21. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2526-64: BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND DAVENPORT CONSTRUCTION, INC., INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$58,860 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$641,524 FOR CORPORATE ADDITION UTILITIES (SAXON INDUSTRIAL PARK PHASE III – WATERLINE AND SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION) AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. (Ward 5)

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

Voting Yea: Chairman Holman, Trustee Ward 1 Gandesbery, Trustee Ward 3 Bruce, Trustee Ward 4 Grant, Trustee Ward 5 Kirby, Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Trustee Ward 7 Blodgett, Trustee Ward 8 Dixon

Change Order One to Contract K-2526-64 and Budget Appropriation were Approved.

22. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-175: AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOONER FASHION MALL, L.L.C., AND THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROVIDING FOR THE REBATE OF CERTAIN SALES TAX REVENUES AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY COSTS EXPENDED BY SOONER FASHION MALL OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. (Ward 3)

Item 22 was Withdrawn by Staff.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Public Hearings

23. CONDUCTING AND CLOSING THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE FYE 2027 CITY OF NORMAN PROPOSED OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS.

Motion made to Open the Public Hearing by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Public Hearing was opened.

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Clint Mercer, Finance Director
2. Mr. Stephen Ellis, Ward 4, made comments
3. Ms. Mayumi Windler, Ward 2, made comments
4. Mr. Dan Munson, Ward 7, made comments
5. Ms. Cindy Rogers, Ward 4, made comments
6. Ms. Ella Crenshaw, Ward 6, made comments
7. Mr. Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works
8. Ms. Shannon Stevenson, Assistant City Manager

Motion made to Close the Public Hearing by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Public Hearing was Closed.

Resolutions

24. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-123: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING THE AIM NORMAN COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN DOCUMENT TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO ZONING DISTRICTS WITHIN LAND USE CATEGORIES, AND CORRECTING NONSUBSTANTIVE ERRORS AND OMISSIONS.

Item 24, continued

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

Participants in discussion

1. Ms. Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager
2. Mr. Dan Munson, Ward 4, proponent
3. Ms. Cindy Rogers, Ward 4, made comments

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-123 was Adopted.

25. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-124: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, TO CORRECT ERRORS ON THE LAND USE MAP AND CHARACTER AREA MAP IN THE AIM NORMAN COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN.

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

Participants in discussion

1. Ms. Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-124 was Adopted.

Second Reading Ordinance

26. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-30 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 REMOVE LOTS 14 THROUGH 22 AND LOTS 28 THROUGH 36, ALL OF BLOCK 4 IN HARDIE-RUCKER ADDITION, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, AND R-3, MULTIFAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN A SPUD, SIMPLE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (PROPERTIES GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF E. LINDSEY STREET BETWEEN MCKINLEY AVENUE AND GEORGE AVENUE; WARD 7)

Motion to adopt the Ordinance on Second Reading made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Sean Rieger, Rieger Sadler Joyce, L.L.C.
2. Mr. Suhyab Anwar, Ward 2, proponent
3. Mr. Stephen Ellis, Ward 4, proponent
4. Mr. Blake Woods, proponent
5. Ms. Saeeda Sahdhu, Ward 3, proponent
6. Ms. Saba Sandhu, Ward 1, proponent
7. Ms. Issa Shiraj, Ward 1, proponent
8. Mr. Muhammad Tahir, Ward 1, proponent
9. Mr. Alex Lanphere, Ward 2, proponent
10. Ms. Ella Crenshaw, Ward 6, proponent
11. Ms. Marguerite Larson, Ward 6, proponent
12. Ms. Cindy Rogers, Ward 4, proponent
13. Ms. Aisha Ali, Ward 3, proponent
14. Ms. Breea Clark, Ward 8, proponent
15. Mr. Caleb McGee, Ward 4, proponent
16. Ms. Ashley Creed, Ward 5, proponent

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-30 was Adopted on Second Reading.

Motion to adopt on Final Reading by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-30 was Adopted on Final Reading.

27. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-53 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PARTIAL CLOSURE OF SPECIFIC PLATTED SIX-FOOT (6') WIDTH UTILITY EASEMENT. (WARD 7).

Motion to adopt the Ordinance on Second Reading by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-53 was Adopted on Second Reading.

Motion to adopt on Final Reading by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-53 was Adopted on Final Reading.

28. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-39 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 REMOVE LOT THREE (3), IN BLOCK ONE (1), OF SPRING BROOK ADDITION SECTION 11, A REPLAT OF LOT 6, BLOCK 1, SPRING BROOK ADDITION SECTION 6, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE C-1, LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN A SPUD, SIMPLE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (1130 RAMBLING OAKS DRIVE; WARD 3)

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Sean Reiger, Reiger Sadler Joyce
2. Mr. Stephen Ellis Ward 4 asked questions
3. Ms. Mayumi Windler Ward 2 asked questions

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-39 was Adopted on Second Reading.

Motion to adopt on Final Reading made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-39 was Adopted on Final Reading.

29. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-51 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT IN CHAPTER 36 ("ZONING CODE") SECTION 36-101; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

Motion to adopt on Second made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Participants in discussion

1. Ms. Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager

Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, stepped out of the Chambers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle was out of the chambers.

Ordinance O-2526-51 was Adopted on Second Reading.

Motion to adopt on Final Reading made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle was out of the chambers.

Ordinance O-2526-51 was Adopted on Final Reading.

30. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-52 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30 ("SUBDIVISIONS") OF THE CODE, SECTION 30-302, IN ORDER TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO GREENBELT ENHANCEMENT STATEMENTS AND AMENDING THE SUBMITTAL DEADLINE FOR PRELIMINARY PLATS AND IMPLEMENTING ANY NECESSARY RENUMBERING; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Participants in discussion

1. Ms. Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-52 was Adopted on Second Reading.

Motion to adopt on Final Reading made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-52 was Adopted on Final Reading.

31. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-66 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA ADDING ARTICLE 12-VII TO THE CITY CODE CREATING PROCEDURES FOR THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

Participants in discussion

1. Ms. Kathryn Walker, Assistant City Attorney
2. Mr. Stephen Ellis, Ward 4, made comments
3. Ms. Mayumi Windler, Ward 2, asked questions
4. Ms. Marguerite Larson, Ward 6, made comments
5. Ms. Cindy Rogers, Ward 4, made comments

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle

Ordinance O-2526-66 was Adopted on Second Reading.

Motion to adopt on Final Reading made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle

Ordinance O-2526-66 was Adopted on Final Reading.

32. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-67 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING ARTICLE 12-V, TRANSIENT GUEST ROOM TAX, SECTIONS 12-501, 12-503 AND 12-504 OF THE NORMAN CITY CODE TO CLARIFY CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AND PROVIDE A CLEARER PROCESS FOR DOCUMENTING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE TAX; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

Participants in discussion

1. Ms. Kathryn Walker, Assistant City Attorney

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-67 was Adopted on Second Reading.

Motion to adopt on Final Reading made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-67 was Adopted on Final Reading.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for citizens to address City Council. Due to Open Meeting Act regulations, Council is not able to participate in discussion during miscellaneous comments. Remarks should be directed to the Council as a whole and limited to four minutes or less.

Stephen Ellis - Ward 4

Mr. Ellis criticized the City's approach to TIF districts, arguing that voters should have a greater role. He expressed concerns that the City lacks the economic analysis necessary to properly evaluate TIF proposals.

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Mayumi Windler – Ward 2

Ms. Windler questioned how insurance funds related to Water Well 19 would be used following the sale of the property and raised concerns about inconsistencies in discussions regarding how easily Ordinances can be amended.

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Miscellaneous comments, continued

Dan Munson – Ward 7

Mr. Munson was opposed to using public funds to support the Sooner Mall, he argued that changing consumer habits and the growth of online shopping has contributed to the decline of traditional malls, making such investments a poor use of taxpayer funds.

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Margaret Larson – Ward 6

Ms. Larson agreed with Mr. Munson. She stated that taxpayer funds could be better used for infrastructure and other community priorities.

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Cindy Rogers – Ward 4

Ms. Rogers supported improving TIF policies but emphasized the need for stronger economic analysis, technical expertise, and public review to ensure future projects are properly evaluated before approval.

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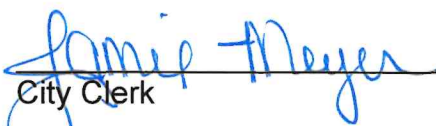
Tabrina Alexander – Ward 6

Ms. Alexander urged Council to prohibit AI data centers in Norman, citing concerns about their impact on land, water resources, property values, and the community overall.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was Adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk




Mayor Stephen T. Holman