

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY MINUTES
NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MINUTES
NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MINUTES

July 5, 2011

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building on the 5th day of July, 2011, at 6:20 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and at the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Atkins, Butler,
Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith,
Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal

TARDY: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rosenthal.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

CITY COUNCIL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2011
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2011
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2011
NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2011
NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2011
NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2011

Acting as the City Council, Norman Utilities Authority, Norman Municipal Authority, and Norman Tax Increment Finance Authority, Councilmember Kovach moved that the minutes be approved and the filing thereof be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Atkins;

Items submitted for the record

1. City Council Oversight minutes of June 8, 2011
2. City Council Special Session minutes of June 14, 2011
3. City Council minutes of June 28, 2011
4. Norman Utilities Authority minutes of June 28, 2011
5. Norman Municipal Authority minutes of June 28, 2011
6. Norman Tax Increment Finance Authority minutes of June 28, 2011

and the question being upon approving the minutes and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Atkins, Butler,
Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith,
Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the minutes approved; and the filing thereof was directed.

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Item 4, being:

ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO AND SEATING OF COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT ROGER GALLAGHER, WARD 1; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT HAL EZZELL, WARD 3; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT DAVE SPAULDING, WARD 5, AND COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT LINDA LOCKETT, WARD 7.

Presiding Judge David Poarch administered Oaths of Office to the elected and reelected members of the City Council.

Thereupon, Councilmembers Gallagher, Ezzell, Spaulding, and Lockett were formally seated.

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Item 5, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-1112-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO AL ATKINS FOR SERVING AS WARD ONE COUNCILMEMBER OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Resolution No. R-1112-01 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Dillingham;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Resolution No. R-1112-01

Participants in discussion

- 1. Mr. Al Atkins accepted the resolution and thanked the Council and others

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-1112-01, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Dillingham, Ezzell, Gallagher, Griffith, Kovach, Lockett, Quinn, Spaulding, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-1112-01 was adopted.

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Item 6, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-1112-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO RACHEL BUTLER FOR SERVING AS WARD FIVE COUNCILMEMBER OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Resolution No. R-1112-02 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith ;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Resolution No. R-1112-02

Participants in discussion

- 1. Ms. Rachel Butler accepted the resolution and thanked the Council and others

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-1112-02, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Dillingham, Ezzell, Gallagher, Griffith, Kovach, Lockett, Quinn, Spaulding, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-1112-02 was adopted.

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Item 7, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-1112-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO DOUG CUBBERLEY FOR SERVING AS WARD SEVEN COUNCILMEMBER OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Quinn moved that Resolution No. R-1112-03 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Resolution No. R-1112-03

Participants in discussion

- 1. Mr. Doug Cubberley accepted the resolution and thanked the Council and others

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-1112-3, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-1112-3 was adopted.

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Item 8, being:

PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE TOBACCO FREE CLEVELAND COUNTY COALITION TO DOUG CUBBERLEY IN RECOGNITION OF THIS WORK IN PROMOTING AND ESTABLISHING AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO IN CITY OWNED PARKS.

Mr. Travis Humphrey, Chair of Tobacco Free Coalition for Cleveland County, presented a plaque of appreciation from Tobacco Free Cleveland County Coalition to Doug Cubberley in recognition of this work in promoting and establishing an ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco in City owned parks.

Participants in discussion

- 1. Mr. Doug Cubberley accepted the plaque and thanked Mr. Humphrey

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Item 9, being:

ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM.

Councilmember Kovach nominated Councilmember Quinn to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Dillingham; and there being no other nominations, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Dillingham, Ezzell, Gallagher, Griffith, Kovach, Lockett, Spaulding, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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ABSTAIN:	Councilmember Quinn
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Councilmember Quinn was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

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Item 10, being:

ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Councilmember Griffith nominated Councilmember Kovach to serve as the representative and Mayor Rosenthal to serve as alternate representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Dillingham; and there being no other nominations, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Dillingham, Ezzell, Gallagher, Griffith, Lockett, Quinn, Spaulding, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember Kovach

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Councilmember Kovach was elected as the representative and Mayor Rosenthal elected as the alternate representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors.

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Item 11, being:

ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Councilmember Quinn nominated City Manager Steve Lewis to serve as the representative, and Councilmember Griffith to serve as first alternate representative, and Councilmember Dillingham to serve as second alternate representative to the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Quinn;

Councilmember Gallagher called for a Point of Order. He said due to certain circumstances involving the interactions of the City of Norman and the efficacy of the Oklahoman Municipal League, he moved to table Item 11 until July 12, 2011, for further discussion, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Kovach; and the question being upon tabling Item 11 until July 12, 2011, a vote was taken with the following vote:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Ezzell, Gallagher, Kovach, Spaulding
NAYES:	Councilmembers Dillingham, Griffith, Lockett, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal

The Mayor declared the motion failed and Item 11 was not tabled until July 12, 2011.

and there being no other nominations, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Lockett, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmembers Gallagher and Spaulding

The Mayor declared the motion carried and City Manager Steve Lewis was elected as the representative and City Manager Steve Lewis was elected as first alternate representative, and Councilmember Dillingham was elected as second alternate representative to the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

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** Due to confusion during the voting process brought to the Mayor's attention following the meeting, the Mayor exercised her privilege under Robert's Rule to obtain a correct expression of the will of the assembly and asked the City Manager to schedule this item on a future Council agenda to give Council an opportunity to vote on the item.

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Item 12, being:

ELECTION OF A CITY COUNCILMEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF NORMAN RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilmember Ezzell nominated Councilmember Spaulding to serve as the representative on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Dillingham; and there being no other nominations, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Dillingham, Ezzell, Gallagher, Griffith, Kovach, Lockett, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember Spaulding

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Councilmember Spaulding was elected as the representative to serve on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System.

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Item 13, being:

ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE NORMAN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Councilmember Dillingham nominated Councilmember Lockett to serve as an ex-officio member of the Norman Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Quinn; and there being no other nominations, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Dillingham, Ezzell, Gallagher, Griffith, Kovach, Lockett, Quinn, Spaulding, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Councilmember Lockett was elected as an ex-officio member of the Norman Conventions and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.

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MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Acknowledging Outgoing and Incoming Councilmembers. Councilmember Quinn thanked Councilmember Atkins for all that he done as a City Councilmember these past two years. He said Councilmember Atkins brought a different perspective from his management experience in a large corporation and brought respect to the City during his time co-chairing the Operation Oklahoma Committee. He said Councilmember Butler had provided leadership and insight to him when he first became a Councilmember regarding greenbelt, transportation, and water issues. He said Councilmember Cubberley was his "right-hand" guy and had been a great source of knowledge and experience as a Councilmember. He said Councilmember Cubberley had not been a part time Councilmember but had participated in every area with ideas and thoughts. He said he had Councilmember Cubberley's telephone number and would be calling. He presented a small stop sign to Councilmember Cubberley symbolizing efforts to get a stop sign installed at George and Stinson.

Councilmember Lockett thanked all three outgoing Councilmembers and said she appreciated all the work they had done to make the City a better place to live. She thanked Councilmember Cubberley for answering all of her questions. She thanked everyone that helped elect her and hoped they would be pleased with what she accomplishes as a Councilmember.

Miscellaneous Discussion, continued:

Councilmember Griffith said Councilmember Atkins had not had enough time as a Councilmember. He said he was outspoken and always had something insightful to say at the meetings about issues and would be missed. He said Councilmember Butler was his "right-hand" guy, her opinions and perspectives about questions had have been extremely helpful, and he deeply respected what she had done for this Council. He said the first time he came to a City Council meeting and listened to Councilmember Cubberley express his opinions, he wondered what had he gotten himself into. He said when he was seated beside him, he experienced the passion Councilmember Cubberley had for the City and the community and is hoped he would be able to maintain the same level of passion.

Councilmember Spaulding thanked family, friends, and constituents for attending the meeting this evening, especially his wife. He thanked the voters of Ward Five for choosing him to represent them. He said he looked forward to serving and asked that everyone keep Council and himself in their prayers.

Councilmember Dillingham pointed out that this Council had maintained absolute independence. She said she had attended many meetings that needed to move forward in a positive manner where there was so much discourse and sharing of real divergent points of view. She said Councilmember Atkins had been able to keep his ears and mind open on each issue. She said when anyone needed to find out information about an issue, Councilmember Butler was the one to get the information quickly. She said Councilmember Spaulding has some large shoes to fill in terms of bringing the government to Ward Five. She said the most difficult thing to do is make this government work for the citizens and it was really hard for those in the rural areas. She said Councilmember Butler individualized the service to the constituents by moving ward meetings out to the Little Axe Community Center and by working for an Eastside Fire Station and Recycling Center. She said Councilmember Cubberley has a passion for his constituents, his clients, and family. She said she was proud to call him her friend. She said she will miss all of them and looks forward to seeing them again.

Councilmember Ezzell thanked Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, and Cubberley for their service to the City and that it had been a pleasure to get to know all of them. He welcomed Councilmembers Lockett, Spaulding, and Gallagher to the Council and looked forward to getting to know all of them.

Councilmember Kovach said Councilmember Cubberley had mentioned working 20 hours a week as a minimum and that comes to approximately 10,040 hours which is 433 consecutive days volunteered to this community which is a great sacrifice. He said Councilmember Cubberley's greatest gift to the City was when he worked with Councilmember Thompson and Dillingham to bring forward the Public Safety Sales Tax vote. He said this has brought forward an excellent Community Oriented Policing Program as well as increased fire and police protection. He said he was impressed by the way Councilmember Butler dug into the issues and how much extra information she brought back and shared with Council which helped them to understand issues better. He said he would always remember her work on transportation since transportation is fundamental to all of us. He said she did a great job in growing the Mass Transit program and emphasized its importance as it is some citizens only means of transportation. He said he looked forward to hearing Councilmember Atkins' perspective on the other side of the dais. He welcomed and congratulated the new Councilmembers and said government in its most perfect form is municipal government because it is so close to the people. He quoted excerpts from the Declaration of Independence. He said new Councilmembers will experience governing with the people's consent and what it is like to balance rights with the needs of the community, even those with a contrary interest or viewpoint, to create a quality of life in Norman for our entire community. He said his predecessor, Mr. Richard Stawicki, encouraged him to check things out for himself and not to take things for granted. He urged new Councilmembers to listen with an open mind, speak with their heart, and ask questions. He looks forward to working with them together to make a difference for our community.

Councilmember Gallagher wished outgoing Councilmembers good luck and hoped he would see them now and then so he could listen to some of their good ideas. He apologized to residents of Oakhurst neighborhood because he missed the picnic on July 2nd. He said he had good support in his campaign and thanked all those who helped him. He said his committee knocked on approximately 1,500 doors in five neighborhoods. He said he had heard some of the same ideas that he had and been given some new ideas. He said public safety, code enforcement, and parking problems are problems that do not seem to go away and the budget was another serious consideration for Council. He said he wants Ward One to five their comments and ideas, come to the meetings, and volunteer for boards and commissions.

Miscellaneous Discussion, continued:

Mayor Rosenthal welcomed Councilmembers Lockett, Spaulding, and Gallagher and looks forward to working with them on many issues. She said in the Political Science world there are many legislative styles and one distinction often made is between “work horses” and “show horses”. She said Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, and Cubberley were “work horses” because they have rolled up their sleeves and worked hard on many issues. She said it is not about the fancy speeches or the accolades at the end but about the hard work at the beginning. She said they had been a good example for all of Council because they represent the importance of listening to constituents and to each other and that is a critical attribute in finding consensus and working together. She said Councilmember Butler would often find documents providing insight into issues and provide them to Council and that will be missed. She said Councilmember Cubberley had made a career of staying focused and being the conscience of Council on finance issues while Councilmember Butler stayed focused on transportation, storm water, and water quality issues. Councilmember Atkins represented independence. She said she will miss their good service. She recognized the families of outgoing Councilmembers for their sacrifices.

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Shop Norman. Councilmember Quinn said he would be remiss if he did not remind everyone to “Shop Norman.”

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Quinn moved that the meeting be adjourned, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Kovach, and the question being upon adjournment of the meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Councilmembers Dillingham, Ezzell,
Gallagher, Griffith, Kovach, Lockett,
Quinn, Spaulding, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES:

None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem