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

July 2, 2013

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 2nd day of July, 2013, at 6:00 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 Castleberry, Gallagher, Griffith, Jungman. Kovach, Lockett, Spaulding, Mayor Rosenthal
TARDY:	Councilmember Williams

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rosenthal.

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Item 3, being:

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2013
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2013
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2013
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2013
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NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2013

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 Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File No. GID-1314-2 dated June 24, 2013, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
2. Joint City Council/Planning Commission Study Session minutes of June 6, 2013
3. City Council Conference minutes of June 11, 2013
4. City Council Special Session minutes of June 18 2013
5. City Council Finance Committee minutes of June 19, 2013
6. City Council Community Planning and Transportation Committee minutes of June 24, 2013
7. City Council Conference minutes of June 25, 2013
8. City Council minutes of June 25, 2013
9. Norman Utilities Authority minutes of J June 25, 2013
10. Norman Municipal Authority minutes of June 25, 2013
11. Norman Tax Increment Finance Authority minutes of June 25, 2013

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

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Gallagher, Griffith, Jungman, Kovach, Lockett, Spaulding, 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:

RESOLUTION NO. R-1314-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, HONORING THE 2013 RECIPIENT OF THE CITIZENS HONOR ROLL OF SERVICE.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Resolution No. R-1314-11 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record
1. Text File No. R-1314-11 dated June 24, 2013, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
2. Resolution No. R-1314-11

Items submitted for the record
1. Mr. Bob Goins, 520 Merrywood Lane, accepted the resolution and thanked the Council

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-1314-11, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Gallagher, Griffith, Jungman, Kovach, Lockett, Spaulding, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-1314-11 was adopted.

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Item 5, being:

ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO AND SEATING OF MAYOR-ELECT CINDY ROSENTHAL; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT GREG HEIPLE, WARD 1; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT ROBERT CASTLEBERRY, WARD 3; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT LYNNE MILLER, WARD 5; AND COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT STEPHEN HOLMAN, WARD 7.

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

Items submitted for the record
1. Text File No. AP-1314-1 dated June 10, 2013, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Thereupon, Mayor Rosenthal, Councilmembers Heiple, Castleberry, Miller, and Holman were formally seated.

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Item 6, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-1314-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO ROGER GALLAGHER FOR SERVING AS WARD ONE COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Resolution No. R-1314-1 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record
1. Text File No. R-1314-1 dated June 24, 2013, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
2. Resolution No. R-1314-1

Participants in discussion
1. Mr. Roger Gallagher accepted the resolution, thanked the Council and others, and made comments

Item 6, continued:

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-1314-1, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Griffith, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Kovach, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-1314-1 was adopted.

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Item 7, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-1314-2: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO DAVE SPAULDING FOR SERVING AS WARD FIVE COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Resolution No. R-1314-2 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record
1. Text File No. R-1314-2 dated June 24, 2013, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
2. Resolution No. R-1314-2

Participants in discussion
1. Mr. Dave Spaulding accepted the resolution, thanked the Council and others, and made comments

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-1314-2, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Griffith, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Kovach, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-1314-2 was adopted.

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Item 8, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-1314-3: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO LINDA LOCKETT FOR SERVING AS WARD SEVEN COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Resolution No. R-1314-3 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record
1. Text File No. R-1314-3 dated June 24, 2013, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
2. Resolution No. R-1314-3

Participants in discussion
1. Ms. Linda Lockett accepted the resolution, thanked the Council and others, and made comments

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-1314-3, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Griffith, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Kovach, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-1314-3 was adopted.

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Item 9, being:

ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM.

Councilmember Kovach nominated Councilmember Griffith to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Heiple;

Items submitted for the record
1. Text File No. AP-1314-2 dated June 12, 2013, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

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

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Griffith, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Kovach, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Councilmember Griffith 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 Jungman nominated Mayor Rosenthal to serve as the representative and Councilmember Williams to serve as alternate representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Kovach;

Items submitted for the record
1. Text File No. AP-1314-3 dated June 12, 2013, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

and the question being upon nominating Mayor Rosenthal to serve as the representative and Councilmember Williams to serve as alternate representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Griffith, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Kovach, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Mayor Rosenthal was elected as the representative and Councilmember Williams was 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 CITY COUNCILMEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF NORMAN RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilmember Heiple nominated Councilmember Castleberry to serve as the representative on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Jungman;

Items submitted for the record
1. Text File No. AP-1314-5 dated June 24, 2013, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 11, continued:

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

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Griffith, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Kovach, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

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

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COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Heiple said he is profoundly grateful to be a Councilmember and urged everyone to "lead with kindness".

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Councilmember Kovach said City Council is not a mindless entity that works in conjunction but a team of individuals that work together. He encouraged the newly elected Councilmembers to remember they are made up of a diverse group and some we may disagree with will help us understand the argument in support of something, and possibly change our mind about an issue.

He said although he had very different opinions than Dave Spaulding, they had been able to reach a common ground on several issues. He said he was glad he had gotten to know Dave and his family, admired his passion, and had a deep respect for him.

He said he both appreciated and was exasperated by Linda Lockett's individuality. He could never figure out where she stood on an issue and she always did what she thought was right. He said many times she came to different conclusions than he did but that is what makes the world go around. He sincerely appreciated her effort to maintain and act upon what she believed and she was always consistent.

He said Roger Gallagher had been serving for a long time, in uniform, on Council, and other people in the community quietly and quite humbly. He said Roger was an extremely decent man with incredible integrity.

He said labels are dangerous and everyone should remember that people are individuals, can learn from one another, and make progress together by doing this. There was recently a letter to the editor from the President of the Norman Chamber of Commerce and that people tend to put a label on the "Chamber of Commerce" when the focus of the letter was "Shop Local" which was the same focus as many others. He said citizens should have listened to the "tree huggers", the "greens", the "liberals", and the "environmentalists" many years ago about energy conservation, because we would have been so much better off. The community has more opportunities if we look past the labels. He said another label is "developer" and the local developers actually care about the community because they have an incentive to make this a better community because they live here while out of state developers just want to make money. He said Council has the opportunity to sit down with the development community and the environmentalist community and work on projects together.

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Councilmember Castleberry said when he was first elected, he had to get five Councilmembers to vote for him because he was filling an unexpired term. He said Roger Gallagher and Linda Lockett both voted against him. At the time, he wondered how he would be able to work with people who did not support him. He said after that meeting, Roger and Linda both came up to him and said "Congratulations, I look forward to working with you." and they were both sincere. He said one thing he could say about all three of the outgoing Councilmembers is that they were authentic. He said he respected Dave Spaulding because he always knew where Dave stood on an issue, he might not agree with him, but he knew why he felt the way he did. He said Roger's generation is the greatest generation and he had a tremendous respect for people who had served this country and put their lives on the line. He said Linda Lockett always just wanted Council to get along and he appreciated that.

Miscellaneous Discussion, continued:

Councilmember Castleberry said there are many tough issues coming forward and hopefully in the next year or so, a quality of life initiative that will make Norman a better place to live will be brought forward to the public to vote on. He said if Norman is a better place to live, people will want to move here. He said we need to do it right and looked forward to working with all of Council to make Norman a better place than it was when they were elected. He said Roger, Dave, and Linda had done this. He said he appreciated all three of them because they had done a fine job.

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Councilmember Jungman welcomed the new Councilmembers and hoped they would enjoy being on Council as much as he did. He sincerely thanked Roger Gallagher, Dave Spaulding, and Linda Lockett for the time spent they had spent on Council and for a lot of caring. He said they could have given the time to someone else but they gave it to the community and this was very important to everyone.

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Councilmember Miller said she is happy and excited to be sitting with Council and it is a tremendous privilege to represent the people of Norman. She said she has the greatest respect for Roger Gallagher, Dave Spaulding, and Linda Lockett, the present Council, and all those who had served on Council in the past. She said she would not be here without the help of many sitting in this room right now, friends, family, and neighbors. She promised she would work hard at this job and wants to keep the lines of communication open and that she wants residents to stay engaged and involved and communicate with Council. She said working together with Staff, the business leaders, developers, and constituents, will make Norman an even greater place than it already is.

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Councilmember Griffith thanked Councilmembers for electing him as Mayor Pro Tem, that it was quite an honor, and he deeply appreciates it.

He congratulated Lynne Miller, Stephen Holman, and Greg Heiple and welcomed them. He knew they already realized how valuable City Staff was and that they are very dedicated and hardworking people He advised to ask a lot of questions.

He said Councilmembers will miss Dave, Linda, and Roger who were three of the most unique individuals he had had the pleasure of working with. He said their passion for the issues they brought forward is to be respected. He said they will be missed and he enjoyed getting to know them. He said he never knew what Roger was going to say about an issue until he spoke and it was always unique. He said Dave was an open book and there was never any question about how he felt about something. He said Linda was always kind and he would miss her smile and advice.

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Councilmember Holman thanked everyone who had supported him. He thanked Ms. Marrae Quinn because in her Leadership Class at Irving School, she had required attendance at a City Council meeting. He started paying attention to elections and attending meetings after that but he never thought he would be a Councilmember. He appreciated Dave, Roger, and Linda's service to Norman. He said Norman is his hometown and a town he knew everyone cared deeply about. He said he lived in the same neighborhood as Linda Lockett and had the pleasure and humility of running against her two years ago and losing. He said she was a great opponent and he has learned a lot from her. He truly looked forward to seeing her at meetings and working with her on some of the issues affecting Ward Seven. He promotes open, transparent government and his goal is to see all seats filled at a City Council meeting, not just when there is a controversial issue. He said he is open to all viewpoints and ideas and looks forward to hearing from everyone.

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Mayor Rosenthal said she is privileged and humbled to serve with the new Council. She said there had been a reception earlier this evening honoring the spirit of volunteerism which makes Norman strong and the job of City Council much easier. Tonight we had celebrated the extraordinary commitment of Dave Spaulding, Roger Gallagher, and Linda Lockett. They had given a lot of time and energy and she thanked them for their friendship. She said a special thank you to the families because it is the families who oftentimes give so much to make it possible for the Councilmembers to attend all the meetings.

Miscellaneous Discussion, continued:

Mayor Rosenthal welcomed the new Councilmembers and applauded their desire to serve this community. She said citizens ask only that they listen and be thoughtful as they make decisions on their behalf. She said the top of the list of upcoming issues are concerns related to water and water infrastructure. She said Council will bring before the voters a wastewater increase in the fall to meet new regulatory needs that confront the community. She said water supply will be a challenge Council will face in the future and a storm water utility must be put together over the next few months to manage flooding. She said recent events in Norman and Moore with the weather remind us of the importance of building a very safe community and she will be asking the City Council Oversight Committee to lead us through a review of our various practices and policies. She said Council will be vigilant over the budget and she knows she can count on other Councilmembers who will serve on the Finance Committee to be patient and pay attention to those issues. She said she hopes that a quality of life initiative will be brought forward because there is a desire in the community to see great things happen.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Griffith, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Kovach, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor