

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 5, 2016

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, 2016, 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 Allison, Castleberry, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Karjala, Lang, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal

ABSENT: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rosenthal.

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Item 3, being:

RESOLUTION R-1617-6: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, HONORING THE 2016 RECIPIENT OF THE CITIZENS HONOR ROLL OF SERVICE.

Councilmember Heiple moved that Resolution R-1617-6 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Holman;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Text File R-1617-6 dated June 28, 2016, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
- 2. Resolution R-1617-6

Participants in discussion

- 1. Mr. Chuck Thompson, Post Office 5369, accepted the resolution and thanked the Council

and the question being upon adopting Resolution R-1617-6, as vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Allison, Castleberry, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Karjala, Lang, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution R-1617-6 was adopted.

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Item 4, being:

ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO AND SEATING OF MAYOR-ELECT LYNNE MILLER; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT BILL HICKMAN, WARD 4, COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT BREEA CLARK, WARD 6; AND COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT KYLE ALLISON, WARD 8.

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

Thereupon, Mayor Miller and Councilmembers Hickman, Clark, and Allison were formally seated.

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Item 5, being:

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF AN ELIGIBLE PERSON TO FILL THE COUNCIL VACANCY IN WARD FIVE.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations.

Mayor Miller nominated James Chappel.

Councilmember Hickman nominated Sereta Wilson.

The Mayor closed the floor for nominations.

Each Councilmember must vote in favor of only one Nominee by roll call vote.

Councilmember Allison – James Chappel

Councilmember Castleberry – James Chappel

Councilmember Clark – Sereta Wilson

Councilmember Heiple – James Chappel

Councilmember Hickman – Sereta Wilson

Councilmember Holman – Sereta Wilson

Councilmember Karjala – Sereta Wilson

Mayor Miller – James Chappel

The City Clerk announced the results. James Chappel received four votes and Sereta Wilson received four votes. No nominee received five votes in their favor.

Councilmember Castleberry moved that a selection process be adopted to fill the remaining unexpired term of the Ward Five representative that follows a General Election run-off format determined by lot that is reflected in Article II, Section V, of the Norman City Charter, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Heiple,

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File AP-1617-7 dated June 28, 2016, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

and the question being upon adoption of a selection process to fill the remaining unexpired term of the Ward Five representative that follows a General Election run-off format determined by lot that is reflected in Article II, Section V, of the Norman City Charter, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Allison, Castleberry, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Karjala, Lang, Miller, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and a selection process to fill the remaining unexpired term of the Ward Five representative that follows a General Election run-off format determined by lot that is reflected in Article II, Section V, of the Norman City Charter was adopted.

The City Clerk announced the winner would be determined by lot. The names of James Chappel and Sereta Wilson were written on separate identical size pieces of paper and placed in a basket for drawing. The City Clerk drew out one piece of paper and announced the winner as James Chappel.

Item 5, continued:

Mayor Miller said Council had more input on this particular selection process than ever before. She said every meeting was open to the public and it was not an easy way to do it. She said she had not been the best communicator about what was happening but it had been an open process. She was proud for Ward Five because six fantastic people had applied. She said there had been an interview process with Council and it was a very hard decision. She said both James Chappel and Sereta Wilson were outstanding representatives for Ward Five and either one of them would be a great Councilmember. She saw how hard it was for her fellow Councilmembers to vote, but she is happy to have James Chappel as a part of the Council. She thanked all the people who took time to write letters, commented on Facebook, called, or emailed.

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Item 6, being:

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO AND FORMAL SEATING OF JAMES CHAPPEL, WARD 5 COUNCILMEMBER.

Presiding Judge David Poarch administered the Oath of Office to James Chappel as Ward Five Councilmember.

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Text File AP-1617-10 dated June 30, 2016, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Thereupon, Councilmember Chappel was formally seated.

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Item 7, being:

ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM.

Councilmember Holman nominated Councilmember Castleberry to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Hickman;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Text File AP-1617-1 dated June 3, 2016, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Allison, Castleberry, Chappel, Clark, Heiple, Hickman, Holman, Karjala, Mayor Miller

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Councilmember Castleberry was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

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Item 8, being:

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

Councilmember Holman nominated Mayor Miller to serve as the representative and Councilmember Heiple to serve as alternate representative to the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Karjala;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Text File AP-1617-3 dated June 3, 2016, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 8, continued:

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

YEAS:	Councilmembers Allison, Castleberry, Chappel, Clark, Heiple, Hickman, Holman, Karjala, Mayor Miller
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Mayor Miller was elected as the representative and Councilmember Heiple was elected as the alternate representative to the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

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Item 9, 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 Holman;

- Items submitted for the record
1. Text File AP-1617-4 dated June 3, 2016, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

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

YEAS:	Councilmembers Allison, Castleberry, Chappel, Clark, Heiple, Hickman, Holman, Karjala, Mayor Miller
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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Item 10, being:

**RESOLUTION R-1617-7: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO GREG JUNGMAN FOR SERVING AS WARD FOUR COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.**

Councilmember Hickman moved that Resolution R-1617-7 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Heiple;

- Items submitted for the record
1. Text File R-1617-7 dated June 28, 2016, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
  2. Resolution R-1617-7

- Participants in discussion
1. Mr. Greg Jungman, 642 South Lahoma Avenue, accepted a plaque and the resolution and thanked the Council

and the question being upon adopting Resolution R-1617-7, as vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Allison, Castleberry, Chappel, Clark, Heiple, Hickman, Holman, Karjala, Mayor Miller
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution R-1617-7 was adopted.

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Item 11, being:

RESOLUTION R-1617-8: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO JERRY LANG FOR SERVING AS WARD SIX COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Clark moved that Resolution R-1617-8 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Allison;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Text File R-1617-8 dated June 30, 2016, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
- 2. Resolution R-1617-8

Participants in discussion

- 1. Mr. Jerry Lang, 1909 Barrington Court, accepted a plaque and the resolution and thanked the Council

and the question being upon adopting Resolution R-1617-8, as vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Allison, Castleberry, Chappel, Clark, Heiple, Hickman, Holman, Karjala, Mayor Miller
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution R-1617-8 was adopted.

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Item 12, being:

RESOLUTION R-1617-9: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO CINDY ROSENTHAL FOR SERVING AS MAYOR AND WARD FOUR COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Heiple moved that Resolution R-1617-9 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Hickman;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Text File R-1617-9 dated June 28, 2016, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
- 2. Resolution R-1617-9

Participants in discussion

- 1. Ms. Cindy Rosenthal, 903 Carey Drive, accepted a plaque and the resolution and thanked the Council

and the question being upon adopting Resolution R-1617-9, as vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Allison, Castleberry, Chappel, Clark, Heiple, Hickman, Holman, Karjala, Mayor Miller
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution R-1617-9 was adopted.

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**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Heiple said he was profoundly thankful to Cindy Rosenthal, Jerry Lang, and Greg Jungman. He said Cindy’s teamwork message resides deeply within him because when Council comes together, they can get things accomplished when they work together. He said Council all have different temperaments, talents, and convictions but it will work if everyone remembers the words “Lead with Kindness”. He thanked Councilmember Chappel for wanting to serve.

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**Councilmember Comments, continued:**

Councilmember Chappel said he is thankful to be appointed. He introduced his wife Claudia to the audience. He said he had met several people since he had submitted his application and everyone that he met will tell anyone that he is very approachable, easy to get to know, and easy to talk to. He asked Ward Five residents to feel free to contact him.

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Councilmember Allison thanked Ward 8 residents for allowing him to serve. He said he had only been on Council one year and now he is no longer the rookie. He thanked Cindy Rosenthal for teaching him so much and said he really enjoyed their monthly meetings where they worked together to make things happen. He said he also enjoyed getting to know Jerry Lang and Greg Jungman.

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Councilmember Castleberry thanked Greg Jungman for his time and service. He said Ward Four has many issues and Greg was always accessible to the constituents. He knew he and Greg had not always agreed on issues but he wanted him to know he respected his opinions and the way he tried to get things accomplished. He said Cindy Rosenthal would always be the "Mayor" to him; she is a fixture in Norman, a legend. They had obviously not agreed on things but he learned more from her than anyone else and some were hard lessons but he appreciated her putting him in his place sometimes. He sincerely wanted to thank her for what she has done and the tremendous amount of time she had spent doing her job.

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Councilmember Holman said he sat next to Jerry Lang and although they did not always share the same political views, they had oftentimes agreed on the same things. He said it was helpful to get Jerry's perspective before making a decision. He said Greg Jungman and he had wards with many similarities and working with him on issues that impact both wards had been a great learning experience. He will miss Greg's dedication to details of the code. He said when Cindy Rosenthal was first elected to City Council, he and Councilmember Allison were still in high school. He said he had a neighborhood block party before he was on City Council and Cindy came and he was very excited. He said she had encouraged him to run for City Council. He said she offered him lots of advice and he had always been impressed with her extensive knowledge of the issues. He will really miss her and thanked her for giving so much of herself to the community.

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Councilmember Clark said Mayor Rosenthal had been an amazing role model.

Councilmember Clark said she is ready to work hard for Norman and get things done and bring some life to the East Side. She announced that a Banana Split Eating Contest would be held in East Norman on Sunday, July 17th at 3:30 p.m. at Rusty's Frozen Custard located on Alameda Street just west of 12th Avenue N.E. She invited everyone to attend.

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Councilmember Hickman thanked his family and friends for helping him with his campaign. He thanked Cindy Rosenthal and said Norman is lucky to have had someone like her who was willing to put in the time, fight the battles, and keep moving forward for our community. He said someone should create a "Mayor Rosenthal" bike rack to memorialize her. He thanked Greg Jungman for all of his advice and said he really appreciated Greg being willing to talk with him and he will continue to stay in touch with him during his time as Councilmember.

Councilmember Hickman said he is honored and looking forward to serving with Mayor Miller. He said he knows she will do an excellent job. Norman is lucky to have someone as skilled, experienced, and ready to hit the ground running. Councilmember Hickman said he is also proud for James to be on City Council and looks forward to serving with him. He said his vote for Sereta was in no way a reflection on James' abilities or integrity.

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**Councilmember Comments, continued:**

Mayor Miller said she knows she has an ample frame to fill this chair but she is not sure if she has the feet to fill Mayor Rosenthal’s shoes. She said this is a hard act to follow but the important thing is all the people that help and encourage you. She recognized all of her family members and special friends who have supported her, many of whom were in attendance. She said it was an honor for her family for her to become Mayor of Norman and it is the support of your family and friends that is so important. She appreciates the opportunity to get to serve with Council. She said a campaign seems kind of hard but it is nothing compared to sitting on the dais. She said now the task is to earn the respect, trust, and loyalty of the community by the right speech and actions. She said she thinks Council can work together to move Norman to the next level. She said she wanted Staff to know how much she appreciated all of them. She closed with Margaret Mead’s quote “Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

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ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Allison, Castleberry, Chappel, Clark, Heiple, Hickman, Holman, Karjala, Mayor Miller

NAYES: None

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

ATTEST:

Brenda Hall  
City Clerk

J Miller  
Mayor

