CITY OF NORMAN, OK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, July 06, 2021 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Breea Clark
Councilmember Ward 2 Lauren Schueler
Councilmember Ward 3 Kelly Lynn
Councilmember Ward 4 Lee Hall
Councilmember Ward 5 Rarchar Tortorello
Councilmember Ward 6 Elizabeth Foreman
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman

ABSENT
Councilmember Ward 1 Brandi Studley
Councilmember Ward 8 Matthew Peacock

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO AND SEATING OF COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT KELLY LYNN, WARD 3; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT RARCHAR TORTORELLO, WARD 5; AND COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT STEPHEN HOLMAN, WARD 7.

   Cleveland County District Judge Thad Balkman administered the oaths of office to Councilmember-Elect Kelly Lynn, Ward 3; Councilmember-Elect Rarchar Tortorello, Ward 5; and Councilmember-Elect Stephen Holman, Ward 7.

   The new Councilmembers were seated.

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Appointments

2. ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM.

Councilmember Stephen Holman was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Foreman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Hall.

Voting Yea: Mayor Clark, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 4 Hall, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 6 Foreman, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman

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

Mayor Breea Clark was elected as Representative and Councilmember Lee Hall was elected as Alternate Representative of the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Foreman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Clark, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 4 Hall, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 6 Foreman, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman.

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

Mayor Breea Clark was elected as representative and Councilmember Stephen Holman was elected as Alternate Representative of the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Hall, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler.

Voting Yea: Mayor Clark, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 4 Hall, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 6 Foreman, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman

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

Councilmember Elizabeth Foreman was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System.

Item 5, continued:

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Hall.

Voting Yea: Mayor Clark, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 4 Hall, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 6 Foreman, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman

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6. RESOLUTION R-2122-10: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, COMMENDING AND EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO ALISON PETRONE FOR SERVING AS WARD THREE COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

   The Resolution was adopted.

   Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Foreman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Hall.

   Voting Yea: Mayor Clark, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 4 Hall, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 6 Foreman, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman

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7. RESOLUTION R-2122-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, COMMENDING AND EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO MICHAEL NASH FOR SERVING AS WARD FIVE COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

   The Resolution was adopted.

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

   Voting Yea: Mayor Clark, Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler, Councilmember Ward 3 Lynn, Councilmember Ward 4 Hall, Councilmember Ward 5 Tortorello, Councilmember Ward 6 Foreman, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman

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Councilmember Comments

Councilmember Schueler said it has been a pleasure serving with Alison Petrone. She thanked her for guiding her over the last few months and said she will be missed. She hopes they continue to stay in touch. She said she had not gotten to spend much time with Michael Nash and she looks forward to communicating with him so he can provide his research, knowledge, and quick wit.

Councilmember Comments, continued:

Councilmember Lynn thanked Mr. Nash and Ms. Petrone for their service to the City. He also thanked everyone who helped him and supported him during his campaign. He said he is looking forward to working with the Councilmembers.

Councilmember Hall congratulated Councilmembers Lynn, Tortorello, and Holman and said she looked forward to working with all of them. She said Alison Petrone joined City Council in July of 2019 and she followed close behind in September 2019 as the Councilmember for Ward 4. She said Alison has been a valuable colleague and helped her get started and understand how to jump right in. She said Alison has been very passionate and analytical in looking at problems and she is also a friend. She said Michael Nash's ability to look at data and take the deep dive gave us another valuable lens to see through that will be missed. She said Michael has the ability to analyze a problem and it has challenged her to look at things in a different way. She really appreciates her time with him. She appreciates how in tune he has been with his Ward 5 constituents, especially concerning traffic and safety issues; stormwater and water quality and how zoning changes impact the Ward 5 quality of life. She appreciates his responsiveness to his constituents and his willingness to go to bat for them and mostly she will deeply miss his sharp wit and drive.

Councilmember Tortorello said he had a lot of conversations at him at his home over coffee and he was able to bring him up to speed on City issues and he appreciates it a lot. He congratulated Councilmember Lynn for a win. He thanked his friends at United Norman and Fraternal Order of Police for endorsing him. He said Brenda Hall gave him the guidance he needed and he appreciated that because it helped him to navigate the areas of City government. He thanked the Mayor for sitting with him and having conversations. He said he is here to represent not just Ward 5 but the entire City of Norman to the best of his ability. He thanked Alison Petrone for her service to the City.

Councilmember Foreman said Michael Nash's wit and intelligence was greatly appreciated. She said Alison Petrone's insight and thoroughness was a great asset to this Council. She thanked them both for their service. Here's to the new year.

Councilmember Holman extended appreciation to both Alison Petrone and Michael Nash for stepping forward and taking on the responsibilities of the job. He said it is a lot of work and it takes a lot of attention to detail. He thanked them for giving back to the City. He looks forward to seeing them in the future. He extended congratulations and welcome to our two new colleagues, Kelly Lynn and Rarchar Tortorello. He looks forward to working with them on the many important issues that this city has to deal with. He thanked the residents of Ward 7 for supporting him and allowing him to serve a fourth term. He said it is also an honor to serve as Mayor Pro Tem and Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Alternate Representative.

Mayor Clark read a statement from Councilmember Peacock: "First I wish I could be there tonight to deliver these comments in person. I want to apologize for missing this meeting and the last meeting. I pride myself on being there to represent Ward 8 and can assure you that these past two weeks have been an exception to the rule. I look forward to returning to the discussion in our next session and just want to offer some brief words tonight about my colleagues. Michael Nash, your unique perspective, analytical approach, and extreme detailed responses will be missed. I have found many of your comments to be insightful and thought provoking and look forward to working with you in the future. You have served Ward 5 well during your time on Council and you should be proud of that. Alison Petrone, thank you for always being willing to

Councilmember Comments, continued:

work in the spirit of positive collaboration and for representing the underserved and voiceless community. Your heart is always in the right place and I commend you for never shying away the hard conversations and for your fortitude in the face of adversity. You should also be proud what you gave this office. I have sincerely enjoyed working with the both of you and hope that you find success in your future endeavors. To our incoming Councilmembers, I wish you the best of luck in your service and am hopeful we can continue in that same spirit of positive collaboration. True compromise is a two-way street and there is real common ground to be found if we are all willing to come to the table and look for it. Thank you to everyone for their willingness to serve our community in that capacity.

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Mayor Clark congratulated our Councilmembers again, those that are getting resworn in and those that are new to the dais. She said it is an experience and she sees former Councilmembers in the audience who can attest to that. She hopes this is an opportunity for us to move forward together because this is a defining moment in our community. She said there are unprecedented challenges but also opportunities on the horizon and she hopes, as a team, we can make the most of that. She thanked our outgoing Councilmembers for their service because they are amazing and it has been a joy to get to know them. She said it has been the epitome of everyone's unique talents coming to the table to build a stronger team. She deeply appreciates that and looks forward to remaining friends with them outside of City Hall. She said she want all Councilmembers on this dais to be successful because the City and its residents do better when we are. She said if there is anything she can do to help with that, please let me know. She thanked the audience for sharing this moment with the Norman City Council.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

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