

CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 3, 2019

The City Council Business and Community Affairs Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room located at 201 West Gray on the 3rd day of October, 2019. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted in the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and at www.Normanok.gov twenty four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Councilmembers Wilson, Petrone, Scanlon, and Hall |
| ABSENT: | Councilmembers Carter and Bierman |
| OTHERS PRESENT: | Mayor Breea Clark (arrived 4:06) Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager Ms. Kathryn Walker, City Attorney Ms. Jamie Meyer, Administrative Technician III |

Item 1, being:

PRESENTATION FROM DR. GABRIEL BIRD REGARDING THE NORMAN FLAG PROJECT.

Dr. Gabriel Bird discussed the Commission's guiding principles on flag design. First, keep it simple and it needs to use meaningful symbolism. It should be distinctive or relatable with two or three basic colors. It also should not have any lettering or seals. The flag must also be recognizable in the wind and at rest. Lastly, it should not be copyrighted since that will limit the use to residents. The Commission does like the current City flag and would like to keep it as the City seal.

Dr. Bird explained how the Norman Flag Project will work at no charge to the City.

- Create AD HOC Committee
 - Include two council members (full/advisory)
- Open submissions
- Five finalists identified by flag committee
- Open public vote, with a 1-10 scoring
- Design with highest score will be presented to City Council
- Fundraising/Crowdfunding
- Award/Recognition for winning designer
- Current flag remains as City logo/seal

Councilmember Wilson asked if the new flag is not copyrighted what would prevent someone else from doing so making it where we would not be able to use it.

Dr. Bird was not sure but he will look into it.

Mayor Clark stated that she does not believe you can copyright something that is in use and similar.

Kathryn Walker, City Attorney, agreed with Mayor Clark.

Item 1, continued,

Councilmember Petrone would like to make sure a disclaimer is put on the new flag that it cannot be copyrighted by the artist who wins.

Councilmember Scanlon asked how the voting would happen.

Dr. Bird said that you will have two ways to vote. You can vote online or by mail.

Mayor Clark asked that the Committee be sure to include all schools and she would like to see a certificate sent out to those students who participated.

Dr. Bird thought that was a great idea, and he has already reached out to all of the schools when they met with the Norman Public School Principals.

Councilmember Wilson asked what will be the new flag be used for since it will not be on any of the City vehicles and such.

Dr. Bird explained that it will be used as cultural piece.

Mayor Clark would like to have the City videographer make a quick video to explain how to make a submission and how to place your vote for the public.

Dr. Bird would like this to be adopted pretty close to Flag Day next year if everything goes to plan.

Councilmember Wilson asked that Dr. Bird to reach out to the Little Axe School District as well as the local tribes.

Mr. Pyle said that we can get this information posted on the City of Norman website as well.

Item 2, being:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



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MAYOR