

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET RETREAT MINUTES

March 11, 2014

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Budget Retreat at 5:30 p.m. in the Norman Public Schools Administration Services Center on the 11th day of March, 2014, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Public Schools Administration Services Center located at 131 South Flood Avenue, the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray Street, and the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster Avenue 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Castleberry, Griffith, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Kovach, Miller, Williams, Mayor Rosenthal

ABSENT: None

Item 1, being:

CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FYE 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET.

Ms. Linda Price, Revitalization Manager, said tonight's meeting will be a continuation of the discussion on the FYE 2015 Capital Budget Council began on February 25, 2014. She said staff made changes based on Council's previous discussion and provided an overview of the changes

- Robinson Street Grade Separation reduced to \$600,000 versus \$1,200,000
- Municipal Complex Signage removed the \$50,000 and will address American with Disabilities Act signage within the complex with the current project budget
- Wayfinding Signage Pilot Project reduced to \$40,000 and will ask the Chamber of Commerce and the Norman Convention and Visitors Bureau if they will partner on the pilot project
- McKinley School Circulation Project \$25,000 - City's match will remain
- Reaves Park Road Improvements Project was reduced from \$250,000 to \$50,000
- Possible use of some of the cost savings from other projects for additional sidewalk repair and/or replacement.

Reaves Park Road Improvements Project

Mr. Greg Hall, Street Superintendent, said the \$50,000 for the Reaves Park Road Improvements Project will provide for total reconstruction of the portion along Jenkins Avenue to Constitution Street and an asphalt overlay for the portion along the south edge of the park in front of the memorial, which will provide a five to seven year solution for the southern portion. Councilmember Kovach asked why the roads within our parks are not checked more often and rated as part of the City's Pavement Management Program to avoid total failure. Mr. Hall said the roads within the parks are not constructed to the same standards as streets and were not built to withstand the same level of traffic. They have not been included in the street system that is part of the Pavement Management Program. Councilmember Holman reiterated the need to do something now to address the failures.

Sidewalks

Councilmembers discussed areas where sidewalk projects were proposed. Mayor Rosenthal asked staff to provide a priority list for sidewalk projects. The area identified where additional funds could be used was along the south side of Robinson Street between 24th Avenue N.W. and Berry Road pinpointing areas where repairs are needed. Councilmember Castleberry said he would like to see something proposed for Lindsey Street between Berry Road and the University.

Additional Projects

Mayor Rosenthal said she would like to include funds for a Master Plan for the Griffin Park property in the event legislation is passed that would allow the State to sell the property. Ms. Susan Connors, Director of Planning and Community Development, said a project to do an economic analysis, engineering studies, and land use planning would cost somewhere in the range of \$100,000-\$200,000. Councilmember Kovach said he would support an economic analysis and something on a smaller scope. Councilmembers Castleberry and Williams said they were comfortable budgeting funds as a place holder.

Items submitted for the record

1. PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Capital Fund 50, FYE 2015 Capital Budget, FYE 2016-2019 Plan
2. Capital Fund Summary
3. Location map for McKinley School Circulation Project

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor