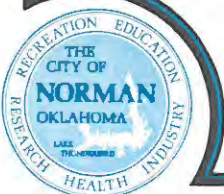


A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, DIRECTING THAT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY DESIGN PROCESS MOVE FORWARD UTILIZING A 7.29 ACRE SITE LOCATED NORTH OF ACRES STREET AND WEST OF JAMES GARNER STREET AND ELIMINATING FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION THE CO-LOCATION OF A SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER ON THE CENTRAL LIBRARY SITE.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, adopted Ordinance O-1516-5 on 11th day of August, 2015 which levied, effective January 1, 2016, a one-half (½) percent sales tax on all taxable sales in the City of Norman for a period of fifteen (15) years, (the “NFST”) in order to provide a source of funding for certain enumerated Quality of Life projects; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Norman approved Ordinance O-1516-5 at a Special Election called for that purpose held on October 13, 2015; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, Ordinance O-1516-5 provides for projects that can be funded from the NFST, which includes:
 - a. “make improvements to the Library system including acquire a site for, construct, and equip a Central Library; construct, and equip an East Branch Library on East Alameda Street;
 - b. to construct and to equip a Senior Center through renovation of an existing facility or construction of a new free standing facility at a location to be determined by Council, after consideration of the desires of Norman citizens who would likely use the facility, functionality of proposed facility, and feasibility including how to accomplish other voter authorized municipal complex improvements:
 - i. To be funded from proceeds that can be generated from the sale of General Obligation Bonds authorized by voters in 2008, or from revenues generated from the Norman Forward Quality of Life Projects Sales Tax of 2015, and
 - ii. To be located in the vicinity of Andrews Park or another site shown to be reasonably available for this purpose.”; and



- § 4. WHEREAS, to date, there have been (6) potential sites for the Senior Citizens Center location identified as “Option EL” (existing library), “Option AP” (eastern edge of Andrews Park), “Option L1” (conjoined with new library), “Option L2” (north on new library site), “Option L3” (west on new library site), “Option L4” (apartment complex site west of new library site); and
- § 5. WHEREAS, on December 22, 2015, City Council appointed Norman citizens to serve on the NFST Citizens Financial Oversight Board (“CFOB”), Norman citizens to serve on the NFST East and Central Libraries *ad hoc* Advisory Group (“ECLAG”), Norman citizens to serve on the NFST Senior Citizen Center *ad hoc* Advisory Group (“SCCAG”); and Norman citizens to serve on the Westwood *ad hoc* Advisory Group (“WAG”);
- § 6. WHEREAS, at its January 5, 2016, Study Session the City Council received a report from Meyer, Scherer, & Rockcastle, LTD (“MSR”), consultants for the new Central Library Project, and the McKinney Partnership (“TMP”) that provided analysis of the six Senior Citizen Center location Options EL, AP, L1, L2, L3, and L4, which recommended that L1, L2, and L3 be eliminated from further consideration, and that location Options EL, AP, and L4 receive further evaluation and consideration; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the CFOB met on January 11, 2016 and considered the Senior Citizen Center location options and approved the MSR recommendation allowing the new Central Library Project to move forward in a timely manner while Option EL, AP and L4 are further evaluated and considered; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, the SCCAG met on January 14, 2016 and considered the Senior Center location options and approved the MSR recommendation allowing the new Central Library Project to move forward in a timely manner while Option EL, AP and L4 are further evaluated and considered; and
- § 9. WHEREAS, the Norman City Council considered the recommendations of the CFOB and the SCCAG at its Study Session held on January 19, 2016 regarding the MSR recommendation allowing the new Central Library Project to move forward in a timely manner while Option EL, AP and L4 are further evaluated and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 10. THAT it is both timely and appropriate to move forward to “make improvements to the Library system including acquire a site for, construct, and equip a Central Library; construct, and equip an East Branch Library on East Alameda Street” as set out in Ordinance O-1516-5; and

- § 11. THAT Council should continue to explore the location of a new Senior Center through either the renovation of an existing facility (EL) or construction of a new free standing facility at locations (AP) or (L4), continuing to consider the desires of Norman citizens who would likely use the facility, functionality of proposed facility, and feasibility including how to accomplish other voter authorized municipal complex improvements, accessibility of proceeds that can be generated from the sale of General Obligation Bonds authorized by voters in 2008, or from revenues generated from the Norman Forward Quality of Life Projects Sales Tax of 2015, to be located in the vicinity of Andrews Park or another site shown to be reasonably available for this purpose as provided for in Ordinance O-1516-5; and
- § 12. THAT Senior Citizen Center location options L1, L2, and L3 be eliminated from further consideration as recommended by MSR allowing the new Central Library Project to move forward in a timely manner while Option EL, AP and L4 are further evaluated and considered; and
- § 13. THAT the City Manager is hereby directed to formally notify MSR of this Council Direction in order that the design of the new Central Library project can proceed on a timely basis.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of ____ January, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk