

## CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MINUTES

August 8, 2017

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in a conference at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room on the 8th day of August, 2017, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Allison, Bierman, Castleberry, Clark, Hickman, Holman, Karjala, Wilson, Mayor Miller

ABSENT: None

Item 1, being:

CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE TO CONTRACT K-1718-1: WITH MTZ CONSTRUCTION, INC., INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$42,042 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$250,650 FOR THE FYE 2018 CONCRETE SIDEWALK PROJECT.

Mr. Scott Sturtz, City Engineer, said this item is part of the annual contract consisting of construction and repair of sidewalks throughout the community. He said MTZ was the successful bidder and as the bid came in under the Engineer's Estimate, the Change Order increases the dollar amount to allow for additional work requests. He said the Main Street Project does not have Americans with Disabilities (ADA) sidewalks and will need additional funding.

### Councilmember Comments/Questions

Mayor Miller asked where the funds are coming from. Mr. Sturtz said funding is available in the engineer's budget.

Councilmember Hickman asked about what was the timeline for the project near Lincoln School. Mr. Sturtz said since school is about to begin, it will be difficult to start the project, but staff will work with Norman Public Schools for the best schedule. He said it is best to wait until the end of the school year to work on projects near schools in order to not interrupt access.

Mayor Lynne Miller asked if work will begin immediately if the Change Order is approved. Mr. Sturtz said work will begin as soon as possible on some of the sidewalk repair projects and some sidewalk repairs are completed for residences with the 50/50 cost share that comes from this funding.

Councilmember Castleberry asked if there was any room to repair the sidewalk at All Saints. Mr. Sturtz said arrangements have been made to take care of the problem and sidewalk ramps have been placed closer to the south drive into All Saints. He said the section where the pedestrian bridge collapsed is being circumvented and the signal has been moved down to the location which is a new safe crossing while the bridge will be replaced during the upcoming construction on the 36th Street Project.

Item 1, continued:

**Councilmember Comments/Questions, Continued**

Councilmember Castleberry said there are still closed sidewalk signs in the location and it does not look like it has been repaired. Mr. Sturtz said the sidewalk closed signs are still on the bridge but the new crossing at All Saints is completed.

Councilmember Hickman asked if Council will be allocating more funds to do additional sidewalk work including more ADA accessibility. Mr. Sturtz said yes.

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File K-1718-1 dated May 22, 2017, by Jack Burdett, Engineering Assistant
2. Location maps
3. Change Order No. One to K-1718-1

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Item 2, being:

**CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE TO CONTRACT K-1617-91: WITH RDNJ, INC. D/B/A A-TECH PAVING, INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$377,600.15 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$561,869.15 FOR THE 2016 BOND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION; IOWA STREET, PHASE IC.**

Mr. Sturtz said the bids came in above the budget allowance and an alternative method was to split the project into three phases with Phase I being utility and paving work done by City staff. He said City crews are not equipped to do large amounts of concrete work and that part of the project was bid out. He said Phase II is four blocks on Dakota Street and Phase III is two blocks each on Dakota and Iowa. He said the two phases are being added to the original contract as Change Order No. One because there are good unit prices that are below the engineer's estimate. He said there is a large amount of concrete work on Iowa Street and continuing under this contract will allow the contractor to complete the project by the end of the year and staff will not have to not rebid the project. He said the funds are available within the project accounts.

**Councilmember Comments/Questions**

Councilmember Hickman complimented the Public Works Department for the work completed, because he has very few complaints from the residents regarding this project and he is looking forward to the completion of the project.

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File K-1617-91, Change Order No. One, dated July 14, 2017, by Masoud Pajou, Capital Projects Engineer
2. Location map
3. Change Order No. One to Contract K-1617-91

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Item 3, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Ms. Kristina Bell, Assistant City Attorney, said the Social Justice Committee had approached the Human Rights Commission to discuss the possibility of Council approving an annual proclamation declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day

Ms. Kay Ham, Chair of Human Rights Commission, said Norman has the largest Indigenous population in Oklahoma and organizations throughout Oklahoma recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day and the Human Rights Commission would like to have the second Monday in October every year be declared Indigenous Peoples' Day. She said representatives from the First American United Methodist Church were able to put this together and have reminded the Human Rights Commission about the heritage of Oklahoma and Norman and would appreciate the adoption of the Resolution.

Reverend Justine Wilson, Pastor of First American United Methodist Church, said the Social Justice Committee came together and proposed working with the Human Rights Commission and the City Council to have the second Monday in October declared Indigenous Peoples' Day. She said the City of Norman has the fifth largest urban Indian population in the United States and the contributions of Native American people in the City of Norman goes all the way back to the contemporary Native American Art movement out of both Norman and Santa Fe, New Mexico. She said the educational attainment from the University of Oklahoma, Chickasha Nation, and several other services have created a unique environment of tremendous achievement within the Native community and Indigenous Peoples' Day would be a way to honor those people and build bridges between the Native communities and non-Native communities. She said it is the 25th Anniversary of the first city to adopt Indigenous Day.

Mayor Miller asked which city adopted Indigenous Day first. Reverend Wilson said Brooklyn, California.

Mayor Lynne Miller said thanked Reverend Wilson for bringing this to Council's attention and asked if anyone had any questions.

### **Councilmember Comments/Questions**

Councilmember Wilson asked if there were any activities or events to go along with Indigenous Peoples' Day. Reverend Wilson said there is an issue with time, but OU will have special events for that day and the vision is to expand it citywide for community interaction. She said with additional time and years coming forward she would like this to become citywide. Councilmember Wilson said she is excited about this.

Councilmember Clark said the Council may not pass the Resolution until closer into October, but the Human Rights Commission needs planning time to move forward. Mayor Lynne Miller said the Council plans to have the item on the agenda on August 22nd to allow it to move forward.

Item 3, continued:

**Councilmember Comments/Questions, continued:**

Councilmember Clark said she visited a Native American education class at Norman North and they are a wonderful group of people and are very excited about their heritage and this is the very least City Council can do for a diverse community to celebrate it.

Councilmember Holman said he is excited to see this coming forward.

Mayor Miller said the Council will need to take part in some of the activities, because it will be fun.

Councilmember Hickman said he is a member of the Cherokee Nation and his children are active in Native American education in the Norman and Oklahoma City Public Schools; they are wonderful people and he encouraged reaching out to them about this. Reverend Wilson said she is reaching out.

Councilmember Hickman said the Resolution is fine and he supports it, but the Indigenous People terminology isn't well recognized in Oklahoma, because the long time history has been Native American or Indians. He said he is fine with the term Indigenous People, but also should add a section that defines and clarifies Indigenous People to include the Native American population in order for the community to understand clearly what they are talking about. Reverend Wilson said the reason it is called Indigenous People is because a larger movement has set this up for Native American nations in Oklahoma and is able to do more in terms of explaining and building partners. She said it has already been vetted through the attorney and does not want to create any more language issues.

Mayor Lynne Miller adjourned the meeting.

Items submitted for the record

1. Memorandum dated August 4, 2017, from Kristina Bell, Assistant City Attorney, to Mayor and Councilmembers with Exhibit 1, Draft Resolution R-1718-23, and Exhibit 2, Norman Human Rights Commission minutes of August 24, 2017

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The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor