

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA FORMALLY IDENTIFYING REAVES PARK AS THE PREFERRED SITE FOR THE NORMAN SENIOR CENTER, DIRECTING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH SELECTION OF A DESIGN FIRM FOR THE SENIOR CENTER, AND REPROGRAMMING \$7.6 MILLION FROM THE NORMAN FORWARD GRIFFIN PARK PROJECT TO THE NORMAN FORWARD SENIOR CENTER PROJECT TO BE USED FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE-STANDING SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER, AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$760,000 FROM THE NORMAN FORWARD FUND BALANCE.

- § 1. WHEREAS, in 2008, the citizens of Norman were presented with two ballot questions related to authorizing the issuance of general obligations bonds to fund a new building for the Central Library and renovate the old Central Library into a new Senior Citizen Center and City staff offices; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the citizens supported the renovation of the old Central Library into a new Senior Citizen Center and City staff offices but did not support a new building for the Central Library, without which, the current library building could not be renovated and made into a Senior Citizen Center; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, on October 13, 2015, the citizens of Norman voted to approve Ordinance O-1516-5 imposing a limited term sales tax to fund certain quality of life projects commonly called Norman Forward; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the projects outlined in Ordinance O-1516-5 set forth the projects to be funded by the limited term sales tax and was designed to be an amenity for citizens all across Norman, including a new Central Library and a Senior Citizen Center; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Norman seniors have expressed a desire to use the Norman Forward funds for a free standing senior center rather than renovating the current Central Library; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City Council, City Staff, and various citizen groups have been working since 2014 to identify a location and sufficient funding for a new free-standing Senior Citizen Center; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, after examining numerous locations and options, the Reaves Park option was presented to the Senior Center Ad Hoc Committee, the Reaves Park Ad Hoc Committee, the Norman Senior Association, and representatives of the Medieval Fair and all four groups have expressed support for moving forward with the location of the new Senior Citizen Center at Reaves Park; and



- § 8. WHEREAS, funding for the Senior Center has been anticipated to come from savings achieved through a lease of property, instead of purchase, for the Norman Forward Griffin Park project; and
- § 9. WHEREAS, the lease between the City of Norman and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the Griffin Park project has been finalized and provides a projected savings of \$7.6 million; and
- § 10. WHEREAS, with the selection of a site and identification of funding for the Senior Center, Staff can move forward with the selection of a design firm for the Senior Center.

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

- § 11. That, the site for the new Senior Center shall be Reaves Park;
- § 12. That, Staff is hereby directed to move forward with design firm selection for the design of the Senior Center;
- § 13. That, \$7.6 million shall be reprogrammed from the Norman Forward Griffin Park Project to the Norman Forward Senior Center Project to be used for design and construction of a free-standing Senior Citizen Center; and
- § 14. That, the following appropriation be made for the reasons stated above:

Account Name	Losing Account	Gaining Account	Amount
Project NFP0108, Senior Citizens Center Project, Design	051-0000-253.20-00	051-9365-419.62-01	\$760,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th of May, 2019.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk