

## City of Norman, OK

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## Master

File Number: SC-1920-10

File ID:SC-1920-10Type:Special ClaimStatus:Consent ItemVersion:1Reference:Item 23In Control:City CouncilDepartment:Legal DepartmentCost:\$2,208.16File Created:12/13/2019

File Name: Special Claim from RJH Realty Inc. Final Action:

Title: <u>SPECIAL CLAIM SC-1920-10</u>: SUBMITTED BY RJH REALTY INVESTMENTS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,208.16 FOR EXPENSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF A WATER MAIN BREAK AT 1316, 1318 AND 1320 GLEN OAKS DRIVE.

**Notes:** ACTION NEEDED: Motion to approve or reject Special Claim SC-1920-10; and, if approved, direct payment in the amount of \$2,208.16 contingent upon obtaining a Release and Covenant Not to Sue from RJH Realty Investments, Inc.

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Agenda Date: 01/14/2020

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Attachments: City Clerk memo, Notice of Tort Claim, Bill Detail

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## **History of Legislative File**

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## Text of Legislative File SC-1920-10

Body

**BACKGROUND**: A claim was filed by RJH Realty Investments, Inc., in the amount of \$2,208.16, for plumbing expenses and property damage that occurred due to a water main break.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: This incident was investigated by David Hager, Utilities Manager, who found on March 22, 2019, City staff received a dispatch from Norman Police about a water main break at Glen Oaks Drive. Upon arrival, staff found the water main had ruptured and that a continuous pressurized flow of water had inundated the apartment building addressed 1316 through 1320 Glen Oaks Drive. Within the hour of the call, staff isolated and eliminated the flow

of water from the ruptured water main. The eight-inch ductile iron water main was found to have deteriorated and was subsequently repaired.

A representative of RJH Realty Investments Inc. provided expenses totaling \$2,208.16 that were incurred to restore and repair the interior of their properties. As indicated above, there appears to be possible negligence on the part of the City in this matter and consequently potential liability on the City. RJH Realty's claim in the amount of \$2,208.16 appears reasonable.

**RECOMMENDATION**: Based upon the above and foregoing, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that the claim of RJH Realty Investments Inc., in the amount of \$2,208.16 as set forth above, be approved.