

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
OF THE MOORE CITY COUNCIL
THE MOORE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY
AND THE MOORE RISK MANAGEMENT BOARD
JANUARY 5, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Moore met in the City Council Chambers, 301 North Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on January 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Mark Hamm presiding.

Adam Webb
Councilman, Ward I

Kathy Griffith
Councilwoman, Ward I

Melissa Hunt
Councilwoman, Ward II

Rob Clark
Councilman, Ward II

Sid Porter
Councilman, Ward III

Louie Williams
Councilman, Ward III

PRESENT: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
ABSENT: Webb

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Manager, Brooks Mitchell; Assistant City Manager, Jerry Ihler; City Attorney, Brian Miller; City Clerk, Vanessa Kemp; Community Development Director, Elizabeth Weitman; Fire Chief Ryan Marlar; Emergency Management Director, Gayland Kitch; Finance Director, John Parker; Human Resource Director, Christine Jolly; Information Technology Director, David Thompson; Parks and Recreation Director, Sue Wood; Police Sergeant Kevin Stromski; and Public Affairs Director/Assistant City Manager, Deidre Ebrey; Public Works Director, Dennis Bothell; and Veolia Water Project Manager, Robert Pistole.

Agenda Item Number 2 being:

CONSENT DOCKET:

- A) RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2025.
- B) RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2025.
- C) ACCEPT 1,100 SQ. FT. OF PERMANENT ROADWAY EASEMENT FROM DAVIDSON HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SE 19TH STREET/BROADWAY/EASTERN AVENUE ROAD PROJECT, PARCELS 33, 34.
- D) APPROVE AND RATIFY CLAIMS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,332,108.58.

Councilman Williams moved to approve Consent Docket Items A-D, second by Councilwoman Griffith. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

CONSIDER THE FINAL PLAT OF MAHOGANY HILLS, SECTION 2, LOCATED IN THE NE/4 OF SECTION 36, T10N, R3W, BEING SOUTH OF SW 34TH STREET AND WEST OF BROADWAY AVENUE. APPLICATION BY GRAY SEA LLC/MIKE PIERCE. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL 7-0). WARD 1.

Elizabeth Weitman, Community Development Director, stated that the subject site is located south of SE 34th Street on the west side of S. Broadway. The final plat consists of 19 acres with 23 proposed residential lots ranging in size from ½ to ¾ acres in size with two separate common areas for drainage and detention. Ms. Weitman advised that stormwater detention is required. Public water is available through an 8" line in Mahogany Hills, Section 1. Sanitary sewer is not available and the applicant is proposing private septic systems as approved by Council with the original preliminary plat on July 1, 2019.

Ms. Weitman stated that access will be provided by S. Broadway Avenue. On August 18, 2025 the City Council approved a variance request to maintain the 50' right-of-way along S. Broadway Avenue instead of the 65' right-of-way currently required by Code. She advised that a 6' sidewalk will be required from the frontage along S. Broadway from Mahogany Hills Drive to the northern edge of the development.

The Envision Moore 2040 Plan designates the area as Open Space Residential. She advised that the application was reviewed as to the conformance with the Plan. Based on the proposed densities, stormwater amenities, and the 35% open space being provided, staff believes the application meets the intent of the Plan and an amendment is not required. She stated that staff recommended approval of the item.

Councilwoman Griffith moved to approve the Final Plat of Mahogany Hills, Section 2, located in the NE/4 of Section 36, T10N, R3W, being south of SW 34th Street and west of Broadway Avenue, second by Councilman Porter. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

CONSIDER THE FINAL PLAT OF LEGACY EAST, LOCATED IN THE SW/4 OF SECTION 24, T10N, R3W, BEING NORTH OF SE 19TH STREET AND EAST OF EASTERN AVENUE. APPLICATION BY GUERRERO PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC/BEN NOAH GUERRERO. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL 7-0). WARD 1.

Elizabeth Weitman, Community Development Director, stated that the vacant subject site contains 4.79 acres located north of SE 19th street on the east side of Eastern Avenue. It is zoned C-3 General Commercial District. The applicant wishes to construct an Electrical Contractor business office with warehouse space. A final plat is required to prepare the site for development.

Ms. Weitman advised that public water and sewer are available to serve this site. She noted that although the property is situated directly south of Jury Lane, this is a private street and no access will be allowed. Access will instead be provided from S. Eastern Avenue. In an effort to help reduce traffic congestion, the property will be limited to one driveway with a maximum width of 30'. Ms. Weitman stated that stormwater detention is required for this property, and all requirements of the 2021 Drainage Criteria must be met.

The Envision Moore 2040 Plan calls for this location to be Neighborhood Commercial. The subject site is located along a major arterial roadway with a mix of commercial and housing land uses. Due to the residential nature of this area, outdoor storage will not be allowed. Ms. Weitman indicated that the application was reviewed as to its conformance with the intent of the Plan. It was determined that the application meets the overall goals of the Plan, and an amendment is not required. Staff recommended approval of the final plat.

Councilman Williams asked if there is fencing requirements for the site. Ms. Weitman indicated that there are fencing requirements for commercial properties that abut residential properties. She stated that there will be a fencing requirement along the rear of the site for separation. Since outdoor storage is not allowed there should not be anything in that respect to screen.

Councilwoman Griffith moved to approve the Final Plat of Legacy East, located in the SW/4 of Section 24, T10N, R3W, being north of SE 19th Street and east of Eastern Avenue, second by Councilman Clark. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

CONSIDER REZONING APPLICATION NO. RZ-1056, LOCATED IN THE SW/4 OF SECTION 28 T10N, R2W, BEING NORTH OF SE 34TH STREET AND EAST OF SOONER ROAD, FROM C1/PUD OFFICE DISTRICT/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SPACE TO C1/PUD OFFICE DISTRICT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR A VETERINARY CLINIC; AND APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 49(26).

Elizabeth Weitman, Community Development Director, stated that the vacant subject site located north of SE 34th Street and east of Sooner Road is currently zoned C-1 as a Planned Unit Development for administrative office uses. The applicant is proposing to utilize this property as a specialty veterinary clinic with no boarding or daycare services. The PUD must be updated with this proposed use in order for development to occur.

Ms. Weitman stated that public water is available to serve the site from a 12" main along Sooner Road. Public sewer is unavailable to the site and a private septic system will be utilized. Onsite detention is required.

Access will be provided by Sooner Road, which is an ODOT Highway; therefore, all curb cuts will be approved by ODOT. The use of the PUD is a tool meant to address concerns of commercial incompatibility with surrounding residential uses. By utilizing a PUD the City may relax certain development requirements in exchange for amenities that would not otherwise be required. This PUD proposal includes the following amenities:

- No overnight boarding or daycare services.
- The site will be limited to one building 3,400 square feet in size. Building design will be residential-like in character, 9:12 pitched architectural shingle roof, one-story in height with a minimum of 75% bricking or masonry requirement.
- No outdoor storage or display will be allowed.
- All signs will be limited to a maximum height of 6' in height, not to exceed 40 square feet in area, designed to match architecture of the building.

- An additional 8 evergreen trees will be provided in the rear 25' landscape buffer. These trees will be in addition to the required landscaping per Code for the site.

The Envision Moore 2040 Plan calls for this location to be Neighborhood Commercial. The application was reviewed as to its conformance with the intent of the Plan. It is believed that with the amenities provided in the PUD the application meets the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan; therefore, staff recommended approval of the application.

Councilwoman Hunt moved to approve Rezoning Application No. RZ-1056, located in the SW/4 of Section 28 T10N, R2W, being north of SE 34th Street and east of Sooner Road, from C1/PUD Office District/Planned Unit Development for Administrative Office Space to C1/PUD Office District Planned Unit Development for a Veterinary Clinic; and approved Ordinance No. 49(26), second by Councilwoman Griffith. Motion carried by majority vote.

Ayes: Griffith, Hunt, Williams, Webb, Clark, Hamm
Nays: Porter
Absent: Webb

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH THE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAW FOR POTENTIAL TIF PROJECTS.

Deidre Ebrey, Assistant City Manager/Public Affairs Director, stated that the item is for consideration of a professional services agreement with the Center for Economic Development Law. The hourly fee schedule and scope of work is contained in the agreement. She indicated that the general scope of service is to provide legal services, consultation, advice, and representation on available economic development tools and programs; specifically, Tax Increment Financing ("TIF").

Councilman Williams asked if this contract was on an as-needed basis. Ms. Ebrey indicated that the contract was on an as-needed basis with a term ending December 31, 2026.

Councilman Williams moved to approve a contract with the Center for Economic Development Law for potential TIF projects, second by Councilman Clark. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

Agenda Item Number 7 being:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE WITH HCC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY ASSURED BENEFITS ADMINISTRATORS, INC., EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.

Mayor Hamm asked for a tabling motion at the request of staff.

Councilwoman Hunt moved to table Agenda Item No. 7, second by Councilman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

Agenda Item Number 8 being:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH HAPPY PLAYGROUNDS, LLC, FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING SHADE STRUCTURE EQUIPMENT AND THE INSTALLATION OF NEW SHADE STRUCTURE EQUIPMENT AT LITTLE RIVER PARK SOUTH LOCATED AT 709 SW 10TH STREET, MOORE, IN THE TOTAL BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$28,714 AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE QUOTE.

Sue Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the proposed contract with Happy Playgrounds, LLC is for the removal and replacement of the shade structure at the Little River Park South fitness court located east of the large playground. Ms. Wood advised that a large windstorm rendered the structure unrepairable and necessitated its replacement.

Councilman Porter moved to approve a contract with Happy Playgrounds, LLC, for the removal of the existing shade structure equipment and the installation of new shade structure equipment at Little River Park south located at 709 SW 10th Street, Moore, in the total budgeted amount of \$28,714 as the lowest responsible quote, second by Councilman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

Agenda Item Number 9 being:

CONSIDER AWARDDING BID NO. 2026-003 "CITY OF MOORE - BUCK THOMAS RESTROOM FACILITIES" TO LANDMARK CONSTRUCTION GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$819,720.00 AS THE LOWEST AND MOST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, PLUS A 10 PERCENT CONTINGENCY FEE AS RECOMMENDED BY TAP ARCHITECTURE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$901,692.00.

Sue Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that bids were solicited for the Buck Thomas Park baseball restroom facilities. The Landmark Construction Group submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$819,720. TAP Architecture recommended awarding the bid with a 10% contingency fee in the total amount of \$901,692.

Councilman Williams confirmed that this was a budgeted item. Councilman Porter thanked everyone involved in getting the project together. He felt that the citizens and sports leagues will make sure the new restroom facilities will be maintained.

Councilman Williams moved to award Bid No. 2026-003 "City of Moore - Buck Thomas Restroom Facilities" to Landmark Construction Group in the amount of \$819,720.00 as the lowest and most responsible bidder, plus a 10 percent contingency fee as recommended by TAP Architecture for a total amount of \$901,692.00, second by Councilman Clark. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

Agenda Item Number 10 being:

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 124(26) DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND/OR EASEMENTS MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, ALL WITHIN THE CITY OF MOORE, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SW 19TH STREET AND SANTA FE AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE CITY OF MOORE; AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING SAID PROPERTIES FOR ROADWAY WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION PURPOSES.

Jerry Ihler, Assistant City Manager, advised that the City is working toward the relocation of water lines outside of the intersections of major arterial roadways. The property being discussed is the empty CVS building located at SW 19th and Santa Fe Avenue. The City has been in discussions with the corporate headquarters out of San Diego, California for close to a year without resolution. Mr. Ihler requested authorization to proceed with acquiring the property by eminent domain in order to move forward with the water line relocation.

Councilwoman Hunt moved adopt Resolution No. 124(26) declaring the necessity for acquiring certain real property and/or easements more particularly hereinafter described, all within the City of Moore, County of Cleveland, State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of the SW 19th Street and Santa Fe Avenue Intersection Improvement Project, in the City of Moore; and declaring the necessity for acquiring said properties for roadway widening and reconstruction purposes, second by Councilman Porter. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

Agenda Item Number 11 being:

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 125(26) DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND/OR EASEMENTS MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, ALL WITHIN THE CITY OF MOORE, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE NE 12TH STREET (I-35 TO EASTERN AVENUE AND SOUTH TO NE 9TH STREET) ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE CITY OF MOORE; AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING SAID PROPERTIES FOR ROADWAY WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION PURPOSES.

Jerry Ihler, Assistant City Manager, stated that the City has been in property acquisition discussions with 32 property owners regarding the NE 12th Street roadway improvement project from I-35 to Eastern Avenue south to NE 9th Street. Mr. Ihler advised that over the past six months the City has acquired 27 of the properties needed for the project. Documentation is being prepared after reaching a verbal agreement with one of the property owners. However, an agreement has not been reached on the remaining four properties because the negotiations are too far apart or because there has not been any response from the City's inquiries. Therefore, staff is requesting authorization to proceed with the imminent domain process on the four remaining properties. Mr. Ihler noted that staff will continue with negotiation efforts in the hope of coming to an agreement before completion of the imminent domain proceedings.

Councilman Williams moved to adopt Resolution No. 125(26) declaring the necessity for acquiring certain real property and/or easements more particularly hereinafter described, all within the City of Moore, County of

Cleveland, State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of the NE 12th Street (I-35 to Eastern Avenue and South to NE 9th Street) Roadway Improvement Project, in the City of Moore; and declaring the necessity for acquiring said properties for roadway widening and reconstruction purposes, second by Councilman Clark. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

Agenda Item Number 12 being:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH C.H. GUERNSEY AND COMPANY FOR DESIGN OF TWO TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHTS ON SW 34TH STREET AT EASTERN AVENUE AND BROADWAY AVENUE FOR THE SW 34TH STREET WIDENING & RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM I-35 TO BROADWAY AND NORTH TO WILLOW PINE.

Jerry Ihler, Assistant City Manager, stated that Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with C.H. Guernsey and Company is for the design of traffic signals at SW 34th and Eastern and S. 34th and Broadway. The two signal lights were not included in the design proposal since at the time the traffic signals did not meet warrants based on the traffic flow. However, it is anticipated that with the widening of SW 34th Street to four lanes and with the 34th Street Bridge improvement, traffic flow will increase.

Clarification of the project boundaries was requested. Mr. Ihler advised that the project would begin at the east end of the 34th Street Bridge structure heading east and crossing the railroad tracks to Broadway, before turning north on Broadway to Willow Pine.

Mayor Hamm requested that the signal poles be black. Mr. Ihler indicated that our policy moving forward on all projects is if the existing poles can be utilized the poles they will be painted black; however, if new poles are required they will be ordered in black.

Councilman Clark moved to approve Amendment No. 5 in the amount of \$35,000 to the Agreement with C.H. Guernsey and Company for design of two traffic signal lights on SW 34th Street at Eastern Avenue and Broadway Avenue for the SW 34th Street Widening & Reconstruction Project from I-35 to Broadway and north to Willow Pine, second by Councilman Porter. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECESSED AND THE MOORE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING WAS CONVENED AT 6:54 P.M.

Agenda Item Number 13 being:

CONSENT DOCKET:

- A) RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MOORE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2025.

- B) RATIFY ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE WITH HCC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY ASSURED BENEFITS ADMINISTRATORS, INC., EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.
- C) APPROVE AND RATIFY CLAIMS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$987,812.30.

Trustee Griffith moved to approve Consent Docket Items A through C, second by Trustee Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

THE MOORE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING WAS RECESSED AND THE MOORE RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING WAS CONVENED AT 6:55 P.M.

Agenda Item Number 14 being:

CONSENT DOCKET:

- A) RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MOORE RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2025.
- B) APPROVE AND RATIFY CLAIMS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$730,214.85.

Trustee Clark to approve Consent Docket Items No. A and B, second by Trustee Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None
Absent: Webb

THE MOORE RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING WAS RECESSED AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED WITH MAYOR MARK HAMM PRESIDING AT 6:56 P.M.

Agenda Item Number 15 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) CITIZENS' FORUM FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Duane Kranz, 309 S. Wyndemere Springs, stated that he lives in the Wyndemere Estates Addition at 4th and Bryant. He indicated that beginning in 2017 he and his neighbor have had issues with stormwater backing up and flowing down their driveways. They do not feel that the original plans were followed as to design, pavement, and drainage to assist with the stormwater that drains into their cul-de-sac. Mr. Kranz stated that it was a private development in a gated community that was turned over to the City after improvements were made to the street. He felt something was missed from conveyance of the plans to the actual construction. Mr. Kranz advised that it is causing flooding down his driveway, past his garage door and into his outbuilding. He stated that he and his wife moved here because they felt it was one of the best communities that they have lived in over the years. He felt the problem was not intentional but they are looking for some resolution to the problem in conjunction with the City. With the recent increase

in rainfall this has turned into quite a problem. He felt improvements being made upstream with impervious materials on the ground such as driveways and concrete is causing the problem to become worse. Mr. Kranz stated that they would appreciate it if the City would at least look into the situation.

B) ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL/MPWA TRUSTEES.

There were no items from the City Council.

C) ITEMS FROM THE CITY/TRUST MANAGER.

Brooks Mitchell, City Manager, continued the proposed sales tax discussion from the last meeting by highlighting projects that the City would move forward with if the proposition passed.

Future projects with no funding source:

- NE 20th and Lincoln Avenue Drainage at an approximate cost of \$7,000,000.
- Ramblin Oaks Storm Sewer at an approximate cost of \$8,250,000.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant refurbishment at an approximate cost of \$20 million.
- Public Safety Facility. Because this project is still in the design phase there is no cost estimate at this time.

Mr. Mitchell indicated that if the sales tax proposition failed the projects would be proposed for G.O. bond funding. If the sales tax passes and is used to fund the construction projects, he recommended defining the parameters like we have done on the G.O. Bond projects where we have internally capped the millage rate at 16.5 mills. The City needs to be fiscally responsible managing the tax as we go through the years and proposed limiting use of the proposed sales tax to 80% of a 10-year projection of the sales tax based on the prior year collections of 1/3, or 1 cent, of the General Fund sales tax.

If the sales tax increase passes the base amount would be \$12,153,858 in year one. Projections would be based on that figure by multiplying it by ten and utilizing 80% of it. He advised that the City Council can change the limits on this and adjust the amount based on economic changes as part of the annual budget process or by resolution. If there is an economic downturn, the City would still have the necessary funds to pay the debt service because we capped ourselves at 80%. He indicated that the document tonight is a draft resolution to discuss the percentage of the sales tax to be used and how the budgeted amount is determined.

Mayor Hamm commented that the City wants to be fiscally responsible by placing parameters on how much of the sales tax would be spent on projects. He added that the projects would still come before Council for consideration.

Councilwoman Hunt stated that when proposing G.O. bonds for funding projects, the Council approves it and then the voters approve it. If the funding source is sales tax, the Council will approve the projects, but it would not go to a vote of the people. Mr. Mitchell added that typically when a project is proposed for funding with General Obligation Bonds the project goes before Council for discussion prior to voting whether to place it on a ballot. If the sales tax increase is approved the project would go before the Council for discussion. There will be Town Hall Meetings and information pushed out on social media to gather public input. Then an item would be placed on an agenda for Council approval.

Councilman Williams questioned how the \$20 million project funding would work using sales tax and how the payment term would be decided. He asked if the project would be funded using one year of tax money or would it be longer than one year. Mr. Mitchell indicated that the City is in the process of obtaining an Oklahoma Water Resources Board loan for this project. So the question would be what is the repayment source. In this situation the possibilities for funding would be increasing the water bills or

using sales tax monies to fund the debt service on the loan. He noted that all OWRB loans are for 25 years. In this situation there would be an allocation of sales tax to make the annual debt service payment.

Councilman Williams asked if there was a clear definition for infrastructure projects. Mr. Mitchell stated that in the draft resolution it defines a capital improvement project, among other things, as construction of buildings, facilities, and engineering and design services. It is very similar to the definition included in the G.O. Bond resolution.

Councilman Clark stated that if 80% of the sales tax collection would be used to fund capital improvement projects, would the remaining 20% be allowed to build up in an account. Mr. Mitchell stated that it would build up and be used to pay for the debt service. The hope is that enough money will build up over time so that some of the future projects could be paid for outright. However, there might be situations where it would be in the City's best interest to use sales tax notes.

Councilman Williams asked what would make this the better option over the way the City has been managing the $\frac{1}{4}$ and the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent sales tax. Mr. Mitchell indicated that since this would be a permanent tax we can project out ten years. The $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ cent sales tax renewal is voted on every four years.

Councilwoman Hunt asked how the City would pay for the wastewater treatment plant if the one cent sales tax election failed. Mr. Mitchell stated that his recommendation would be an increase in the water bill.

The Council expressed their appreciation for Mr. Mitchell's presentation and for the opportunity to ask questions during the meeting. Councilwoman Hunt asked for the dates of the three Town Hall Meetings. Mr. Mitchell advised that the dates would be January 26-28, 2026. He added that staff would be at each location from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for those individuals who might not be able to attend the presentation at 6:30 p.m. The locations will be at the Impact Center, the Community Center, and The Station.

Mr. Mitchell brought to Council's attention that he recently learned other cities are proposing an increase in their sales tax and also plan to put an item on the April 7, 2026 ballot.

Agenda Item Number 16 being:

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Hunt moved to adjourn the City Council meeting, second by Councilman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

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| Ayes: | Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Clark, Hamm |
| Nays: | None |
| Absent: | Webb |

The City Council, Moore Public Works Authority, and Moore Risk Management meetings were adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

TRANSCRIBED BY:

RHONDA BAXTER, Executive Assistant

FOR:

ROB CLARK, MPWA Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

VANESSA KEMP, City Clerk