



City of Broken Arrow

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Mayor Debra Wimpee
Vice Mayor Johnnie Parks
Council Member Lisa Ford
Council Member Justin Green
Council Member David Pickel

City Hall
220 S 1st Street
Broken Arrow OK
74012

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Time 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Debra Wimpee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Invocation

Pastor Rich Manganaro led the Invocation.

3. Roll Call

Present: 4 - David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee
Absent: 1 - Justin Green

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge was led by David Pickel.

5. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 25-11 Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025
- B. 25-12 Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of March 04, 2025
- C. 25-320 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1637, a Resolution to request programming of FFY2026 and FFY2027 Tulsa Urbanized Area Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the Planning, Design, Utility Relocations and Right of Way Acquisition for 23rd Street Improvements from Albany Street to Omaha Street (ST1931 and ST1932)
- D. 25-319 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1638, a Resolution to request programming of FFY2026 and FFY2027 Tulsa Urbanized Area Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the Planning, Design, Utility Relocations and Right of Way Acquisition for Olive Avenue Improvements from Kenosha Street to the railroad tracks south of Albany Street including the Kenosha Street and Olive Avenue Intersection (ST1710)
- E. 25-318 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1639, a Resolution to request programming of FFY2026 and FFY2027 Tulsa Urbanized Area Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the Planning, Design, Utility Relocations and Right of Way Acquisition for Washington Street and 23rd Street Intersection Improvements
- F. 25-199 Approval of and authorization to execute Agreement for Professional Consultant Services with Benham Design, LLC for providing design services on the Washington Street and 23rd Street Intersection project (Project Number ST24220)
- G. 25-361 Approval of and authorization to execute a Second Amendment to Capital Improvement Agreement with Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, for the Broken Arrow Gateway Signage Project
- H. 25-303 Approval of and authorization to execute Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Freese and Nichols for the design plans to mitigate erosion along Adams Creek adjacent to the Preserve Park Regional Detention Pond (Project No. SW24070)
- I. 24-1677 Approval of and authorization to execute Amendment Number 2 to Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the East Side Industrial Park Access Roadway and Railroad Crossing (Project Number ST23230)
- J. 25-326 Approval of and authorization to execute agreement for a public and private partnership to construct a storm sewer at Lynn Oaks Apartments with MACO Construction, Inc. (Project No. SW25100)
- K. 25-344 Approval of and authorization to execute Amendment Number 1 to Agreement for Professional Consultant Services with Poe & Associates, Inc. for the New Orleans Street Widening from Garnett Road to Olive Avenue (ST24200)
- L. 25-381 Approval of and authorization to execute Agreement for Tax Increment Finance Counsel Services with Public Finance Law Group, PLLC.
- M. 25-353 Approval of and authorization to execute a Parks and Recreation Use Agreement between the City of Broken Arrow and the Broken Arrow Volleyball Club for the use of Nienhuis

Park Community Center

- N. 25-299 Notification of City Manager's and Assistant City Manager's execution of Professional Consultant Agreements and Amendments to an Agreement, as well as public Construction Contracts not subject to the Competitive Bid Act, with a Contract value of less than \$50,000
- O. 25-251 Approval of and authorization to execute a Proclamation declaring the week of March 24, 2025, Arbor Week
- P. 25-154 Approval of and authorization to execute a Proclamation declaring April 2025 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in the City of Broken Arrow
- Q. 25-332 Approval of and authorization to purchase a new city phone service from Software House International (SHI)/RingCentral pursuant to the Oklahoma State Purchasing Contract
- R. 25-338 Acceptance of the Drainage Advisory Committee's recommendation to approve expenditure of 2018 General Obligation (GO) Bond, Proposition 6 funds to construct erosion control measures and channel cleaning along the bank of Haikey Creek at the Diocese of South Tulsa
- S. 25-322 Approval of and authorization to execute Change Order No. 1 with Kimery Painting Inc. for the Tiger Hill East Water Tank Restoration (2454460)
- T. 25-321 Approval of and authorization to execute Change Order No. 3 with Crossland Heavy Construction for the Lynn Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Improvements (\$1905)
- U. 25-293 Approval of BAZ 001974 2025 (Rezoning), Brook Chase IV V, approximately 33.11 acres, A 1 (Agricultural) to RS 4 (Single Family Residential), located approximately one eighth mile west of 23rd Street (193rd Avenue/County Line Road) and one-quarter mile north of Washington Street (91st Street)
- V. 25-336 Approval of PT 001907 2024|PR 000037 2022, Conditional Final Plat, Honey Springs at Battle Creek Phase I, 28.68 acres, 80 lots, PUD 94Q/A CG, A RD and A R 3 to PUD 94W/CG, RD and RS 3), south and east of the southeast corner of Dearborn Street (41st Street) and Aspen Avenue (145th E. Avenue)
- W. 25-362 Approval of PT 001954 2025|PR 000222 2023, Conditional Final Plat for East Quik Trip on Kenosha, 10.2 acres, 2 lots, A 1 (Agricultural), R 2 (Single Family Residential) & SP (Specific Use Permit) 53 to CN (Commercial Neighborhood), A 1 and R 2, & SP 53 via BAZ 001225 2023, on the northeast corner of Kenosha Street (71st Street) and Evans Road (225th E. Avenue)
- X. 25-291 Approval of PT 001985 2025 | PR 000016 2022, Conditional Final Plat, Oakmont Hills, 28.20 acres, 85 Lots, A 1 (Agricultural) to RS 3 (Single Family Residential) and CG (Commercial General)/PUD 000197 2022, located at the northwest corner of Florence Street (111th Street) and 9th Street (Lynn Lane)
- Y. 25-294 Approval of PUD 001972 2025 (Planned Unit Development) Major Amendment, Ferguson Superstore, 28.78 acres, & BAZ 001971 2025 (Rezoning) 1.63 acres RD (Residential Duplex) to CH (Commercial Heavy), generally located at the southeast corner of Elm Place and the Broken Arrow Expressway and one-third mile south of Albany Street (61st Street)
- Z. 25-296 Approval of SITE 001975 2025 (Site Plan), The Enclave at Southern Trails, 20.49 acres, BAZ 00012 2022 CG (Commercial General), RM (Residential Multi-Family), CM (Community Mixed Use) and PUD 000126 2022, generally located at the southeast corner of Olive Avenue (129th East Avenue) and New Orleans Street (101st Street)
- AA. 25-339 Acceptance of a Deed of Dedication for Parcel 1.1, which consists of 0.05 Acres of permanent Right of Way, located at 9123 South 177th East Avenue in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, in the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, from Cheeneah Maria Armstrong, and authorization of payment in the amount of \$7,340.00 for the 9th Street widening from Houston Street to Washington Street, Parcel 1.1 (Project No. ST2027)
- AB. 25-218 Acceptance of a Temporary Construction Easement consisting of 4,900 square feet from the David Roy and Karen Irene Foster Revocable Living Trust, on property located at 13009 South 133rd East Avenue, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, a tract of land that is located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 17 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma for the Willow Springs Lift Station Replacement Parcel 3. A. (Project No. 2154300)
- AC. 25-325 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from Larry Boykins and Anita Boykins, the owners, on property located at 11506 East 64th Street, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma. Parcel 5.0 for the Melinda Park Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Project No. S.23030
- AD. 25-346 Approval of and authorization of Final Acceptance for the public improvements at Park Place II, located at 6671 South 257th Avenue East
- AE. 25-329 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated March 10, 2025

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks
Move to Approve Consent Agenda minus Item 25-291

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

6. Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda

- X. 25-291 **Approval of PT 001985 2025 | PR 000016 2022, Conditional Final Plat, Oakmont Hills, 28.20 acres, 85 Lots, A 1 (Agricultural) to RS 3 (Single Family Residential) and CG (Commercial General)/PUD 000197 2022, located at the northwest corner of Florence Street (111th Street) and 9th Street (Lynn Lane)** This item was tabled until next council meeting.

7. Public Hearings, Appeals, Presentations, Recognitions, Awards

- A. 25-305 **Presentation and possible approval of a Certificate of Recognition for David Heard for his patriotic act of service for the City of Broken Arrow**

City Manager Michael Spurgeon recognized city employee David Heard for exceeding his duties. While on duty on March 5, 2025, Hurd noticed an American flag lying in a driveway with a broken pole. He took the flag to the homeowner's front door, demonstrating patriotism and dedication. His actions were acknowledged as a reflection of his character and the city's values. A video of the event was then presented.

David Heard, a nine-year employee of the City of Broken Arrow's stormwater department, operates a street sweeper and covers expanding neighborhoods in his routine. While on duty, he noticed an American flag on the ground, likely blown down by strong winds. Moved by his patriotism and respect for the flag, Mr. Heard stopped, picked it up, and placed it securely for the homeowner to find. Though he did not serve in the military, his deep appreciation for those who did motivated his actions, ensuring the flag was treated with dignity.

A Certificate of Recognition in honor of David Heard was presented.

- B. 25-352 **Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1641, approving and authorizing a Resolution recognizing and supporting the Motivational Me/Pack the Purpose community initiative**

Mayor Debra Wimpee presented Item 25-352, recognizing and supporting the Motivational Me/Pack and the Purpose Community Initiative. This initiative aligns with efforts led by Attorney General Drummond to raise awareness about human trafficking and online predators—issues often overlooked but prevalent. The city was honored to be among the first to support this cause, with other cities like Jenks expected to follow. City Manager Michael Spurgeon reviewed the proposal and endorsed the resolution, reinforcing the city's commitment to combating these threats.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon urged the council to pass Resolution 1641 and explore ways for public safety and administration to participate actively. Mr. Spurgeon highlighted the city's commitment to addressing community distress, citing initiatives like hiring a full-time domestic violence coordinator and implementing a mental health program for police and fire services. Supporting this resolution aligns with these efforts, emphasizing the need for greater awareness of human trafficking and online predators. The Attorney General's initiative was praised for bringing attention to these issues, and Broken Arrow was encouraged to participate.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by David Pickel
Move to Approve Item 25-352 authorization to execute Resolution No. 1641, approving and authorizing a Resolution recognizing and supporting the Motivational Me/Pack the Purpose community initiative

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- C. 25-265 **Update on the 2026 General Obligation Bond Package**

City Manager Michael Spurgeon presented Item 25-265. The Engineering and Construction Department is actively engaging with user groups to refine project requests for council consideration, with a dedicated meeting in June for their input. Prioritization is essential due to limited funding. Additionally, four informational letters will be sent to residents via utility bills, providing updates on the 2018 bond projects—75% of which are either completed or under construction. The first letter, set for April, will outline progress, with subsequent letters in July, fall, and early next year covering public forums, council actions, and final project selections. The park survey is also underway, with results expected soon, and discussions are planned for a potential partnership with the Tulsa City County Library to upgrade the South Broken Arrow Library. These efforts are part of the council's preparations for major decisions in June and July.

8. Citizens' Opportunity to Address the Council on General Topics Related to City Business or Services (No action may be taken on matters under this item) - NONE

9. General Council Business

- A. 25-383 **Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1644, a resolution declaring the intent to consider approval of a project and creation of a tax increment district under the Local Development Act; directing preparation of a Project Plan; appointing a Review Committee; directing the Review Committee to make findings as to eligibility and financial impact, if any, on taxing jurisdictions and business activities within the district; directing the Review Committee to make a recommendation with respect to the proposed Project Plan; directing the Planning Commission to make a recommendation with respect to the proposed Project Plan; and containing other provisions relating thereto**

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks

Move to Approve Item 25-383 authorization to execute Resolution No. 1644, a resolution declaring the intent to consider approval of a project and creation of a tax increment district under the Local Development Act; directing preparation of a Project Plan; appointing a Review Committee; directing the Review Committee to make findings as to eligibility and financial impact, if any, on taxing jurisdictions and business activities within the district; directing the Review Committee to make a recommendation with respect to the proposed Project Plan; directing the Planning Commission to make a recommendation with respect to the proposed Project Plan; and containing other provisions relating thereto

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- B. 25-382 **Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1636 regarding the City of Broken Arrow's opposition to proposed restrictions of municipal sewer sludge and biosolids handling within Oklahoma Senate Bills SB003 and SB268 and Oklahoma House Bill HB1726**

Assistant City Manager Kenny Schwab, alongside Utilities Director Tim Robins, provided an update on three legislative bills concerning biosolids and sewer sludge. These bills, particularly Senate Bill 003, propose a total ban on land application, leaving landfill disposal as the only viable option since incineration is not feasible. Mr. Schwab detailed ongoing discussions at the state level, including a March 13th meeting where representatives from 11 municipalities—covering nearly half of Oklahoma's population—met with the Department of Environmental Quality to address concerns.

Key issues raised included misaligned regulatory focus, unrealistic implementation timelines, significant cost increases, loss of beneficial land applications, landfill safety and capacity constraints, and potential legal challenges. The proposed ban could lead to higher operational expenses, increased landfill use, and infrastructure strain, particularly affecting cities like Oklahoma City, which produces 400 tons of biosolids daily. The discussion emphasized the need for better long-term solutions and a focus on controlling contaminants at the manufacturing level rather than burdening municipalities.

Resolution No. 1636, presented by Utilities Director Tim Robins, formally states the City of Broken Arrow's opposition to Oklahoma Senate Bills 003 and 268 and House Bill 1726, which propose restrictions or outright bans on land application and sale of municipal biosolids. The resolution emphasizes the city's commitment to safe, compliant, and cost-effective wastewater treatment and argues that these bills would create significant financial burdens, reduce landfill capacity, eliminate beneficial uses of biosolids, destabilize the waste management market, and infringe on property rights.

The city supports a scientific, evidence-based approach to regulating PFOS and PFOA chemicals in wastewater rather than what it sees as emotionally driven, premature legislation. The resolution calls on the state legislature to reconsider these bills, collaborate with environmental authorities, and develop more balanced regulations. It also directs the city manager to communicate this stance to legislators and encourages residents and businesses to voice their concerns.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks

Move to Approve Item 25-382 authorization to execute Resolution No. 1636 regarding the City of Broken Arrow's opposition to proposed restrictions of municipal sewer sludge and biosolids handling within Oklahoma Senate Bills SB003 and SB268 and Oklahoma House Bill HB1726

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- C. 25-198 **Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to execute a Professional Consultant Agreement with Myers-Cherry Construction, Inc. for the Construction Management Services of the Jail Expansion and Renovation Project (Project No. 203019)**

Shannon Marshall, Special Projects Division Manager, presented Item 25-198, coordinating

and prioritizing city projects and ensuring efficient resource allocation. In the context of recent discussions, Ms. Marshall has been working on refining user group requests for council consideration, recognizing the need to balance demands with available funding. Additionally, they oversee the development of updates related to ongoing city projects, including bond initiatives, infrastructure improvements, and community engagement efforts. Their role is crucial in aligning municipal priorities with strategic planning efforts.

Further discussion centered on concerns about the reliability of HVAC systems in city facilities, particularly at the jail and training center, where past low-bid contracts led to persistent issues. While state law requires awarding contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, the city has mechanisms to ensure quality, such as vetting contractors, requiring performance and maintenance bonds, and working with construction managers to address concerns. Additionally, extended warranty periods and collaboration with design engineers can help ensure HVAC systems are correctly designed and function efficiently.

City officials acknowledged the need for improvements at the jail, and recent tours highlighted staff's excitement about planned upgrades. The project team emphasized their commitment to working closely with stakeholders to meet the facility's needs.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by David Pickel
Move to Approve Item 25-198 authorization to execute a Professional Consultant Agreement with Myers Cherry Construction, Inc. for the Construction Management Services of the Jail Expansion and Renovation Project (Project No. 203019)**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

D. 25-306 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the reappointment of Robert Goranson to the City of Broken Arrow Planning Commission for a three-year term to expire May 1, 2028

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-306. Commissioner Robert Goranson, initially appointed to fill an unexpired term ending May 1, 2022, has been nominated for reappointment by Mayor Debra Wimpee. He has expressed his willingness to continue serving on the Planning Commission for another three-year term, set to expire on May 1, 2028. Staff recommends approval of his reappointment.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford
Move to Approve Item 25-306 reappointment of Robert Goranson to the City of Broken Arrow Planning Commission for a three-year term to expire May 1, 2028**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

E. 25-307 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the appointment of George Ghesquire to the City of Broken Arrow Board of Adjustment for a three-year term to expire March 21, 2028

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-307, the reappointment of George Ghesquire to the Broken Arrow Board of Adjustment.

**MOTION: A motion was made by David Pickel, seconded by Johnnie Parks
Move to Approve Item 25-307 appointment of George Ghesquire to the City of Broken Arrow Board of Adjustment for a three-year term to expire March 21, 2028**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

F. 25-335 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of PR 000596-2023 | PT 001987-2025, Conditional Final Plat, Three Oaks, approximately 12.34 acres, 41 proposed lot, RS 4 /PUD 0001503 2024 located approximately one-eighth mile north of East Washington Street (East 91st Street South) and approximately one-quarter mile east of 23rd Street (193rd E Ave/County Line Road)

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-335. The conditional final plat for Three Oaks includes 41 lots on 12.34 acres, located north of East Washington Street and east of 23rd Street, zoned RS4 for residential single-family use. The project's history includes a comprehensive plan change on November 21, 2023, preliminary plat approval on June 27, 2024, rezoning approval on July 15, 2024, and conditional final plat approval by the Planning Commission on February 27, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the conditional plat.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by David Pickel
Move to Approve Item 25-335 PR 000596 2023 | PT 001987-2025, Conditional Final Plat, Three Oaks, approximately 12.34 acres, 41 proposed lot, RS 4 /PUD 0001503 2024 located approximately one-eighth mile north of East Washington Street (East 91st Street South)**

and approximately one-quarter mile east of 23rd Street (193rd E Ave/County Line Road)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- G. 25-363 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of PT 001942-2024 | PR 000627-2024, Conditional Final Plat, Timber Ridge Residential, approximately 35.30 acres, 141 Lots, A 1 (Agricultural) to RS 4 (Single Family Residential) and RD (Residential Duplex)/PUD 334, located south and west of the southwest corner of Albany Street (61st Street) and 37th Street (209th E. Avenue)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-363. The conditional final plat for Timber Ridge Residential includes 141 lots on approximately 35.3 acres, located southwest of Albany and 37th Street. The property has been rezoned from AG to RS4, with PD 3-3334 also approved. Following concerns raised at the February 25th council meeting about connectivity issues with adjacent development, engineers from both projects collaborated to address and incorporate connectivity solutions into the plat. With these issues resolved, staff recommends approval of the conditional final plat.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks

Move to Approve Item 25-363 PT 001942-2024 | PR 000627-2024, Conditional Final Plat, Timber Ridge Residential, approximately 35.30 acres, 141 Lots, A 1 (Agricultural) to RS 4 (Single Family Residential) and RD (Residential Duplex)/PUD 334, located south and west of the southwest corner of Albany Street (61st Street) and 37th Street (209th E. Avenue)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- H. 25-308 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of PUD 001983-2025 (Planned Unit Development) Bentree Lift Station, 9.60 acres, located approximately one-third mile east of 23rd Street (County Line Road), south of Albany Street (61st Street)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-308. PUD 1983-2025 involves 9.6 acres of currently unplatted land located one mile east of 23rd Street, south of Albany Street, intended to develop a City of Broken Arrow sanitary sewer lift station. The south portion of the property will house the lift station, while the north parcel (Development Area A) will remain zoned agricultural (Ag 1) and used per zoning regulations. Development Area B will have access through a 25-foot mutual access agreement with the owner of Lot 21, Block 1 of the Bentree subdivision. During the Planning Commission meeting, a few residents inquired about noise and ordinance issues, but no significant concerns were raised.

Charlie Bright Director of Engineering and Construction, explained that engineering construction is the PUD 1983-2025 applicant, aligning with future master planning for a regional sanitary sewer lift station. The property was acquired due to its suitability. Still, it lacked access, prompting the PUD process to establish a mutual access agreement with a neighboring property, avoiding the need for a bridge over a creek.

At the public meeting, residents expressed initial unease due to uncertainty about the project. Still, concerns were alleviated after learning that no immediate plans exist to build the lift station. If constructed in the future, it would be positioned closer to the creek, away from residential properties, and include landscaping and screening to minimize impact. Additionally, noise levels would be low, addressing residents' primary concerns.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by David Pickel

Move to Approve Item 25-308 PUD 001983-2025 (Planned Unit Development) Bentree Lift Station, 9.60 acres, located approximately one-third mile east of 23rd Street (County Line Road), south of Albany Street (61st Street)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- I. 25-301 Consideration, discussion, and possible direction on securing lobbying services for the City of Broken Arrow for state and federal legislative matters**

City Manager Michael Spurgeon proposed reinstating lobbying or intergovernmental relations services to strengthen Broken Arrow's presence at the state and federal levels. He highlighted the need for dedicated representation to shape policy, secure funding, maintain regulatory compliance, and promote economic growth. To determine the best approach—whether hiring a contract lobbyist, establishing an intergovernmental relations contract, or appointing a full-time employee—he recommended forming a city council subcommittee to develop a strategic recommendation.

City council members discussed the importance of reestablishing lobbying or intergovernmental relations services to better advocate for Broken Arrow at the state and federal levels. They acknowledged the increasing complexity of legislative matters and the

difficulty of staying informed about bills that impact the city. While council members actively engage with legislators, they recognize the need for a dedicated representative to monitor legislation, facilitate meetings, and ensure the city's interests are effectively communicated.

Several members supported hiring a lobbyist, emphasizing the value of having a presence at decision-making tables and securing a role in discussions that shape policies affecting Broken Arrow. They also noted that a lobbyist could help navigate legislative schedules, track bills, and coordinate meetings with key officials. The consensus was to form a subcommittee to explore options and present a recommendation within 45 to 60 days, allowing the city to incorporate funding into the budget and develop a strategic plan for advocacy at both the state and federal levels.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks
Move to Approve Item 25-301 securing lobbying services for the City of Broken Arrow for state and federal legislative matters

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks seconded by David Pickel

Move to Appoint Mayor Wimpee and Councilor Ford to the Legislative Committee

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

10. Preview Ordinances

- A. 25-304 **Consideration, discussion, and possible preview of an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I, In General, Section 10.3, Manufacture, Sale, Use, Etc., of fireworks, of The Broken Arrow Code of Ordinances; Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to declare a rainout day for July 3 and or July 4 and designating an alternate date not later than July 15 authorizing the discharge of fireworks; repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency**

Trevor Dennis, City Attorney, presented Item 25-304, a proposed ordinance addressing fireworks regulations in Broken Arrow for July 3rd and 4th when fireworks are permitted between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. The issue raised in the previous meeting concerned potential rainouts on those dates. The draft ordinance grants the city manager or their designee the authority to declare a rainout on either or both days. If a rainout is declared, a make-up day for fireworks would be scheduled before July 15th of the same year. The council was invited to provide feedback before the ordinance is finalized for approval.

The city manager will handle the process for deciding a fireworks rainout in Broken Arrow on a case-by-case basis, considering weather conditions and forecasts. If rain is imminent on July 3rd and 4th, the city manager will likely make an early decision, consulting with Chief Arnold and his team for enforcement coordination. The preferred make-up date would be the weekend before July 15th, allowing residents time to plan while ensuring the community understands that only one alternate day will be provided. The final decision will be based on weather forecasts, aiming to give advance notice and minimize disruptions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford

Move to Approve Item 25-304, an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I, In General, Section 10.3, Manufacture, Sale, Use, Etc., of fireworks, of The Broken Arrow Code of Ordinances; Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to declare a rainout day for July 3 and or July 4 and designating an alternate date not later than July 15 authorizing the discharge of fireworks; repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- B. 25-300 **Consideration, discussion, and possible preview of an Ordinance closing a Waterline Easement on property located one-quarter mile south of Tucson Street (121st Street) and one-half mile west of Elm Place (161st Street), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 03, T17N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE 002008 2025)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-300. Tulsa L Development LLC has requested the closure of a 10-foot-wide waterline easement on a property located south of Tucson and west of Elm, which is currently being developed as a single-family residential subdivision. Staff recommends reviewing the ordinance and setting it for adoption.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford

Move to Approve Item 25-300, an Ordinance closing a Waterline Easement on property located one-quarter mile south of Tucson Street (121st Street) and one-half mile west of

Elm Place (161st Street), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 03, T17N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE 002008 2025)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- C. 25-333 Consideration, discussion, and possible preview of an Ordinance closing an easement from Oakmont Hills, LLC, on property located one-quarter mile north of Florence Street (111th East Avenue), east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 26, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE 001742 2024)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-333. Oakmont Hills has requested the closure of a 15-foot-wide easement on a property located north of Florence and east of 9th Street, which is currently being platted as Oakmont Hills. Staff recommends reviewing the ordinance and setting it for adoption.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by David Pickel

Move to Approve Item 25-333, an Ordinance closing an easement from Oakmont Hills, LLC, on property located one-quarter mile north of Florence Street (111th East Avenue), east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 26, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE 001742 2024)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- D. 25-334 Consideration, discussion, and possible preview of an Ordinance closing an easement from Oakmont Hills, LLC, on property located north of Florence Street (111th East Avenue), east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 26, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE 001743 2024)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-334, the same development, different 15-foot easement. Staff recommends to preview the ordinance and set it for adoption.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford

Move to Approve Item 25-334. an Ordinance closing an easement from Oakmont Hills, LLC, on property located north of Florence Street (111th East Avenue), east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 26, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary, and declaring an emergency (EASE 001743 2024)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

11. Ordinances- NONE

12. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members

Mayor Debra Wimpee announced a Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day event at First United Methodist Church on Thursday at 7 p.m., organized by the Military History Center, which she serves on the board. She emphasized the importance of welcoming Vietnam veterans who did not receive a warm homecoming by saying "Welcome Home" when meeting them. Additionally, she highlighted "Café con el Jefe," a Coffee with the Chief event hosted by Super Mercados Morales on March 29th, inviting the community to participate.

Vice Mayor Johnnie Parks shared that he, David Pickel, and Lisa Ford attended a United Way meeting on behalf of the City of Broken Arrow, where the city received the Green Country Business Award for its outstanding fundraising efforts. The town achieved an 11% increase in contributions from 2023 to 2024, demonstrating a strong commitment to the community. Their fundraising drive included an early start, a dedicated committee, an online donation system, incentives like PTO days, and events such as a bowl-a-thon, basket auctions, and a chili cook-off.

Vice Mayor Parks highlighted that Broken Arrow was the only city recognized at the event, emphasizing the award's significance. He suggested recognizing the fundraising committee at an upcoming city council meeting to acknowledge their hard work. He also noted the importance of supporting local nonprofits benefitting from United Way funding and expressed pride in the city's contributions.

Council Member Lisa Ford noted that over 900 people attended the United Way luncheon, where Broken Arrow received significant recognition. She acknowledged the city's strong support for local United Way agencies, including Broken Arrow Neighbors and Broken Arrow Seniors, both of which she serves on. She appreciated the recognition but emphasized that the

credit belongs to the committee that led the fundraising efforts.

She also highlighted the Broken Arrow Seniors Choir, which opened the event with a well-received performance. Throughout the program, Broken Arrow Seniors and Broken Arrow Neighbors were mentioned multiple times, including in a video presentation, further showcasing the city's impact and involvement.

Vice Mayor Parks reflected on recent events, including a Washington, D.C. trip and a veterans' event in Broken Arrow. Johnnie Parks and his wife Myrna attended the soldiers' appreciation event, where they praised the strong veteran presence, the community's support, and Mayor Debra Wimpee's passionate presentation. The event saw high attendance, including many city staff and their families, making it a successful gathering for the city.

Discussion also touched on the trip to D.C., where council members engaged with leaders nationwide, exchanging ideas on city improvements. Council member Pickel commended the Youth City Council for their professionalism and ability to converse with legislators, expressing pride in Broken Arrow's future leaders.

Mayor Debra Wimpee shared her experience attending a breakfast at the Swiss Embassy, reconnecting with female mayors from Switzerland, and meeting the new ambassador. The meeting concluded with city staff yielding time back to the council for further updates.

13. Remarks and updates by City Manager, including Recognition of Recent Accomplishments by Employees and Elected Officials – NONE

At approximately 8:38PM a motion was made to clear the room and enter into Executive session

14. Executive Session for the purpose of confidential communications between the City Council, the City Manager, the City Attorney and any other pertinent staff members discussing, conferring on matters and possible action in open session pertaining to:

- 1. A pending eminent domain litigation proceeding, asserted by the City of Broken Arrow against Bonnie E. Blalack Living Trust, et al.; Tulsa County District Court Case No. CJ-2024-3784, and taking appropriate action in open session, including possible authorization to settle the proceeding, under 25 O.S. §307(B)(4);**

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford

Move to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate the settlement of the matter of City of Broken Arrow v. Bonnie E. Blalack Living Trust in the amount recommended by the City Attorney.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- 2. Litigation, including potential resolution and settlement, of a matter involving the worker's compensation claim of William Thummel, WCC #Cm3-2022-07716F, including possible authorization to settle this claim, under 25 O.S. §307(B)(4).**

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford

Move to authorize the City Attorney and outside counsel to negotiate the settlement of the workers' compensation claim of William Thummel in the amount recommended by outside counsel.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:47 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks

Move to adjourn

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

Mayor

City Clerk