

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
OF THE MOORE CITY COUNCIL
THE MOORE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY
THE MOORE RISK MANAGEMENT BOARD
THE MOORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
AND A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MOORE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 18, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Moore met in the City Council Chambers, 301 North Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma, May 18, 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/Risk Manager, Brian Miller; City Clerk, Vanessa Kemp; Community Development Director, Elizabeth Weitman; Emergency Management Director, Gayland Kitch; Finance Director, John Parker; Fire Chief Ryan Marlar; Parks & Recreation Director, Sue Wood; Police Chief Todd Gibson; Police Sergeant Ken Pitts; Public Affairs Director/Assistant City Manager, Deidre Ebrey; Public Works Director, Dennis Bothell; and Veolia Water Project Manager, Robert Pistole.

Mayor Hamm presented a proclamation to Public Works Director Dennis Bothell declaring May 17-23, 2026 as "National Public Works Week." Mr. Bothell stated that The Public Works Department will hold to hold a luncheon to recognize the employees on May 21, 2026 from 11 am to 1 pm and invited the City Council to attend. Mayor Hamm stated that Council appreciates everything the Public Works Department does for the City including clearing the roads following ice and snowstorms.

Agenda Item Number 2 being:

CONSENT DOCKET:

- A) RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2026.
- B) RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PARKS BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 7, 2026.
- C) ACCEPT 729.72 SQ. FT. OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM LLOYD A. POLLARD, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SW 19TH STREET AND SANTA FE AVENUE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, FOR PARCEL 12.1.

- D) ACCEPT 2,433.93 SQ. FT. OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM DDDD, LLC, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SW TELEPHONE ROAD, SW 19TH STREET TO SW 34TH STREET ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, FOR PARCEL 9.
- E) APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR FY 26-27 WITH SIGNAL SYSTEM MANAGEMENT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,520 TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS AND MONITOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CITY.
- F) APPROVE AND RATIFY CLAIMS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,344,722.13.

Councilman Williams moved to approve Consent Docket Items A-F, second by Councilman Clark. Motion carried unanimously.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECESSED AND A PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONVENED AT 6:34 P.M.

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMENTS REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY 11 OKLA. STAT. § 17-208 (2023).

Brooks Mitchell, City Manager, gave a summary of the 2026-2027 budget. Mr. Mitchell indicated that due to the state of the economy the proposal is a flat budget for sales and use tax. The sales tax proposed budget is \$37,475,000 and the use tax budget is \$6,750,000. He presented the following information regarding the budget:

- Capital outlay for the Moore Public Works Authority is \$1,004,937 and will include a rear loader, air vacuum street sweeper, backhoe loader, F600 dump truck, and one leased F150. Capital Outlay for the General Fund is \$1,260,214 and includes a joint sealing machine for Streets, new dog yard turf, fencing for the Animal Shelter, replacement of 13 coil units for the Library, and two leased F-150s.
- The ¼ cent Park projects total \$1,682,704 and include an Adaptive Sports Field in Buck Thomas Park, drainage and a walking trail in Phillips 66 Park, and improvements to the parking lot north of The Station. Mr. Mitchell stated that the ¼ cent sales tax will also be used to complete the Public Works Facility.
- Hotel/Motel projects total \$1,449,371 and include splash pad enhancements at Fairmoore Park and moving the horseshoe court to the west side of the park.
- The ½ cent sales tax will fund \$1,370,000 for residential street construction on Jordan Drive, NE 7th Street, Highland Drive, Nail Parkway, and Baer Drive. The street maintenance budget is \$1,980,000 and the sidewalk maintenance budget is \$150,000.
- The ½ cent sales tax will fund \$1,324,660 on public safety equipment, including six equipped police vehicles, and self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.

Mayor Hamm stated that the City Manager and the Department Heads are very responsible with the money while making sure there is adequate funding for police, fire, public works, and parks. The budget process is continuing but he expressed his appreciation for all the work that goes into the budget preparation.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS RECESSED AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 6:37 P.M.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 134(26) PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF 2026, APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS AT AN ELECTION HELD ON JUNE 26, 2018, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF BONDS TO MATURE EACH YEAR, FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE THE BONDS ARE TO BE SOLD AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID SALE AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Brooks Mitchell, City Manager, advised that Resolution No. 134(26) pertains to the annual sale of the General Obligation Bonds that are used for capital projects. Mr. Mitchell stated that Terry Hawkins, Bond Counsel, and Cameron Bertelli, Financial Advisor, are in attendance to answer any questions.

Councilwoman Hunt moved to Consider adoption of a Resolution No. 134(26) pertaining to the General Obligation Bonds of 2026, approved by a majority of the qualified voters at an election held on June 26, 2018, fixing the amount of Bonds to mature each year, fixing the time and place the Bonds are to be sold and authorizing the Clerk to give notice of said sale as required by law, second by Councilman Clark. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH VEOLIA WATER NORTH AMERICA-CENTRAL LLC BY MODIFYING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS INDICATED.

Brian Miller, City Attorney, stated that in December 2025 the City approved a new contract with Veolia. The amendment to the contract is being proposed to correct some typos that were discovered along with changes to some language that must read a specific way regarding federal projects.

Councilman Clark moved to approve an amendment to the current agreement with Veolia Water North America-Central LLC by modifying certain sections as indicated, second by Councilman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 135(26) SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF BROOKS MITCHELL TO THE DISTRICT 8 SEAT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE; DECLARING SAID APPOINTMENT TO BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF MOORE AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND DECLARING THE MISSION OF THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE.

Mayor Hamm asked that Mr. Mitchell explain what his responsibilities would be as a member on the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Municipal League. Mr. Mitchell advised that OML works closely with the legislature. Having a seat on the Board would allow him to be a voice for the City of Moore. He noted that the vacancy on the District 8 seat is due to the retirement of the Mayor of Midwest City.

Councilwoman Griffith moved to adopt Resolution No. 135(26) supporting the appointment of Brooks Mitchell to the District 8 seat on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Municipal League; declaring said appointment to be for the benefit of the City of Moore and other municipalities within the District; and declaring the mission of the Oklahoma Municipal League to be for the public purpose, second by Councilman Williams. 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 6:41 P.M.

Agenda Item Number 7 being:

CONSENT DOCKET:

- A) RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MOORE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2026.
- B) RATIFY ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH VEOLIA WATER NORTH AMERICA-CENTRAL LLC BY MODIFYING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS INDICATED
- C) APPROVE AND RATIFY CLAIMS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,406.84.

Trustee Hunt moved to approve Consent Docket Item A-C, second by Trustee Porter. 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 6:41 P.M.

Agenda Item Number 8 being:

CONSENT DOCKET:

- A) RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MOORE RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2026.
- B) APPROVE AND RATIFY CLAIMS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$496,029.22.

Trustee Griffith moved to approve Consent Docket Items A-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 MOORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING WAS CONVENED AT 6:42 P.M. WITH CHAIRWOMAN MELISSA HUNT PRESIDING:

Agenda Item Number 9 being:

ROLL CALL

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

Agenda Item Number 10 being:

CONSENT DOCKET:

- A) RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MOORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2026.

Trustee Clark moved to approve Consent Docket Item A, second by Trustee Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

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

THE MOORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING WAS RECESSED AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:44 WITH MAYOR HAMM PRESIDING:

Agenda Item Number 11 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

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

There were no citizens to speak.

- B) ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL/MPWA TRUSTEES.

Councilman Porter stated that on May 18, 1979 one of the Moore Police Department's officers, Danny Vanderpool, died tragically in a motorcycle accident while on loan to the Edmond Police Department for a special investigation. Councilman Porter expressed his appreciation for a memorial honoring Mr. Vanderpool located outside of City Hall and wanted to take a moment to remember his family and the sacrifice that he made 47 years ago.

Mayor Hamm related that he, Chief Gibson, and Senator Weaver had the opportunity to speak at the first Moore Police Officer Memorial Ceremony held at Central Park. He stated that the event was well attended, and he stated how impressed he was with the Honor Guard who had also appeared at the National Police Memorial in Washington, DC. He felt it was good to recognize and honor those fallen officers.

- C) ITEMS FROM THE CITY/TRUST MANAGER.

Brooks Mitchell, City Manager, announced that on May 27, 2026 from 4 to 8:30 pm a Public Open House will be held at The Station hosted by ODOT and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to discuss the I-35

frontage and ramp improvements in conjunction with the Toby Keith Expressway formerly known as the East-West Connector. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Mitchell asked Chief Gibson to come to the podium to say a few words. Police Chief Gibson advised that the Police Impact Foundation paid to send a large contingency of the Moore Police Department's Honor Guard to Washington, DC to celebrate Police Week and to participate in the 45th Annual National Police Officers Memorial. The City of Moore's Honor Guard stood guard as distinguished guests, including the Vice-President of the United States and dignitaries from across the nation, arrived and during the Memorial Service. The City of Moore Police Honor Guard, the Oklahoma City Police Honor Guard, and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Honor Guard represented Oklahoma families who lost loved ones in the line of duty. They escorted families of lost officers to the stage where they were given a wreath while the fallen officers' names were read aloud and added to the memorial wall. A short video was shown of the Honor Guard in Washington D.C. Chief Gibson stated that although they do not want to diminish any dangers in the world and recognize there are a lot of dangerous jobs, the sacrifice that this job brings is significant to the men and women that wear this uniform. This is one of the few jobs where you can be stabbed, shot, or murdered simply because of the uniform that you wear or the job that you do. He advised that they are grateful for the community, the elected officials, the City Manager, and the support that they receive each day as they go out to do a very difficult job. He stated that this is a moment to pause and remember the sacrifice that the officers made along with the families of those officers. Chief Gibson stated that they were honored to be in Washington, D.C. representing the City of Moore. Mayor Hamm stated that the Honor Guard represented the City well and they are appreciated. He noted that additional pictures are available of the Memorial Service on the Police Department's social media page.

Agenda Item Number 12 being:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING THE CITY MANAGER'S EVALUATION AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AS AUTHORIZED BY 25 OKLA. STAT. § 307(B)(1).
- B) CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Williams moved to convene into executive session, second by Councilwoman Griffith. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The City Council convened into executive session at 6:50 p.m.

- C) Reconvene from Executive Session

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

The City Council reconvened from executive session at 8:00 p.m.

- D) ACTION
- A) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING THE CITY MANAGER'S EVALUATION AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AS AUTHORIZED BY 25 OKLA. STAT. § 307(B)(1).

Councilwoman Hunt moved to direct staff to proceed as directed in executive session regarding the City Manager’s evaluation and employment benefits, as authorized by 25 Okla. Stat. § 307(B)(1), second by Councilman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Agenda Item Number 13 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The City Council, Moore Public Works Authority, Moore Risk Management, and Moore Economic Development Authority meetings were adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

TRANSCRIBED BY:

RHONDA BAXTER, Executive Assistant

FOR:

ADAM WEBB, MPWA Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

VANESSA KEMP, City Clerk