

THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, IN THE MIAMI CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:00 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bless Parker, Mayor  
Brian Estep, Councilmember Ward 1 (Absent)  
Kevin Dunkel, Councilmember Ward 2  
Dwain Sundberg, Councilmember Ward 3 (Absent)  
Brad Williams, Councilmember Ward 4

Bo Reese, City Manager  
Ben Loring, City Attorney  
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

The agenda for the meeting was displayed in the main lobby of the Miami Civic Center and by posting on [www.miamiokla.net](http://www.miamiokla.net) starting at 3:00PM on September 23, 2022, pursuant to 25 O.S §311(9) (a) and (b).

**THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND VOTE FOR APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ANY ITEM LISTED IN THIS AGENDA:**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Parker called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Discussion on Possible Adjustment to the Marijuana Ordinance**

Jason Elsasser explained that he is a Miami High School graduate and owns Full Tilt. Elsasser explained that his organization covers every aspect of the medical marijuana industry. Elsasser provided the Council with information regarding the history of medical marijuana in Oklahoma and the direction he believes the industry is heading. The current Miami ordinance states that there is no on premise consumption, smoking, or vaping of medical marijuana on any licensed dispensary, grower, or processor in the C4 district in Miami. Elsasser is requesting the Council to adjust the city ordinance to follow the standard set by the state. Elsasser would like to create a Full Tilt Miami Lounge. This would have video games, refreshments, and billiards. This would be a destination spot for people to consume in a relaxing environment.

No action taken.

**4. \*Action Item\* Addition of Section 5 in Article 13 (Overtime) of the FY 2022-2024 Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 121 Collective Bargaining Agreement C22-41**

Cindy Vanover explained that when the new contract was approved, there was a scrivener error where section five (5) of article thirteen (13 ) was left out. This section provides for each detective to receive four (4) hours of pager pay each month for being on call. This was agreed upon by both the FOP Lodge 121 and the city negotiating team.

Councilmember Dunkel moved to approve the addition of section 5 in article 13 (overtime) of the FY 2022-2024 Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 121 collective bargaining agreement C22-41. Councilmember Williams made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Dunkel, Aye                      Williams, Aye                      Parker, Aye                      Estep, Absent                      Sundberg, Absent

Mayor Parker declared the motion carried.

**5. \*Action Item\* Resolution CC2022-12 Approving a Departure From Limitation of Approved FY 2022-2023 Budget Regarding Full Time Equivalents (FTE) as Pertaining to the Role of Purchasing Agent**

Cindy Vanover explained that when the new budget resolution was approved for this fiscal year it included two hundred two (202) employees, which reduced the previous amount that was approved by Council. Vanover explained that city staff are requesting to add an additional full time employee (FTE) so that a full time purchasing agent can be hired. Previously the purchasing agent duties were combined with the paralegal. Now the paralegal will be combined with court. Councilmember Dunkel stated that he wanted to approve more than the requested amount so that the City Manager Bo Reese could hire for positions that are needed without having to come back to Council each time as long as it is within the approved budget.

Councilmember Dunkel moved to approve an amended resolution CC2022-12 to increase the full time equivalents to 205 as long as the budget allows. Councilmember Williams made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Dunkel, Aye                      Williams, Aye                      Parker, Aye                      Estep, Absent                      Sundberg, Absent

Mayor Parker declared the motion carried.

**6. \*Action Item\* Addition of Stop Signs on the Corners of D Street & 4th Street NW to Make the Intersection a 4-Way Stop**

Thomas Anderson explained that this subject was brought to him by Councilmember Dunkel who spoke with a concerned citizen. This intersection is currently a two (2) way stop and staff is requesting to make this a four (4) way stop to improve safety at this intersection.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the addition of stop signs on the corners of D Street & 4th Street NW to make the intersection a 4-way stop. Councilmember Dunkel made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Williams, Aye                      Dunkel, Aye                      Parker, Aye                      Estep, Absent                      Sundberg, Absent

Mayor Parker declared the motion carried.

**7. \*Action Item\* Remove 1-Way Restriction From Circle Dr./5<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Create Steps From Stadium Parking Lot to Street Level**

Thomas Anderson explained that removing the one-way restriction will improve daily and special event traffic flow. Thermo Fisher is requesting that a set of steps be added to allow a way for citizens to travel to and from the main street level to Joe Pollock Stadium. Mayor Parker asked Chief Anderson to ask Thermo Fisher if they would partner with the city to help repaving the parking lot as needed.

Councilmember Dunkel moved to approve the removal of 1-way restriction from Circle Dr./5<sup>th</sup> Street NE and create steps from stadium parking lot to street level and to ask Thermo Fisher to partner with the city when the parking lot needs repaving. Councilmember Williams made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Dunkel, Aye                      Williams, Aye                      Parker, Aye                      Estep, Absent                      Sundberg, Absent

Mayor Parker declared the motion carried.

**8. \*Action Item\* Ordinance 2022-13 Amending Chapter 26 (Zoning), Section 26-357 (Off-Street Parking) of the Code of Ordinances; Providing Severability; Providing for Conflicting Provisions; Repealing all Conflicting Ordinances; and Establishing an Effective Date**

Kristi McClain explained that the requested amendment to the ordinance is to add the following language: "Except where otherwise prohibited by applicable law." This will allow lots located in the floodplain to be utilized as undeveloped parking lots.

Mayor Parker moved to approve ordinance 2022-13. Councilmember Dunkel made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Parker, Aye                      Dunkel, Aye                      Williams, Aye                      Estep, Absent                      Sundberg, Absent

Mayor Parker declared the motion carried.

**9. Discussion on Amending Chapter 10 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, Section 10-36 Regarding Lands to Which This Ordinance Applies**

Kristi McClain explained that the requested amendment to the ordinance is to add language to reflect the provisions of the ordinance that do not apply, such as property that belongs to the United States of America, the State of Oklahoma or property held in trust for any federally recognized tribe. The ordinance must be approved by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) before it can be brought to Council for a vote. McClain reported that OWRB had approved and sent the ordinance on to FEMA.

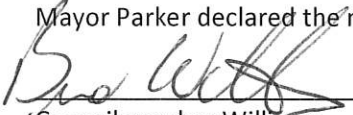
No action was taken.

**10. Adjournment**

Councilmember Dunkel moved to adjourn. Mayor Parker made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Dunkel, Aye                      Parker, Aye                      Williams, Aye                      Estep, Absent                      Sundberg, Absent

Mayor Parker declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.


  
Councilmember Williams

  
Councilmember Sundberg

  
Councilmember Dunkel

  
Councilmember Estep

  
Mayor Bless Parker

ATTEST:   
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

