

BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER 4, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Shawnee, County of Pottawatomie, State of Oklahoma, met in Special Call Session in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 9th and Broadway, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly posted as prescribed by law at 9:25 a.m. on November 26, 2019. Mayor Finley presided and called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members were in attendance.

Richard Finley
Mayor

Ed Bolt
Commissioner Ward 1

Ron Gillham
Commissioner Ward 2

James Harrod
Commissioner Ward 3-Vice Mayor

Darren Rutherford
Commissioner Ward 4

Mark Sehorn
Commissioner Ward 5

Ben Salter
Commissioner Ward 6

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION

Prayer by Father Tom Dahlman

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1:

Mayor and City Commissioners to attend the
Broadway Project Listening Session.

Mayor Finley stated ground rules for the meeting. He explained anyone who wishes to speak must sign up and names will be called in order of sign up. Per City Ordinance, there is a three-minute per person time limit; however, the twelve-minute per topic portion is being waived for tonight's meeting.

The following citizens spoke regarding the Broadway Project and proposed bike lanes: Father Tom Dahlman, Mr. Glenn Peck, Ms. Holly Gordon, Mr. Daniel Shaughnessy, Mr. John King, Miss Bella Dahlman, Mr. Gene Greenfield, Ms. Kimberlye Finch, Ms. Cheryl Eichling, Ms. LaDonna Bryce, Ms. Kay Wheeler, Mr. Troy Cook, Mr. John King, Mrs. Nelda Ward, Ms. Carmen Wolf, Mrs. Cami Engles, and Mr. Larry Smith.

Mayor Finley called on Mrs. Rachael Melot, Director of Blue Zones Project, to further explain the Broadway Project and the process that has taken place to date. Mrs. Melot explained that the Broadway Project is a Complete Street project that will propose several aspects of Broadway Avenue, including but not limited to street lighting, speed limits, sidewalks and bike lanes.

Commissioner Bolt thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight. He stated his concerns for additional street lighting and speeding. He stated it is important to get opinions and the engagement of citizens during community discussions. He advised that the project still has not been designed.

Commissioner Gillham said that improvements to Broadway Avenue will put a positive impact on the area. He said that Broadway is a natural gateway to downtown.

Vice Mayor Harrod stated he would like to see the project completed but does not want residents to lose parking. He said he would like to see other projects already committed to completed before Broadway Avenue improvements.

Commissioner Rutherford stated that this is still a proposal and no plans have been finalized yet. He does not want residents to lose their parking, but believes there can be a compromise.

Commissioner Sehorn stated that he would like to see Broadway revitalized. He does not want anyone to lose their parking.

Commissioner Salter said we will all have to work together to get the Broadway Project worked out.

Mayor Finley noted a lot of good points were made on both sides of the proposed project.

There being no business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned by power of the Chair. (7:24 p.m.)

ATTEST:



Lisa Laszoni
LISA LASYONE, CMC, CITY CLERK

Richard Finley
RICHARD FINLEY, MAYOR