Edmond City Council Minutes - March 23, 2026

Regular Meeting

1. **Call to Order of the Edmond City Council Meeting.**

Mayor Nash called the regular meeting of the Edmond City Council to order at 5:30 PM, Monday, March 23, 2026, in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, located at 22 East Main Street in Edmond, Oklahoma. Public notice of the date, time, and place for this meeting was provided in the Edmond City Council 2026 Schedule of Regular Meetings, filed with the Edmond City Clerk on September 9, 2025, at 8:00 AM. The date, time, place, and agenda for this meeting was also posted on the City of Edmond's website and at City Hall on March 19, 2026, at 11:54 AM. Written notice of the date, time, place, and agenda of the regular meeting was delivered to those requesting notice on March 19, 2026, at 12:09 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

ABSENT: None

2. **Citizen Comments.**

Taylor Wilson, an Edmond resident, spoke regarding the current budget process.

3. **Presentations:**

A. **Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing March 23-28, 2026 as Arbor Week in the City of Edmond.**

B. **Presentation of Tree City USA, Tree Line USA, and Tree Campus Recognitions by Riley Coy, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator with Oklahoma Forestry Services.**

C. **Recognition of Best of Show Winners in the Arbor Day Art Contest.**

4. **Appointments and Reappointments:**

A. **Mayor Appointments and Reappointments:**

1. **Appointment of Erica Ades to the Edmond Historic Preservation Trust to Fulfill the Unexpired Term of Robert Rice; Term Expires June 30, 2026.**

2. **Appointment of Jeffrey John Lux to the Stormwater Drainage Advisory Board to Fulfill the Unexpired Term of Nick Nicoll; Term Expires September 30, 2026.**

3. **Appointment of Clara Ferate to the Edmond Historic Preservation Trust to Fulfill the Unexpired Term of Harrison Schaub; Term Expires June 30, 2026.**

Motion by Councilmember Watterson, seconded by Councilmember Fraim, to approve all appointments and reappointments as listed under agenda item 4. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

5. City Council Public Hearing Items:

A. Case No. DD24-00007; Public Hearing and Consideration of Approval of a Lot Split for 330 W 1st Street, Located on the Southeast Corner of 1st and Walnut. (Castle Custom Homes LLC)

Mayor Nash asked if the applicant was present. The applicant responded affirmatively.

Ken Bryan, Director of Planning, provided general information regarding agenda item 5.A., and noted that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval at their March 3, 2026, meeting.

Mayor Nash asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the agenda item. No one responded.

Motion by Councilmember Fraim, seconded by Councilmember Moore, to approve agenda item 5.A. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

B. Case No. Z25-00031; Public Hearing and Consideration of Approval of Ordinance No. 4080 Rezoning Certain Property Located at 208 E 5th Street from "A" Single Family to "B" Two-Family and Providing an Effective Date. (Tyler Burns)

Mayor Nash asked if the applicant was present. The applicant responded affirmatively.

Ken Bryan, Director of Planning, provided general information regarding agenda item 5.B., and noted that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval at their March 3, 2026, meeting.

Mayor Nash asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the agenda item. No one responded.

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, to approve agenda item 5.B. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

C. Case No. ES25-00006; Public Hearing and Consideration of Approval of Ordinance No. 4081 Closing an Electric Easement Generally Located at 1700 S State Street Edmond, Oklahoma County, Providing for Repealer and Severability; And Declaring an Emergency. (Mike Looney)

Ken Bryan, Director of Planning, provided general information regarding agenda item 5.C.

Mayor Nash asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the agenda item. No one responded.

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Watterson, to approve agenda item 5.C. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Fraim, to approve the emergency clause for Ordinance No. 4081, which provides that an effective date of March 23, 2026, is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, and public welfare of the City of Edmond and the inhabitants thereof. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

D. Public Hearing and Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 05-26 Supporting the City's Application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program for Hafer Park Recreational Improvements.

Brad Raney, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided general information regarding agenda item 5.D.

Mayor Nash asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the agenda item. No one responded.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, seconded by Councilmember Fraim, to approve agenda item 5.D. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

E. 33rd Street Sidewalk Project:

1. **Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment for a Supplemental Appropriation for Funding the 33rd Street Sidewalk Project from the 2000 CIP Reserves; $110,080.10.**

2. **Consideration of Acceptance of Bid, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract, and Approval of Resolution No. 06-26 Appointing Purchasing for the 33rd Street Sidewalk Project for Engineering; $110,080.10.**

Steve Lawrence, Director of Engineering, provided general information regarding agenda items 5.E.1. and 5.E.2.

Mayor Nash asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the agenda items. No one responded.

Motion by Councilmember Watterson, seconded by Councilmember Fraim, to approve agenda item 5.E.1. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Motion by Councilmember Watterson, seconded by Councilmember Fraim, to approve agenda item 5.E.2. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

F. Inaugural Route 66 Beach Sprint Rowing Festival:

1. **Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment for a Supplemental Appropriation to Sponsor the Inaugural Route 66 Beach Sprint Rowing Festival at Arcadia Lake; $50,000.00.**

2. **Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 07-26 Requesting Quality Event Designation for the 2026 Route 66 Beach Sprint Rowing Festival to be held August 29-30th, 2026 at Edmond Park at Arcadia Lake, Edmond, Oklahoma; Defining the Quality Event Geographic Area; Specifying the Quality Event's Revenue Capture Period; Identifying Expenses Eligible for Payment Through Distribution of Captured Revenues to the Host Community; Identifying the Beach Sprint Rowing League as the Event's Certified Sponsor; And Identifying the City of Edmond as the Host Community: And Declaring an Effective Date.**

3. **Consideration of Approval of a Host and Sponsorship Agreement for the Inaugural Beach Sprints Festival at Edmond Park on Arcadia Lake on August 29-30, 2026; $50,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2025-26; Additional $50,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2026-27 if Budget Authority Provided by City Council.**

Jennifer Thornton, Director of Tourism, provided general information regarding agenda items 5.F.1.. 5.F.2., and 5.F.3. Ms. Thornton noted that there was an updated version of the agreement to be considered under agenda item 5.F.3. and provided copies to members of Council and the public.

Mike Knopp, leading the event, provided additional information regarding the agenda items.

Mayor Nash asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the agenda items.

Taylor Wilson, an Edmond resident, spoke in support of the program.

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Fraim, to approve agenda item 5.F.1. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, to approve agenda item 5.F.2. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Watterson, to approve agenda item 5.F.3. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

G. Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment for a Transfer of Appropriations for Art in Public Places (AIPP); $30,000.00.

Kathy Panas, Director of Finance, provided general information regarding agenda item 5.G.

Mayor Nash asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the agenda item. No one responded.

Motion by Councilmember Fraim, seconded by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, to approve agenda item 5.G. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

H. Consideration of a Budget Amendment for a Supplemental Appropriation for Oklahoma Monarch Society Partnership; $9,000.00.

Brad Raney, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided general information regarding agenda item 5.H.

Mayor Nash asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the agenda item. No one responded.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, seconded by Councilmember Moore, to approve agenda item 5.H. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

6. Recess of the Edmond City Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Watterson, seconded by Councilmember Fraim, to recess the Edmond City Council meeting. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Mayor Nash reconvened the Edmond City Council meeting.

11. City Council General Consent Items:

A. Consideration of Approval of City Council Special Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2026.

B. **Consideration of Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2026.**

C. **Consideration of Acceptance of the City Treasurer's Month-End Pooled and Trustee Investment Reports for November and December 2025 and January and February 2026.**

D. **Consideration of Acceptance of Donated Easement from Legacy at Covell Shops, LLC, Associated with Whole Foods Market, Located at 4580 Heritage Park Drive.**

E. **Consideration of Acceptance of Donated Easement from Life Covenant Church, Inc., Associated with the Life Church Central Campus - YouVersion Expansion, Located at 4600 East 2nd Street.**

F. **Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 08-26 Supporting the City's 2026 Application to the Oklahoma Attorney General's Opioid Abatement Grant Program.**

G. **Consideration of Renewal of Asset Forfeiture Agreement with the Oklahoma County District Attorney.**

H. **Consideration of Acceptance of Proposal and Approval of Agreement with Avineon for Utility Network Conversion for Edmond Electric; $378,650.00.**

I. **Consideration of Approval of Purchase of Annual Software License, Maintenance, and Support Services from the SmartWorks Division of N. Harris Computer Corporation; $84,404.76.**

J. **Consideration of Approval of Purchase of Trimble Unity Construct Software Subscription Renewal from Trimble, Inc; $27,405.00.**

K. **Consideration of Approval of Purchase of City Website Redesign from CivicPlus for Marketing Department; $16,141.00.**

L. **Consideration of Approval of Purchase of Annual Software License, Maintenance, and Support from Milsoft Utility Solutions; $12,248.00.**

M. **Consideration of Approval of Amendments to the Software Support and Maintenance Agreement and Master Purchase, License and Services Agreement with a Statement of Work for Upgrade Services with Landis+Gyr Technology Inc; Not to Exceed $10,000.00.**

N. **Consideration of Approval of Registration, Lodging, and Mileage for Councilwoman Murdock Nichols to Attend the Main Street Now 2026 Conference; Estimated Total Cost of $650.00.**

O. **Consideration of Approval of Registration Costs for Councilmembers to Attend Edmond Chamber of Commerce Events for the Remainder of FY26; Estimated Total Cost of $500.00.**

P. **Consideration of Approval of an Event Registration for Councilwoman Murdock Nichols to Attend the ULI Oklahoma: 12th Annual Impact Awards; Total Cost of $170.00.**

Mayor Nash asked if any councilmember wished to pull any of the sixteen items from general consent for separate discussion or action. No councilmember responded.

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, to approve agenda items 11.A. through 11.P. under City Council General Consent. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

12. City Council Discussion and Consideration Items:

A. Consideration of City Council General Consent Agenda Items Pulled for Separate Discussion and/or Action.

None

B. Consideration of Acceptance of Bid, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract, and Approval of Resolution No. 09-26 Appointing Purchasing for Covell Road and Air Depot Street Improvements for Engineering; $1,287,597.40.

Steve Lawrence, Director of Engineering, provided general information about agenda item 12.B.

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Watterson, to approve agenda item 12.B. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

C. Consideration of Acceptance of Bid, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for the Construction of Fire Vehicle Maintenance Building Project, and Approval of Resolution No. 10-26 Appointing Purchasing Agent with Skybridge Construction LLC. for the Fire Department; $1,490,000.00.

Terry Essary, Fire Chief, Steve Lawrence, Director of Engineering, Christy Batterson, Director of Housing and Community Resources, and AJ Krieger, City Manager, provided general information about agenda item 12.C.

Members of the City Council discussed the agenda item and noted that they were willing to approve the agenda item to facilitate completion by the deadline, but that they were asking staff to come up with new funding options and bring those back for consideration at the next council meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Watterson, seconded by Councilmember Fraim, to approve agenda item 12.C. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

D. Discussion and Presentation of the Draft Mitch Park Master Plan.

Brad Raney, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Vance Hall, consultant, provided general information about agenda item 12.D and answered questions from members of the City Council.

E. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the 2026 City Council Strategic Plan.

Jane Robertson, Management Services Manager, provided general information about agenda item 12.E.

Motion by Councilmember Watterson, seconded by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, to approve agenda item 12.E. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

13. Executive Sessions and Action Items:

A. Enter into Executive Session on Advice of the City Attorney to Discuss Pending Claim or Action styled Langley v. City of Edmond, et al. as Authorized Pursuant to 25 Okla. Stat. Section 307(B)(4) because Disclosure Would Seriously Impair the Ability of the Public Body to Process the Claim or Conduct a Pending Investigation, Litigation or Proceeding in the Public Interest.

B. Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of the City Attorney as Authorized Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).

Motion by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, seconded by Councilmember Moore, to go into executive session for agenda items 13.A. and 13.B. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, to leave executive session. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmember Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

C. Consideration of Action with Regard to the Employment of the City Attorney.

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, to set the compensation of the City Attorney at grade thirty-two, step four, effective April 1, 2026. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmember Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

14. Comments from the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Councilmember Moore shared a comment from an Edmond resident, expressing appreciation of the Fire Department for work on the insurance rate.

15. Adjournment of the Edmond City Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, to adjourn the Edmond City Council meeting. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

City Clerk

Mayor

Edmond Public Works Authority Minutes - March 23, 2026

Regular Meeting

Chairperson Nash called the regular meeting of the Edmond Public Works Authority to order on Monday, March 23, 2026, in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, located at 22 East Main Street in Edmond, Oklahoma. Public notice of the date, time, and place for this meeting was provided in the Edmond Public Works Authority 2026 Schedule of Regular Meetings, filed with the Edmond City Clerk on September 9, 2025, at 8:00 AM. The date, time, place, and agenda for this meeting was also posted on the City of Edmond's website and at City Hall on March 19, 2026, at 11:54 AM. Written notice of the date, time, place, and agenda of the regular meeting was delivered to those requesting notice on March 19, 2026, at 12:09 PM.

PRESENT: Chairperson Nash, Trustees Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

ABSENT: None

7. Public Works Authority Public Hearing Items:

A. Legacy at Covell Retail Shopping Complex:

1. Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment for a Supplemental Appropriation from Edmond Electric Reserves to the Economic Development Incentive Account; $17,000,000.00.

2. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Development Incentive Agreement with Covell-35 Development, LLC for Development of the Legacy at Covell Retail Shopping Complex; $17,000,000.00.

Randy Entz, Assistant City Manager, Leana Dozier, Economic Development Program Manager, and Glenn Fisher, Director of Edmond Electric, provided general information regarding agenda items 7.A.1. and 7.A.2.

Chairperson Nash asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding agenda items 7.A.1. and 7.A.2.

Jeff Stokes, a local resident, spoke in support of the project noting he was in favor of the proposed development.

Lori Dickinson Black, an Edmond resident and small business owner, noted that she was not opposed to the development but did have concerns regarding the incentive for Barnes and Noble and the impacts on other local book stores.

Todd McKinnis, representing the developer, provided additional information regarding the agenda item and answered questions from members of the City Council.

Taylor Wilson, an Edmond resident, expressed appreciation for the previous workshop that discussed the agenda item.

Charles Mulls, an Edmond resident, expressed concern about the Barnes and Noble and impacts on local businesses.

Councilmember Moore asked if the developer would be willing to "draw a line through Barnes and Noble" and move on to something else.

Mr. McKinnis noted that was agreeable but agreeing to such would only be applicable to whether an incentive was offered for the store. Mr. McKinnis noted that the agreement couldn't limit whether Barnes and Noble would be allowed to operate as part of the development, as that would be an anti-trust violation.

Councilmember Moore noted that he wasn't asking for Barnes and Noble to not be allowed as part of the development but rather for the developer to find a substitute retailer per the terms of the proposed agreement.

Mr. McKinnis stated that the developer was "fine doing that."

Cody Boyd, an Edmond resident, spoke in support of the agenda item, noting the money spent on Covell in preparation for economic development.

Susan Starns, an Edmond resident and small business owner, spoke in support of the agenda item because of the potential economic impact.

Ms. Dickinson Black emphasized that she was not against the development, just concerned about the Barnes and Noble.

Motion by Trustee Fraim, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve agenda item 7.A.1. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Chairperson Nash, Trustees Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Motion by Trustee Fraim, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve agenda item 7.A.2. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Chairperson Nash, Trustees Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Murdock Nichols, to recess the Edmond Public Works Authority meeting until 7:31PM. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Chairperson Nash, Trustees Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Fraim, to reconvene the Edmond Public Works Authority meeting. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Chairperson Nash, Trustees Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

8. Public Works Authority General Consent Items:

A. Consideration of Approval of Public Works Authority Regular Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2026.

B. Consideration of Approval of Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Solid Waste Transfer Agreement with ETS Enterprises, L.P.

C. Consideration of Acceptance of Proposal and Approval of Agreement with Avineon for Utility Network Conversion for Edmond Electric; $378,650.00.

Chairperson Nash asked if any Trustee wished to pull any of the three items under Edmond Public Works Authority General Consent for separate discussion and/or action.

Chairperson Nash stated that agenda items 8.B. and 8.C. would be considered separately.

Motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Watterson, to approve agenda item 8.A. under Edmond Public Works Authority General Consent. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Chairperson Nash, Trustees Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

9. Public Works Authority Discussion and Consideration Items:

A. Consideration of Public Works Authority General Consent Agenda Items Pulled for Separate Discussion and/or Action.

AJ Krieger, City Manager, provided general information regarding agenda item 8.B., noting the contracting party would be agreeable to amend the agreement under consideration to a one-year extension instead of two.

Motion by Trustee Watterson, seconded by Trustee Fraim, to approve agenda item 8.B. with a one-year extension instead of two. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Chairperson Nash, Trustees Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Councilmember Fraim noted additional details regarding agenda item 8.C.

Motion by Trustee Fraim, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve agenda item 8.C. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Chairperson Nash, Trustees Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

10. Adjournment of the Edmond Public Works Authority Meeting.

Motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Watterson, to adjourn the Edmond Public Works Authority meeting. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Chairperson Nash, Trustees Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Secretary

Chairperson