

The McAlester City Council met in a Special session on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 5:04 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, August 9, 2019 at 11:15 A.M.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Browne called the meeting to order.

### **Roll Call**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Cully Stevens, Maureen Harrison, Zach Prichard & John Browne  
Absent: Weldon Smith, Travis Read & James Brown  
Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter Stasiak, City Manager; Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director; Toni Ervin, Assistant City Manager; Stephanie Giacomo, Grant Writer/Public Information Officer; David Horinek, Public Works Director and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

McAlester Planning Commission members in attendance were Karen Stobaugh, Justin Few, Primus Moore and Chris Taylor.

Councilmember Brown arrived at 5:05 P.M.

### **Scheduled Business**

1. Presentation and discussion on the final draft form of the City of McAlester Comprehensive Plan known as "Moving McAlester Forward 2040" and initiating the formal adoption process. (*Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director*)

Executive Summary

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Mayor Browne addressed the audience explaining the process that would be followed should this meeting run past 6:00 P.M.

Karl Stickley with Guernsey addressed the Council introducing the members of his team, Summer Goebel, Kayla Copeland and Meg Nealon, that attended the Special Meeting. He then turned the review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan over to Meg Nealon.

Ms. Nealon addressed the Council commenting that she did not intend to go into great detail of the plan but to briefly review the key points of the plan. During her review, Ms. Nealon highlighted the phases of the plan which were; what was happening today in McAlester, how the concept of the plan was developed, what McAlester's future could look like and the adoption of the plan. Ms. Nealon reviewed who should be using the plan, how the plan could guide future decisions, how the plan could affect progress and change in McAlester. She spoke about public involvement, future land use and conservation, focus areas, recommendations and the next steps for the City. She commented that the City was already moving in the direction of many of the recommendations. Ms. Nealon addressed the use of open spaces in the City, housing, economic development, infrastructure improvements, and health and wellbeing.

After Ms. Nealon's review there was discussion concerning housing, mixed use areas, branding, stormwater control, green infrastructure, the City's footprint, Wade Watts corridor, expansion of the City, addressing vacant lots within the City limits and what the next steps were.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Prichard moved for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Prichard, Brown, Stevens, Harrison & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

ATTEST:

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John Browne, Mayor

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk