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Councilors OK \$4M for rehousing

Money is going to the \$6M Safe Move Tulsa Rehousing Initiative

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City councilors on Wednesday voted 9-0 to approve the reallocation of more than \$4 million to help fund an effort to rapidly rehouse Tulsans who are homeless.

In separate votes, councilors approved the transfer of \$4.03 million in Walmart Opioid Settlement dollars from a planned residential care center for the homeless and a portion of \$341,000 in Pandemic Relief Recovery Fund dollars to fund the \$6 million Safe Move Tulsa Rehousing Initiative. The remaining money for the program will come from the American Rescue Plan Act. The city's homeless count fluctuates daily, but January's annual Point-in-

Time Count identified 1,449 people who described themselves as homeless. Of those, 953 were in shelters and 496 were unsheltered. City leaders say their goal with the Safe Move Tulsa Rehousing Initiative is to house 300 individuals or families within the next nine months — 100 to 150 unsheltered individuals or families and 150 to 200 individuals or families who are currently in shelters. The participants will receive rental assistance as needed and support services with

the goal of being able to maintain their own rent payments within 12 months. The initiative is intended to help scale up existing rehousing efforts already being implemented by local social service providers. It will focus on getting individuals and families with short-term needs back on their feet, not the chronically homeless whose needs include more supportive services over a longer period of time.

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TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO CLASS FOR FALL SEMESTER



STEPHEN PINGRY PHOTOS, TULSA WORLD

Dajon Jamel and Josephine Ivey are cheered as they head into school for the first day of class Wednesday at Cooper Elementary School in Tulsa.

Several other area districts return as will others on Thursday

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Even a brand new pair of blue and white Nikes could not completely ease Brandon Chatman's nerves Wednesday morning. A second grader at Cooper Elementary School, Brandon stayed close to his mother, Elena Chatman, as they walked through a parking lot to the building's south side early Wednesday morning. Wednesday was the first day of classes for Brandon and the more than 34,000 other students attending Tulsa Public Schools. "I kinda want to check out my classroom," he said quietly, looking down at his sneakers before tugging at his mother's hand to head to the door. Those nerves were not shared by his mother, a new addition to Cooper's faculty this year as an English language arts teacher.

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Mateo Garcia gets a high-five on the first day of class Wednesday at Cooper Elementary School.

Proposal on medians questioned

Issue will be voted on at next meeting

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City councilors on Wednesday had a lot of questions about a proposal to tighten regulations on individuals occupying city medians and roadsides. And they had a few objections. But the proposal moved forward and will be voted on at the City Council's 5 p.m. meeting next Wednesday. Public comments will be heard prior to the vote. "We're not trying to completely limit the use or prevent any particular activity," said Councilor Phil Lakin, lead sponsor of the proposal. "We're just basing all of these recommendations on federal standards to protect the public safety interests of our residents." The proposal itself, informed by national road design standards and court precedents, is not as simple as the stated reason behind it. It would establish 18-inch clearance zones along the sides of roadways and around medians where the speed limit of the adjacent roadway is greater than

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Stitt asks court to toss Tulsa's pact with tribe

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Gov. Kevin Stitt late Wednesday asked the Oklahoma Supreme Court to invalidate an agreement between the city of Tulsa and the Muscogee Nation that sends misdemeanor cases involving tribal citizens to tribal court. In a written statement, Stitt accused Mayor Monroe Nichols of making Oklahoma "less safe" by entering into the agreement. "No mayor has the authority to pick and choose which Oklahomans are subject to the laws of our state," Stitt said. "By entering into this agreement, Mayor Nichols has essentially made Tulsa a sanctuary city with two systems of justice." Neither Nichols nor the tribe immediately responded to requests for comment. The Muscogee Nation and the city of Tulsa announced in June that

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