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CITY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL PARTNERSHIP

WHAT: Press Conference to announce Tulsa Midnight Basketball

WHEN: Friday, May 12, at 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: SpiritLife Church, 5345 South Peoria Avenue

Councilor Ben Kimbro, Councilor Jeannie Cue, Tulsa Police Officers, Tulsa Firefighters and community stakeholders announce their partnership and commitment to Tulsa Midnight Basketball.

Tulsa Midnight Basketball is a nonprofit designed for youth ages 12-18 who reside in the area of 61st and Peoria to participate in Friday night educational basketball programs.

“I’m proud and excited to see such great collaboration between our public service, philanthropic and faith-based communities. Investing in better outcomes for youth is always a winner,” said Councilor Kimbro.

Midnight Basketball programs help youth obtain essential life and social skills, on and off the court, while providing constructive alternatives other than gang-related activities. Volunteer police officers and firefighters will be active participants with all basketball teams.

“This program is a collaboration between the public and private sectors to enhance the 61st and Peoria area, and is part of a continuing effort to improve the quality of life for our residents,” said Councilor Cue.

To kick off the celebration of this program, Tulsa police officers and firefighters will square off in a friendly 3-on-3 basketball game refereed by Midnight Basketball Honorary Director Scott Sutton immediately after the press conference.

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AGENDA:

9:00 a.m. - Speakers:

Tulsa City Councilor Ben Kimbro, District 9

Tulsa City Councilor Jeannie Cue, District 2

Sheila Dills, President & Founder of Tulsa Midnight Basketball

Scott Sutton, Honorary Director of Tulsa Midnight Basketball & Former ORU Head Basketball Coach

Officer Amley “Popsey” Floyd, Tulsa Police Community Resource Officer

Nathan Dorfman, Grants Coordinator at the City of Tulsa

9:15 a.m. – Police vs. Fire Basketball Competition:

Tulsa Police Officers versus Tulsa Firefighters in a 3-on-3 basketball game refereed by Scott Sutton