City of Lawton

Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE:
Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss a pending action with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality concerning a Notice of Violation issued by ODEQ to the City on October 3, 2019 including the details of a settlement negotiation meeting which occurred on March 24, 2021, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.
INITIATOR: City Attorney - John Ratliff, Director of Public Utilities - Rusty Whisenhunt

STAFF INFORMATION SOURCE: City Attorney - John Ratliff, Director of Public Utilities - Rusty Whisenhunt

BACKGROUND: The City Attorney and Director of Public Utilities desire to discuss with the Mayor and Council a pending action with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality concerning a Notice of Violation issued by ODEQ to the City on October 3, 2019 in relation to discharges at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant from July 2017 through August 2019 including the details of a settlement negotiation meeting conducted on March 24, 2021, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session. The City Attorney advises the City Council that the Council should determine that disclosure of confidential communications between the Council and the Director of Public Utilities /Attorney regarding the above referenced action will seriously impair the ability of the City to protect the City's interest, and from that determination, the Council should convene in executive session to discuss this matter.

EXHIBIT: N/A

KEY ISSUES: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION: Convene in executive session to discuss a pending action with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality concerning a Notice of Violation issued by ODEQ to the City on October 3, 2019 including the details of a settlement negotiation meeting which occurred on March 24, 2021, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

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