

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. K
3/25/2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

Enter into executive session on advice of the Municipal Counselor to receive confidential communications from its attorney concerning the case of *Glynn Simmons, Plaintiff, v. City of Edmond, Special Representative of the Estate of former Detective Sergeant Anthony David Garrett, City of Oklahoma City, former detective Claude L. Shobert*, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma Case No. CIV-2024-97-J, as authorized by 25 O.S. (2024 Supp.) §307(B)(4), because disclosure would seriously impair the ability of the public body to conduct the pending litigation in the public interest.

In the above case, Plaintiff Glynn Simmons alleges he was wrongfully convicted of the 1974 murder of Carolyn Sue Rogers, a clerk at a liquor store in Edmond, Oklahoma, and sentenced to death. Although his death sentence was later converted to life in prison in 1978, Mr. Simmons was imprisoned until he was exonerated in 2023. He claims that the city of Oklahoma City caused his incarceration because of unconstitutional policies and training in 1974. Plaintiff also contends that former OCPD Detective Shobert violated his rights which contributed to his wrongful conviction. The Plaintiffs are represented by Elizabeth Wang and Jordan Poole, Loevy & Loevy. Defendant Shobert is represented by Chris J. Collins, Stacy Haws Felkner and Rebecca A. Boyer, Collins, Zorn & Wagner. The City is represented by Assistant Municipal Counselors Richard Mann and Katie Goff. The City of Edmond and Estate of Garrett are no longer parties to this suit.

This case was filed in the Western District on January 26, 2024. A Motion for Summary Judgment is pending for the City. This case is set on the May 2025 jury trial docket by Court Order of January 22, 2025.

It is the recommendation of the Municipal Counselor to enter into executive session to discuss the facts and merits of this case.