

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

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. P
8/27/2024

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 *Charles Eugene Mitchell, III v. Michael Klika, Ryan Landers, et al.*, United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, Case No. CIV-23-534-HE, as authorized by 25 O.S. (2023 Supp.) §307(B)(4), because disclosure would seriously impair the ability of the public body to conduct the pending litigation in the public interest.

On July 25, 2023, Plaintiff filed his First Amended Complaint in United States District Court, Western District of Oklahoma against City of Oklahoma City employee Michael Klika alleging this officer, as well as other law enforcement officers in Arkansas, violated his Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment rights on or about November 2022. Specifically, Plaintiff alleges claims of false arrest and reckless investigation when Plaintiff was arrested for a crime he did not commit. The Plaintiff is represented by Bill Noelker. Defendant Klika is represented by Stacey Haws Felkner of Collins, Zorn & Wagner Law Firm. Defendant Landers is represented by Jenna Adams, *Pro Hac Vice* (Arkansas) and Jessica L. Dark of Pierce Couch Hendrickson Baysinger & Green, LLP. The City is not a party in the lawsuit. The parties are ordered to participate in a Judicial Settlement Conference before United States Magistrate Judge Amanda Maxwell Green, but the date has not been set.

It is the recommendation of the Municipal Counselor to enter into executive session to discuss the facts and merits of this case and if further negotiations are warranted.