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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Tamara Melton, Legal

ITEM TYPE: Agreement

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Opioid Litigation - Proposed Settlement with Six Remnant Defendants

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

The City has a pending lawsuit with six regional distributors/dispenser defendants: Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) (the "Six Remnant Defendants"). The City's outside opioid litigation counsel ("Opioid Counsel") advised as to a settlement in this matter. More detailed information is provided in the confidential attorney-client/work-product memorandum dated March 30, 2026, provided to the Mayor and City Council, with a copy to the City Administrator and Chief of Police. The City must execute the required settlement documentation on or before May 4, 2026, for the City to be included in the initial participation calculation and payment eligibility under the settlement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated settlement payment to the City is unknown at this time.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve the Six Remnant Defendants' Settlement and authorize the City Attorney and Mayor to take required actions and execute documents required to effectuate same, including specifically the Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form.

ATTACHMENTS: