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City Council Meeting March 14, 2023 Item No. 5 Staff Report

TO:Mayor and City CouncilFROM:Brittany Walker, City Attorney

DATE: March 14, 2023

SUBJECT:

For possible action: Resolution No. 7593, a resolution of the City Council of Boulder City, Nevada electing to participate in the Walmart Settlement agreement negotiated by the Nevada Attorney General in the opioid litigation

Business Impact Statement:

This action will not have a significant economic impact on business and will not directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business.

Action Requested:

That the City Council approve the resolution.

Overview:

• The City is one of hundreds of other jurisdictions bringing action against various opioid manufacturers and distributors for damages the City incurred responding to the opioid epidemic.

 In August of 2021, the City Council joined the One Nevada Agreement on Allocation of Opioid Recoveries.

• The One Nevada Agreement allows the Attorney General to negotiate settlement on behalf of the City and all other participating jurisdictions in Nevada.

• The Attorney General recently reached a settlement agreement with Walmart.

• Nevada's share for the Walmart Settlement is \$32,231,037.14.

Background Information:

Overuse of painkillers known as opioids have become a public health crisis throughout the nation. Drug manufacturers, distributors, and medical experts are accused of minimizing the risks and knowingly

ignoring the overuse of painkillers in the United States. Boulder City, like many jurisdictions in Nevada, has initiated litigation against these companies for damages the City incurred responding to the Opioid epidemic. In August of 2021, the City joined the One Nevada Agreement on Allocation of Opioid Recoveries. The One Nevada Agreement allows the Attorney General to negotiate settlement on behalf of the City and all other participating jurisdictions in Nevada. The Attorney General recently reached a settlement agreement with Walmart. Nevada's share for the Walmart Settlement is \$32,231,037.14. Boulder City's estimated share is \$26,755.63. Under the One Nevada Agreement, settlement monies can only be used for causes directly related to the opioid epidemic, the State is in the process of issuing guidelines on how local jurisdictions may spend the recoveries. Once those guidelines are complete, the City will seek direction from Council on how to spend the recovery monies.

Financial:

The City will receive approximately \$26,755.63.

Boulder City Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal A: Achieve Prudent Financial Stewardship

<u>Department Recommendation</u>: Approve Resolution No. 7593 electing to participate in the Walmart Settlement agreement negotiated by the Nevada Attorney General in the opiod litigation.

<u>Attachment:</u> Resolution Walmart settlement participation form