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File Name: Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Submit **Final Action:**
OKDEQ Grant Application

Title: RESOLUTION R-2021-43: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR THE ON-ROAD PROGRAM OF THE VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT TRUST AND THE COMMITMENT OF FUNDS FOR LOCAL MATCH.

Notes: ACTION NEEDED: Motion to adopt or reject Resolution R-2021-43.

ACTION TAKEN: _____

Agenda Date: 09/22/2020

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Attachments: VW_OnRoad_CON_Application_withAttachment,
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History of Legislative File

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Text of Legislative File R-2021-43

Body

BACKGROUND: The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is programming approximately \$3,500,000 from the Oklahoma Volkswagen Settlement Trust to implement a reimbursement program to replace or repower eligible on-road vehicles. The goal of this program is to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions by replacing or repowering older vehicles with newer diesel or alternative fueled vehicles. This is a competitive funding opportunity available to government and non-government applicants seeking to improve their heavy truck, medium truck, or bus fleets. A cost-share is required for funding under this program.

DISCUSSION: The City's fixed-route bus fleet includes eight (8) vehicles out of thirteen (13) that have reached their useful life. Vehicle replacement is critical to operate and maintain a safe, reliable, and cost-effective transit system. As the City of Norman begins to replace the vehicles in its transit fleet, staff will continue to identify opportunities to offset the cost of replacement by combining federal and local funds.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality's On-Road Program of the Volkswagen Settlement Trust is a specific opportunity to replace those vehicles that have reached their useful life with low- or no- emission alternatives, such as battery electric. City staff has identified battery electric buses as a viable option for the City's transit services.

Staff have received a price estimate for a 35' battery electric bus. Base price, estimated options and delivery charges come to approximately \$900,000 in total cost. The minimum, proposed cost share for this grant is 50% from the grant (\$450,000) and 50% local (\$450,000).

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Resolution R-2021-43, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit a grant application on behalf of the City of Norman to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality's On-Road Program of the Volkswagen Settlement Trust for a battery electric bus and committing the City of Norman to provide the required local match, through either the General Fund, the seven-tenths percent (0.7%) Capital Sales Tax or the 1/8th percent (0.125%) Public Transit Sales Tax, if the project is selected.