RESOLUTION NO. 6688

RESOLUTION DENYING OPEN RECORDS REQUEST FROM TULSA WORLD FOR PRODUCTION OF TDA INTERNAL INVESTIGATION REPORT – O. C. WALKER GRIEVANCE MATTER

WHEREAS, the Tulsa Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as Authority), a public body corporate, subject to compliance with the provisions and requirement of the Oklahoma Open Records Act (Title 51 O. S. §24A.1); and,

WHEREAS, the Authority, has developed policies regarding personnel records and report to provide guidance and procedures for requests for documents and response thereto in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Records Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Tulsa World newspaper has submitted a request under the Oklahoma Open Records Act for production of the contents of an internal investigation report prepared in response to a grievance asserted against TDA Executive Director O. C. Walker; and,

WHEREAS, the TDA General Counsel has consulted existing TDA policies as well as the opinions of the Oklahoma Attorney General and has conveyed the opinion of TDA’s General Counsel that the TDA Board of Commissioners should maintain the confidentiality of said internal investigation report and deny the request of the Tulsa World for production of the contents thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Authority has determined that it should comply with existing TDA policies and exercise its discretion provided by law to maintain the confidentiality of said internal investigation report and deny the request of the Tulsa World for production of the contents thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TULSA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, that:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners of the Authority does hereby determine that it should comply with existing TDA policies and exercise its discretion provided by law to maintain the confidentiality of the internal investigation report of the O.C. Walker grievance matter and deny the request of the Tulsa World for production of the contents of said internal investigative report.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.
PASSED and ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2020.

TULSA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By: Nancy Lynn Roberts, Chairwoman

Approved as to legal form and adequacy:

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