

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

DATE: November 20, 2017

CAR #: 17-6206ws

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

**SUBJECT: Open Meeting Law Refresher
Training**

STAFF PRESENTER: Lisa Maxie-Mullins,
Assistant City Attorney

CASE NUMBER: None

OTHER PRESENTER: None

PROPOSED ACTION:

Staff will provide Council with a review of Arizona Open Meeting Law and its requirements.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

In 1962 the Arizona legislature enacted the Arizona Open Meeting Law, A.R.S. 38-431 et seq. According to the law, all public bodies are required to comply with the Arizona Open Meeting Law. Meaning, all meetings of certain public bodies shall be properly noticed and such meetings shall open to the general public. The law contains a few limited exceptions, including executive sessions and emergency meetings. The Arizona legislature and Arizona courts have consistently emphasized that any uncertainties concerning the law should be resolved in favor of public access and openness.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The Arizona Open Meeting law is applicable to the City Council and its various commissions, boards and subcommittees. This presentation is a general overview of the Open Meeting Law requirements.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact or current budget for this item.

RECOMMENDATION:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None