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Hern cautions councilors

Concerns raised about proposed human rights ordinance, they say

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First District Congressman Kevin Hern recently made phone calls to several Tulsa city councilors cautioning them against approving an ordinance expanding human rights protections in the city, mul-

tiple councilors said Thursday.

“He has been receiving a lot of feedback from folks at the state level and some folks at the federal level about the ordinance, and he’s concerned that it may hamper his ability to bring resources back to the state of Oklahoma,” said Councilor Anthony Archie.

Archie said he did not come away from the conversation thinking that passage of the ordinance would result in a “one-for-one” loss of a particular federal funding source.

“But I came away with the idea that the White House was watching, and folks in the executive and the legislative branch federally were watching, and that the decisions we make here in Tulsa affects his ability to navigate his role as a representative for Oklahoma.”

Hern’s office did not respond to several requests for comment from the Tulsa World.

Councilor Carol Bush said Hern shared

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Governor’s appointees set special meeting

Members’ requests for one have gone unanswered by Walters

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Gubernatorial appointees to the Oklahoma State Board of Education found a way to set a special meeting after weeks of their requests for one going unanswered by State Superintendent Ryan Walters.

The board’s regularly scheduled, monthly meeting set for Thursday morning was cancelled a day earlier by the Walters’ administration, and reportedly, without explanation to his fellow board members.

Notice of a special meeting set for 10 a.m. Sept. 3 in a conference room inside the Oklahoma State Capitol posted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State’s website at 4:15 p.m. Thursday.

“We requested multiple times from Superintendent Walters to call a special meeting to address our attorney situation. No response. We finally found a way to post a notice of a special meeting, so we’ve posted the meeting (notice),” board member Chris VanDenhende told the Tulsa World. “We have notified Superintendent Walters of our intention to meet.”

An attorney named Bob Burke sent Walters a letter on behalf of the four state Board of Education members asking that he also ensure that the Oklahoma State Department of Education also notice of the Sept. 3 special

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THURSDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



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Bixby’s Braeden Presley, left, celebrates with Catcher DeHart after scoring a touchdown against Owasso during their football game at H.A. Chapman Stadium at the University of Tulsa on Thursday. **For more, See SPORTS, Page B1.**

WPX building, one of downtown’s newest, sells for \$69.25 million

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One of downtown’s newest buildings has been sold for \$69.25 million.

The WPX building, 222 N. Detroit Ave., was sold by Devon Energy to Fenway Capitol Advisors, according to private and public documents obtained by the Tulsa World.

Fenway has offices in Solana Beach, California — about 20 miles north of San Diego — and in Dallas.

WPX in June 2019 announced plans for the 11-story, 260,000-square-foot building and said its investment, including purchase of the land, was more than \$100 million.

Oklahoma City-based Devon Energy the following year purchased WPX for \$2.56 billion.

Devon remained committed to finishing the building after it bought WPX, and

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OPINION

Mayor says it’s unlikely that Trump would send troops to Tulsa

In President Donald Trump’s first power grab into states, he’s targeting cities led by Democratic Black mayors with military takeovers.

In a video interview this week, Tulsa Mayor Monroe Nichols — a Democratic Black man — said it was not likely Tulsa would make the list of such federal overreach.

“I feel like the job we are doing here



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partnering with so many different people across the political spectrum has put us in a good position,” Nichols said. “I feel strongly, frankly, about the relationships we’ve built with our

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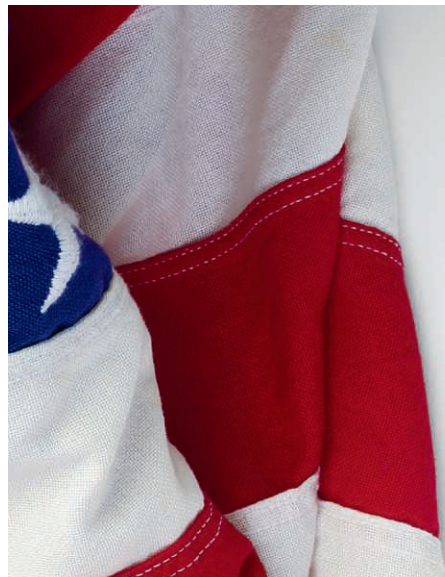
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