



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

Date: March 15, 2012
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

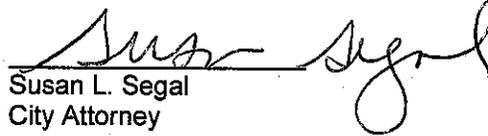
Subject: *Nicholas Dahl v. Peter Ritschel and the City of Minneapolis*
United States District Court File No. 11-CV-3467 (RHK/JJK)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of all claims in this case by payment of \$8,500 to Nicholas Dahl and his attorney from Fund/Org. 06900 1500100 145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives:

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Approved by:

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Susan L. Segal
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.
 Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
 Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
 Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
 Other financial impact (Explain): Fund/Org. 06900 1500100 145400
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact

Background/Supporting Information

Plaintiff Nicholas Dahl brought a civil action alleging that Minneapolis Police Officer Peter Ritschel used excessive force against him on June 9, 2010. These claims were expressly denied.

Prior to answering the Complaint, Assistant City Attorneys C. Lynne Fundingsland and Darla J. Boggs entered into settlement discussions with Plaintiff's counsel, Peter Nickitas, and reached a proposed settlement of all claims in the amount of \$8,500.00, including all claims for damages, attorney's fees and costs. This Office has had discussions with Chief Dolan, and he agrees that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City. We therefore recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.