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

Date: April 16, 2013
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Floyd E. Walker v. City of Minneapolis

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this Workers' Compensation claim by payment of $83,000.00 payable to Floyd E. Walker and his attorneys, Meuser & Associates, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145280 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives: None

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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._

_X_ Other financial impact (Explain): $83,000.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145280

___ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact: Other

Background/Supporting Information:

This matter and subsequent claim arise out of a work related injury suffered by Firefighter Floyd E. Walker on April 30, 2011, during his employment with the Minneapolis Fire Department. As a consequence of his work-related injury at the City of Minneapolis, Mr. Walker is entitled to a number of benefits through workers' compensation.

The Workers' Compensation Department of Risk Management has been granted authority up to $75,000.00 for settlement purposes. Any settlement that exceeds this authority must be approved by the council. Following extensive negotiations with his attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Mr. Walker's workers' compensation claim against the City in the amount of $83,000.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Fire Department and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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