



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

Date: October 9, 2013  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to:

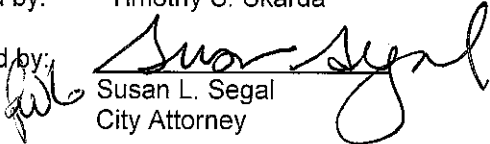
**Subject:** *Tahisha Williams-Brewer v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*  
United States District Court Civil File No. 10-4332 PJS/SER

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$20,000.00 payable to Tahisha Williams-Brewer as Trustee for the estate of Courtney Williams and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

**Previous Directives:**

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Approved by:

  
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. 6900 1500100 145400  
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact**

City Goal(s): A safe place to call home

**Background/Supporting Information**

This case involves federal causes of action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for excessive force and claims challenging police department force policies. The case involved the use of deadly force by former Minneapolis Officer Scott Mars on October 23-24, 2004.

On September 23, 2013, a settlement conference was held when the case was diverted to a pilot civil pretrial settlement program after the Plaintiff's attorney was suspended from the practice of law. The settlement conference was attended by Council Member John Quincy, Commander Medaria Arradondo, former police officer Scott Mars and Assistant City Attorney Timothy Skarda before Magistrate Steven Rau. The Plaintiff was represented by a volunteer attorney. The matter was resolved for a proposed settlement in the amount of \$20,000.00. There is no claim for fees or costs. We believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City of Minneapolis and recommend approval by the City Council.