



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

Date: February 11, 2014
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: *Prywon Bettis v. City of Minneapolis*
Court File No: 12-CV-2106 MJD/JJK

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$38,800.00 to Plaintiff Prywon Bettis through his attorney John Klassen, at John A. Klassen, P.A. 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: *[Signature]*
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): 06900 1500100 145400
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact: Other

Background/Supporting Information

Plaintiff Prywon Bettis alleges that he was subject to battery and excessive force causing injuries when he was arrested and detained on September 1, 2010. The City and the involved officers deny liability for Plaintiff's injuries. On January 22, 2014, the parties met for a settlement conference before Federal Magistrate Judge Keyes. The settlement conference concluded with no resolution. The parties continued to negotiate after the settlement conference. With agreement of police administration, the parties reached an agreement to dismiss all claims, including attorney's fees, in exchange for the payment of \$38,800.00 to Plaintiff and his attorneys. We believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.