



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

Date: July 7, 2014  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee and Committee of the Whole  
Referral to:

**Subject:** Munir J. Abdalla v. City of Minneapolis  
Court File No.: 27-CV-13-1189

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$4,500.00 payable to Munir J. Abdalla and his attorneys, Redlinger Law Firm and Palmer O'Dea, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

**Previous Directives:** None

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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): \$4,500.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact:** Other

**Background/Supporting Information:**

This matter and subsequent lawsuit arise out of an accident that occurred on November 22, 2009. Mr. Munir was a front-seat passenger in a vehicle traveling east on 31<sup>st</sup> Street which collided at an intersection with a City of Minneapolis Police Squad traveling southbound on Portland Avenue South. This was a substantial collision that caused both vehicles to sustain moderate damage.

As a result of the crash, Munir Abdalla sustained injuries and incurred in excess of \$13,779.22 in treatment expenses. He continues to suffer significant difficulties as a result of his injuries.

Following extensive negotiations with her attorney and a mediation, we have reached a tentative settlement of Mr. Abdalla's personal injury claim against the City in the amount of \$4,500.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Police 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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