



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

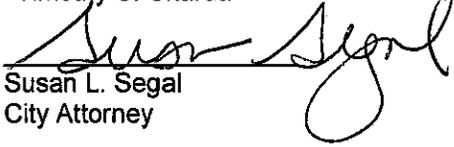
Date: October 16, 2014  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to:

**Subject:** *Zenebe Tessma vs. City of Minneapolis.*

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this claim by payment of \$9,000.00 payable to Zenebe Tessma and his attorney, Mark A. Karney, 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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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 claim arises from a July 20, 2010, incident in which Mr. Tessma, a taxi driver, was issued citations by former police sergeant Peter Rischel. Mr. Tessma alleges the door to his vehicle was allegedly slammed on his leg. Mr. Tessma underwent a course of treatment for knee and leg pain. A proposed settlement in the amount of \$9,000.00 was reached prior to the initiation of litigation. The proposed settlement has been approved by the Minneapolis Police Department. After evaluating the claims, defenses and circumstances we believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City of Minneapolis and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.