



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

Date: April 17, 2015  
To: Council Member John Quincy, Chair of Ways and Means  
Referral to:

**Subject:** *Mark Anthony Devine v. Travis Williams*  
Court File No.: 14-cv-2978 (ADM/HB)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of a lawsuit by Mark Anthony Devine, by payment of \$20,000.00 to Mark Anthony Devine and/or his attorneys, Fred Goetz, 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: *fs* *Susan L. Segal*  
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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

**Financial Impact**

Other financial impact (Explain): Payment from Fund/Org 06900-1500100-145400

**Community Impact**

Other

**Supporting Information**

This lawsuit arises out of an incident that occurred on January 13, 2014. Officers conducted a traffic stop of Plaintiff and another individual, who was the driver. After a physical altercation with the driver during his arrest, Officer Williams used force to take Plaintiff into custody. Plaintiff then brought suit against Officer Williams, alleging excessive force.

We have negotiated a tentative settlement of the lawsuit in the amount of \$20,000.00 payable to Plaintiff and/or his attorney. We believe that this settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend its approval.

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