



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

Date: July 27, 2015  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to:

**Subject:** *Laquisha McKinney [sic] o/b/o her minor son, Tyler Lynam v. City of Minneapolis*  
United States District Court File No.: 13-cv-3004 (DWF/TNL)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$15,500.00 payable to Laquisha McKinnie, Tyler Lynam, and Plaintiffs' counsel Damon L. Ward, Ward Law Group, and Albert T. Goins, Goins Law Office, from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 145400, 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)

Other financial impact: Settlement from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 145400

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification

City Goal(s):

**Background/Supporting Information**

On April 27, 2012, Minneapolis Police Officers working at Patrick Henry High School were asked to respond to a potential fight that appeared to be starting near one of the school's doors. Once in the area of the pending fight, one student, Mr. Lynam, refused to follow police directives, struggled with police, and was taken into custody. Mr. Lynam's mother, Ms. McKinnie, brought suit in United States District Court claiming constitutional violations. The parties have reached a proposed settlement of the matter for \$15,500.00 for all claims, including attorney fees. This office believes that this settlement is in the best interests of the City.