City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Ways & Means
Date: 10/19/2015
Referral: Committee of the Whole
From: City Attorney's Office
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File type: Action
Subcategory: Settlement

Subject:
Griselda Serrano v. Matthew Heger and City of Minneapolis

Description:
Approving the settlement of this personal injury lawsuit by payment of $9,000.00 payable to Griselda Serrano and her attorneys, Sawicki & Phelps, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400 and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Previous Actions:
None.

Ward/Address:
Not Applicable

Background/Analysis:
This lawsuit arises out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on April 11, 2012, when the vehicle in which Ms. Serrano was a passenger was struck by a City of Minneapolis Police squad.

The vehicle Ms. Serrano was in sustained $4,900.00 in damage. She sustained injuries and incurred in excess of $12,251.75 in treatment expenses. She continues to suffer difficulties as a result of her injuries.

Following negotiations and a mediation with her attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Ms. Serrano's personal injury lawsuit against the City in the amount of $9,000.00. 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.

Financial Review:
No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

☐ **Future budget impact anticipated.**

☐ **Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.**

☐ **Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.**