

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Ways & Means
Date: 2/8/2016
Referral: N/A
From: City Attorney's Office
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File type: Action
Subcategory: Settlement

Subject:

Legal Settlement of lawsuit Marvelle Dismuke v. City of Minneapolis

Description:

Approving the settlement of lawsuit Marvelle Dismuke v. City of Minneapolis by payment of \$24,500 to Marvelle Dismuke and her attorneys, and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement

Previous Actions:

None.

Ward/Address:

Ward 5
North Loop
Border Avenue & Olson Memorial Highway
(near 621 Olson Memorial Hwy, Minneapolis, MN 55405)

Background/Analysis:

On April 13, 2013, then-City employee Marvelle Dismuke was operating a City vehicle when she was involved in collision. The accident occurred when a vehicle (owner unknown) ran a red light through the intersection, causing Ms. Dismuke to stop abruptly to avoid collision. A Metro Transit bus behind her failed to stop and collided with the back of Ms. Dismuke's vehicle. Ms. Dismuke seeks damages for her physical injuries and medical bills as well as damages related to psychological trauma she claims arose from the accident. The City of Minneapolis is named as a defendant pursuant to the Minnesota Uninsured Motorist statute. The Department of Regulatory Services and the City Attorney's Office believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council

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.**

Attachments:

None