

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Ways & Means
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Referral: N/A
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File type: Action
Subcategory: Settlement

Subject:

Legal Settlement - Personal Injury Lawsuit of Patience Dirx v. City of Minneapolis

Description:

Approving the settlement of this personal injury lawsuit Patience Dirx v. City of Minneapolis by payment of \$35,000 to Patience Dirx and her attorneys, Tewksbury & Kerfeld, 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 claim arises out of an incident on November 18, 2014, at 11th Street and Marquette Avenue, when Ms. Dirx was attempting to enter her residence at Symphony Place from the adjacent parking lot and was struck by the automatic skyway doors as they mistakenly closed. Ms. Dirx sustained injuries and incurred in excess of \$13,300.00 in treatment expenses. She continues to suffer difficulties as a result of her injuries.

Following extensive negotiations and a mediation with her attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Ms. Dirx's personal injury lawsuit against the City in the amount of \$35,000.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Public Works 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.