



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

Date: October 29, 2007  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to:

Subject: Hussein Y. Wasuge v. City of Minneapolis  
Court File No.: None - Claim

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$7,500.00 payable to Hussein Y. Wasuge, and his attorney, Anthony Rossini, Rossini & Rossini, P.A., from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 4400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

**Previous Directives:** None

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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Jay M. Heffern, City Attorney

**Financial Impact:**(Check those that apply)

No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Budget or Operating Budget.

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

Action requires use of contingency or reserves.

Business Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Action is within the plan. \_\_\_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.

Other financial impact (Explain): \$7,500.00 from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 4400

Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact:** Other

**Background/Supporting Information:**

This matter and subsequent claim arise out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on May 16, 2006. At that time and place, Hussein Yusuf Wasuge was entering northbound I-35W from

Franklin Avenue. Mr. Wasuge was operating a 1995 Geo Prism. As Mr. Wasuge slowed to merge with traffic he was rear-ended by Minneapolis City employee Brian Scott Olson who was operating a City owned truck. Mr. Olson was unable to stop before striking the rear of the other vehicle. Minnesota State Patrol Trooper R. Jurek responded to the scene of the collision and in the accident report noted following too closely and driver inattention/distraction on the part of the City employee as the sole causes of the accident.

As a result of the crash, thirty-nine year old Hussein Yusuf Wasuge sustained permanent neck and back injuries. His medical expenses are in excess of \$7,900.56. His permanency is supported by his treating chiropractor. He continues to suffer pain and limitations.

Following extensive negotiations we have reached a tentative full and final settlement of Wasuge's claim against the City for the amount of \$7,500.00. We believe that this settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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