



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

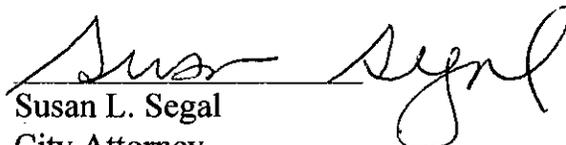
Date: March 27, 2009
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Raymond Campbell v. City of Minneapolis

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$6,000.00 payable to Raymond and Barbara Campbell and their attorneys, Griffel & Dorshow, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145675 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives: None

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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, 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): \$6,000.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145675
- 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 November 30, 2005. At that time and place, Target Center employee Raymond Campbell was working while proceeding eastbound on 6th Street South through a green light at its intersection with Portland Avenue South. Minneapolis City employee Scott Raymond Kramer was traveling southbound on Portland Avenue South when he failed to stop the Public Works Equipment Division Chevrolet car that he was operating at a red light semaphore, and broadsided the claimant's vehicle. Minneapolis Police Officer Scott Grabowski responded to the scene of the collision and in his report noted "disregarded traffic control device" and "driver on car phone" on the part of the City employee as the sole causes of the accident.

As a result of the crash, fifty-three year-old Raymond Campbell sustained injuries to his neck, right shoulder and right hand with continuing treatment expenses in excess of \$7,000.00 to date. He now encounters great difficulty engaging in his work activities with Target Center as a setup and tear-down worker which he had not experienced previous to this crash.

Following extensive negotiations we have reached a tentative settlement of Mr. Campbell's bodily injury claim against the City in the amount of \$6,000.00. This amount is a global settlement that includes a satisfaction of the workers' compensation carrier who has paid over \$5,000.00 in benefits to-date. 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.

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