



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

Date: July 13, 2011  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to:

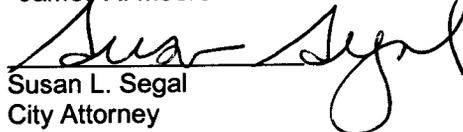
**Subject:** *Bruce S. Johnson vs. City of Minneapolis*

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this claim by payment of \$25,000.00 payable to Bruce Johnson and his attorneys, Gaskins, Bennett, Birrell & Schupp, from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 4000 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

**Previous Directives:**

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Approved by:

  
Susan L. Segal  
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): \$25,000.00 from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 4000  
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification  
City Goal(s): A safe place to call home

**Background/Supporting Information**

On October 29, 2010, Minneapolis Police Officer Bruce Johnson was working off-duty, in uniform and utilizing a marked Minneapolis squad car. While engaged in his off-duty employment, Officer Johnson heard a call involving a police pursuit. Officer Johnson left his off-duty employment and alerted dispatch that he would assist the other officers. Officer Johnson arrived just as the fleeing vehicle came to a stop. Officer John Bennett came up behind the stopped vehicle and, as he did so, released his canine officer. Officer Bennett pulled the driver from the vehicle and took him to the ground. Unfortunately, Officer Bennett's canine partner ran past the suspect and attacked Officer Johnson biting him repeatedly on the arms. Officer Johnson sustained multiple injuries to his hands and arms. Officer Johnson received workers' compensation benefits, but subsequently asserted a claim that the conduct of fellow officers constituted an exception to the workers' compensation exclusive remedy provision.

The City Attorney's Office, in cooperation with the Police Department has been able to negotiate a settlement of Officer Johnson's claims for \$25,000.00 in addition to workers' compensation benefits paid or payable relating to the incident.