



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

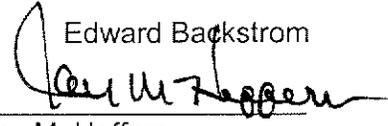
Date: September 20, 2004
To: Ways and Means Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Karen Worth v. City of Minneapolis, et al.

Recommendation: That the Council approve settlement of this matter for the sum of \$3,000.00 payable to Karen Worth and her attorney Donovan Larson from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 8650.

Previous Directives: None

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Jay M. Heffern
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee:

<p>Financial Impact (Check those that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires use of contingency or reserves</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other financial impact (Explain): Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 8650</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator</p>
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<p>Community Impact: None</p>
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Background/Supporting Information

This is a lawsuit for injuries received by plaintiff when she fell while exiting the Minneapolis Convention Center on October 14, 2000 at approximately 7:00 p.m. Plaintiff had been attending a lecture by Louis Rukeyser, which was sponsored by the Star-Tribune and Marquette Financial Services. It was planned by Event Group Incorporated. Resourceful Financial Planning was also involved in the seminar. They were sued as well as the City.

The injury occurred as plaintiff exiting the building after the lecture. She tripped on a raised section of metal stripping that was exposed in the floor of the doorway. This raised stripping caused her to fall onto the cement pavement outside the door, injuring her. Plaintiff claims her attention was directed to the door closing in front of her and did not see the damaged metal in the entrance that was raised two and ½ inches. Plaintiff suffered a nondisplaced fracture of her right kneecap, bruises on her left shoulder and back of her left hand, pain in her right hip, and a cut on her left hand. She claims \$2053.87 in special damages, of which \$520.26 is for lost wages.

In order to resolve the matter before discovery costs were incurred, the defendants proposed a global settlement that has been agreed to by plaintiff. Under the terms of the settlement the City and three of the other defendants would each pay \$3,000.00 to plaintiff as a complete settlement of her claims. The litigation committee of the City Attorney's office has reviewed the proposed settlement and recommends its adoption by the City.