



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

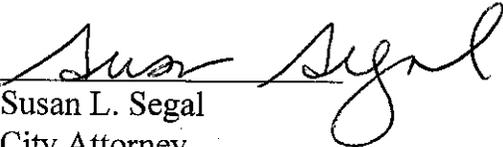
Date: December 1, 2010
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Patrice Monique Sanford v. City of Minneapolis
Court File No.: N/A

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$9,500.00 payable to Patrice Monique Sanford and her attorneys, Thill Law Firm, 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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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 requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain): \$9,500.00 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 June 5, 2007. At that time and place, Ms. Sanford was traveling north on Hennepin Avenue at or near its intersection with West 26th Street when she was rear-ended by a City of Minneapolis vehicle operated by City employee, Ward Barry Asher. This was a substantial collision that caused \$5,786.31 in damage.

As a result of the crash, forty-three year-old Patrice Monique Sanford sustained significant injuries and incurred in excess of \$5,511.10 in treatment expenses. She continues to suffer significant difficulties as a result of her injuries.

Following extensive negotiations with her attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Ms. Sanford's personal injury claim against the City in the amount of \$9,500.00. 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.

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