



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

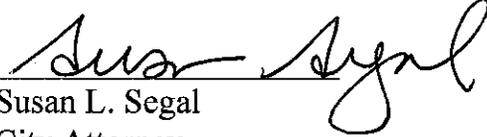
Date: June 2, 2010
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Lynda Gronberg v. City of Minneapolis
Court File No.: N/A

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$35,000.00 payable to Lynda Gronberg and her attorneys, Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145685 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 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): \$35,000.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145685
- 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 December 10, 2007. At that time and place, Ms. Gronberg was traveling west on 58th Street and entered the intersection at Lyndale Avenue South with a green light when she was struck by a City of Minneapolis front end loader that ran the red light. The City employee admitted that he entered the intersection on the red light stating to police on the scene that "the light was about to turn green" when he entered the intersection. Minneapolis Police Officer Jeremy Hulke noted "Disregarded Traffic Control Device" on the part of the City driver in the Accident Report. This was a substantial collision that caused the airbags in Ms. Gronberg's vehicle to deploy. Her vehicle sustained severe damage, was towed from the scene, and was noted as totaled by the responding officer. As a result of the crash, sixty-three year-old Lynda Gronberg sustained significant injuries and incurred in excess of \$5,384.45 in treatment expenses. Ms. Gronberg was also off work and incurred \$3,622.40 in lost wages. 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. Gronberg's personal injury claim against the City in the amount of \$35,000.00. 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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