



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

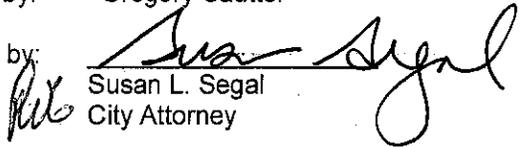
Date: November 29, 2011  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to:

**Subject:** *Patricia Knapp v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*  
Court File No. 10-cv-04909-MJD-JJG

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$1,500.00 to Patricia Knapp from Fund/Org. 06900 1500100 145400 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): Fund/Org. 6900 1500100 145400  
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact**

**Background/Supporting Information**

Plaintiff, Patricia Knapp, alleges that a Minneapolis Police Officer wrongfully shot her dog while preparing to execute an arrest warrant at an adjacent property on February 26, 2010. Plaintiff claims that the dog was no threat to the officer and was wrongfully shot. The dog survived the shooting for almost one year until it was euthanized for wounds associated with the shooting. The officer involved claims that the shooting was justified self defense.

This matter was originally brought in December, 2010. The City was represented by Assistant City Attorney Greg Sautter. Mr. Sautter consulted with the City Attorney's Office Litigation Committee and Deputy Chief Scott Gerlicher of the Minneapolis Police Department prior to making an offer of settlement. After extensive negotiation with Plaintiff's counsel a proposed settlement of all claims was reached in the amount of \$1,500.00. The City Attorney's Office and the Police Department believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.