

City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

ate:	Item Type:			1 st Reading		2 nd Reading	
	⊠ Resolution		Ordinance Reading	N/A		N/A	
			Public Hearing				
File No.:			Advertising Required				
			Quasi Judicial:				
Fiscal Impact (\$): Account		Balance (\$):	alance (\$): Funding Source:		Project Number:		
\$26,000		4,578	570-1810-545030)		N/A	
Contract/P.O. Required		- **	Sponsor Name:		Department:		
No	N/A		Jim Buschman Risk Manager			Human Resources/Risk Management	
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:							
⊠ Finance & Budget □ Orga			anizational Capacity		☐ Infrastructure/Projects		
Implementation Timeline:							
Estimated Start Date: 1/19/2022 Estimated End Date: 1/31/2022							
	ot (\$): O. d No	Resolution Ordina Ct (\$): Account Et (\$): Account Et (\$): No	Resolution Ordinance Other St (\$): Account Balance (\$): \$564,578 ORFP/RFQ/Bid Number: No N/A Strates & Budget	Resolution		Resolution	

SHORT TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO A PRE-LITIGATION SETTLEMENT WITH SHANA PARRY IN RISK MANAGEMENT CLAIM NO: 20-123, FOR PERSONAL INJURIES SHE SUSTAINED, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE APPROPRIATE RELEASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

SUMMARY:

Staff seeks City Commission approval to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to settle the pre-litigation personal injury claim portion of the Shana Parry Risk Management Claim No: 20-123 for the total sum of \$10,000, inclusive of attorney fees, in exchange for the appropriate release.

BACKGROUND:

On December 27, 2019, a city police vehicle, driven by Officer Leon Florez was traveling westbound on Hallandale Beach Blvd. Officer Florez began to slow his vehicle as he approached stopped traffic due to a red light. In doing so, he struck the rear of a vehicle owned and being operated by the claimant, Shana Parry. The claimant sustained soft tissue injuries to her back, neck and shoulder and treated with a chiropractor and orthopedic surgeon. There is approximately \$6,000 in unpaid medical bills. The claimant's attorney initially demanded \$195,000; however, staff was able to negotiate a settlement of \$10,000 to settle the bodily injury portion of this claim. In September of 2020, the property damage portion of this file was settled with a \$16,000 payment to the claimant's finance company.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

Pursuant to Chapter 24-3 (d), of the City of Hallandale Beach, Code of Ordinances, proposed settlements in excess of \$20,000 shall be submitted to the City Commission for its decision. This settlement exceeds the authority amount given to the City Manager, and City Attorney to settle claims, which require the City Commission approval.

COST BENEFIT:

Staff believes settling the bodily injury portion of this claim for \$10,000 to avoid litigation is in the City's best interest.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission consider the attached Resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

Prepared By: <u>Jim Buschman</u>

Jim Buschman Risk Manager

Reviewed By: Radu Dodea

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Human Resources/Risk Management Director

Approved By: <u>Noemy Sandoval</u>

Noemy Sandoval Assistant City Manager