



## City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	File No.:	Item Type:		1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
<b>8/20/2025</b>	<b>25-365</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Resolution</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ordinance</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>	Ordinance Reading	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
			Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Advertising Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Quasi-Judicial:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fiscal Impact (\$):	Account Balance (\$):		Funding Source:	Project Number:	
<b>\$145,000</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>570-1810-545030</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
Contract Required:	P.O. Required:	RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	Sponsor Name:	Department:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Jennifer Merino, City Attorney</b>	<b>Office of the City Attorney</b>	
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fiscal Stability</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Resident Services</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Safety</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Infrastructure &amp; Mobility</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Economic Development &amp; Affordable Housing</b>	
Implementation Timeline:					
Estimated Start Date: 8/20/2025			Estimated End Date: 8/20/2025		

### SHORT TITLE:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT PAYMENT TO QUENTA JOSEPH FOR PERSONAL INJURIES RESULTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN EXCHANGE FOR A RELEASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### STAFF SUMMARY:

#### Summary:

Ms. Joseph, age 39, was driving her vehicle when she was struck from behind by a City police vehicle at an estimated speed of 65 mph. She fractured her ankle, injured her shoulder, resulting in surgery and has back injuries, including bulging discs.

The parties have reached a potential settlement which is being recommended for approval by the City Attorney and City Manager. The proposed settlement would require

the City to pay \$145,000 to Ms. Joseph, inclusive of attorney's fees and costs, in exchange for a release of claims, and this action would be dismissed as a result.

Given the complex nature of the injuries and necessary medical treatment, the proposed settlement is recommended to limit the overall costs of trial and continuing litigation.

**Why Action is Necessary:**

Pursuant to Section 24-3(d), of the City of Hallandale Beach, Code of Ordinances, proposed settlements in excess of \$20,000.00 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 City Commission for approval.

**Cost Benefit:**

The Commission must weigh the probability of potential trial costs and Plaintiff attorney fees as compared to the proposed settlement amount.

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

Consideration and approval of the attached Resolution.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution