



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	File No.:	Item Type:		1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
8/6/2025	25-280	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Ordinance Reading	N/A	N/A
			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:		
\$20,000	\$20,000	570-1810-545030	N/A		
Contract/P.O. Required	RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	Sponsor Name:	Department:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	Jim Buschman Assistant HR Director/Risk Manager	Human Resources/ Risk Management		
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Stability	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure & Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development & Affordable Housing	
Implementation Timeline:					
Estimated Start Date: 8/6/2025			Estimated End Date: 8/31/2025		

SHORT TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT PAYMENT TO TRACY ANN JONES FOR PERSONAL INJURIES RESULTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000) DOLLARS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

Staff seeks City Commission approval to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to settle the Tracy Ann Jones lawsuit for the total sum of \$20,000, in exchange for the appropriate release.

Background:

City employee Juan Morales was attempting to make a left hand turn in a City vehicle at the intersection of Old Federal Highway and SE Third Street. Traffic was backed up due to the red light and Mr. Morales was attempting to inch his way into westbound traffic at the advice of a motorist who had stopped to let him through. The claimant, Tracy Ann Jones, was traveling eastbound on SE Third Street. As a result of both drivers being unable to see each other, both vehicles collided. Mr. Morales was determined to be at fault for failing to yield the right-of-way for this accident. During the 9/28/2022 City Commission meeting, approval was provided to the City Attorney and City Manager to settle the property damage portion of this claim in the amount of \$23,320.

Current Situation:

The claimant filed a lawsuit for her bodily injuries and this case went to court. During the trial, the claimant and her attorneys agreed to settle this lawsuit in the amount of \$20,000 for her bodily injuries. This settlement of \$20,000 along with the prior settlement for the property damage of \$23,320 exceeds the authority amount given to the City Manager and City Attorney to settle claims, which require City Commission approval.

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 City Commission approval.

Cost Benefit:

Staff believe settling the property damage portion of this claim for \$20,000 is in the City's best interest.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission considers the attached Resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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