

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: December 2, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney

TITLE:

Settlement of personal injury lawsuit Trevor Rafferty v. City of Lake Worth Beach

SUMMARY:

The proposed settlement for \$65,000 seeks to resolve the personal injury lawsuit of Trevor Rafferty v. City of Lake Worth Beach (15th Judicial Circuit Case No. 502024CA006147XXXXMBAO).

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

This lawsuit arises out of a March 12, 2022 motor vehicle/pedestrian accident which occurred at Lucerne Avenue and North F Street. Former City employee, Hugo Alejandro Martinez Mendieta (Mendieta) was stopped for a stop sign in the crosswalk with the intent to make a left onto Lucerne Avenue. Mendieta began to initiate his turn and struck Plaintiff who was crossing in the crosswalk and had the right of way. As a result of the accident, Plaintiff was transported via EMS to JFK Medical Center with complaints of neck, back and left knee pain. Following JFK, Plaintiff underwent MRIs which revealed herniations in his lumbar and thoracic spine resulting in him undergoing multiple injections and radiofrequency ablations. Plaintiff's medical bills total approximately \$213,000 with \$175,000 in out of pockets.

Based on liability being adverse to the City, the amount of medical bills incurred and the future medical care recommendations, the parties tentatively agreed to a settlement amount of \$65,000 contingent upon City Commission approval. The Plaintiff will provide a release in favor of the City in exchange for the settlement amount.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove the settlement for \$65,000 to resolve the personal injury lawsuit of Trevor Rafferty v. City of Lake Worth Beach (15th Judicial Circuit Case No. 502024CA006147XXXXMBAO).

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Inflows/Revenues					
Appropriated (Budgeted)	0	0	0	0	0
Program Income	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
In Kind	0	0	0	0	0
Outflows/Expenditures					
Appropriated (Budgeted)	0	0	0	0	0
Operating	\$65,000	0	0	0	0
Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact (If not budgeted)	0	0	0	0	0
No. of Addn'l Full-Time Employee Positions	0	0	0	0	0

Contract Award - Existing Appropriation (Budgeted)	
	Expenditure
Department	Human Resources
Division	Risk
GL Description	Insurance / Deduct / Non-Covered Losses
GL Account Number	520-1331-513.45-60
Project Number	N/A
Requested Funds	\$65,000
Remaining Balance	\$518,668
Source of Revenue (i.e. Paygo. Current Revenue, Bond Money, Grants, etc.)	