

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: March 4, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney

TITLE:

Settlement of personal injury lawsuit *Lester Suarez-Rivera v. City of Lake Worth Beach*

SUMMARY:

The proposed settlement for \$75,000 seeks to resolve the personal injury lawsuit of *Lester Suarez-Rivera v. City of Lake Worth Beach* (15th Judicial Circuit Case No. 502023CA006484XXXXMBAJ).

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

This personal injury case allegedly arose out of a January 22, 2022, accident on I-95 where a City of Lake Worth Beach electric line fell across the roadway and landed on the windshield of Plaintiff's car. As a result, Plaintiff suffered injury to his neck and back resulting in Plaintiff needing chiropractic treatments, facet blocks, and radiofrequency nerve ablations. Currently, Plaintiff's medical bills total \$118,050.60, with approximately \$85,000 in out of pockets.

Based on liability being adverse to the City, the amount of medical bills incurred and the future care recommendations, the parties tentatively agreed to a settlement amount of \$75,000 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 settlement for \$75,000 to resolve the personal injury lawsuit of *Lester Suarez-Rivera v. City of Lake Worth Beach* (15th Judicial Circuit Case No. 502023CA006484XXXXMBAJ).

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
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)	\$75,000	0	0	0	0
Operating	0	0	0	0	0
Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact					
<i>(If not budgeted)</i>	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	Self-Insurance
Division	Property Liability
GL Description	Insurance / Deduct/Non-Covered Losses
GL Account Number	520-1331-513-45-60
Project Number	N/A
Requested Funds	\$75,000.00
Remaining Balance	336,610.44
Source of Revenue (i.e. Paygo. Current Revenue, Bond Money, Grants, etc.)	Current revenues