

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: March 18, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney

TITLE:

Settlement of personal injury lawsuit *Howard Willson v. City of Lake Worth Beach*

SUMMARY:

The proposed settlement for \$65,000 seeks to resolve the personal injury lawsuit of *Howard Willson v. City of Lake Worth Beach* (15th Judicial Circuit Case No. 502024CA010828XXXMBAO).

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

This personal injury case allegedly arose out of a July 21, 2022 automobile collision between a City of Lake Worth Beach garbage truck and Plaintiff's car. As a result, Plaintiff suffered a displaced fracture to the third metatarsal and a fracture of the fourth metatarsal resulting in surgery including the placement of hardware. Plaintiff's past medical bills total \$141,112.31. The hardware has become painful; therefore, removal surgery has been recommended.

Based on liability being adverse to the City, the amount of medical bills incurred and the future care recommendations and scarring, 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 *Howard Willson v. City of Lake Worth Beach* (15th Judicial Circuit Case No. 502024CA010828XXXMBAO).

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)	\$65,000	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	\$65,000
Remaining Balance	\$271,610
Source of Revenue (i.e. Paygo. Current Revenue, Bond Money, Grants, etc.)	Pay Go