

# CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

## **MEETING DATE:** 07/09/2024

**REQUESTER:** Ryan Riddel, Assistant City Attorney

- **PRESENTER:** Ryan Riddel, Assistant City Attorney
- ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-8: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$36,699.26 FROM THE REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS RISK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT TO REPAIR OR REPLACE CITY VEHICLES DAMAGED BY OTHER DRIVERS IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

### BACKGROUND:

Funding is required to repair or replace City vehicles that are damaged in traffic collisions. To assist with this process, the City has contracted with Alternative Claims Management (ACM) to pursue reimbursement of damage costs from the other driver's insurance policy when the collision is the fault of the other driver.

ACM has remitted payment to the City in the total amount of \$36,699.26. This item requests appropriation of these funds to the Miscellaneous Services/Uninsured Losses account to pay for vehicle repairs or replacement.

### DISCUSSION:

Insurance reimbursement has been received for the following incidents:

On April 23, 2022, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1167) received damage when it was struck by another driver who improperly changed lanes. Allstate insurance determined their driver to be at fault and after the City received payment for damage costs, a Loss of Use payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$713.10.

On April 29, 2023, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1195) received damage when it was struck by another driver who failed to yield to traffic while exiting a parking lot. Geico insurance determined their driver to be at fault and payment for damage costs was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$3,546.59.

On May 24, 2023, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1120) received damage when it was struck by another driver who became distracted with activity near the road. Equity Insurance determined their driver to be at fault and declared the police vehicle a total loss. Payment for the depreciated value of the vehicle plus Loss of Use was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the total amount of \$21,125.00.

On February 26, 2024, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1166) received damage when another driver refused to stop his vehicle during police pursuit. Traders Insurance determined their driver to be at fault and payment for damage costs plus Loss of Use was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the total amount of \$11,314.57.

ACM remitted the following payments to the City for the above incidents:

- Check #25970, dated 12/27/2023, for \$4,259.69
- Check #9902318951, dated 6/19/2024, for \$32,439.57

These checks total \$36,699.26 and were deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account on January 23, 2024, and June 27, 2024, respectively.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of R-2425-8 for the appropriation of the above-referenced insurance reimbursement funds of \$36,699.26 from Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management (Account 439-365264) to Miscellaneous Services – Uninsured Losses (43330104-44798) for the repair or replacement of City of Norman vehicles.