



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Type: Council - Regular

Meeting Date: December 5, 2024

Agenda Item Type: Consent Agenda

Staff Contact: Brandon Perkins, Town Manager

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM:

Approval of a resolution authorizing the Town of Tyrone's participation in an amicus brief in the Chang v. City of Milton appeal.

BACKGROUND:

A jury has awarded damages against the City of Milton in the amount of \$35,000,000 as a result of a 2016 auto accident in which a vehicle left the roadway and struck a city-owned masonry planter, causing injuries.

The Town, along with other Georgia municipalities, is being asked to participate in an amicus brief as the result of this case can have future implications for us all.

The following is from the Cornell Law website and is provided to give Council more insight on this matter:

“Amicus Curiae literally translated from Latin is ‘friend of the court.’ Plural is ‘amici curiae.’ Generally, it is referencing a person or group who is not a party to an action, but has a strong interest in the matter. This person or group will petition the court for permission to submit a brief in the action intending to influence the court’s decision. Such briefs are called ‘amicus briefs.’”

FUNDING:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS:

None.