



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 7, 2014

TITLE: Motion authorizing settlement of workers' compensation claims WC-11-14719; WC-13-15096; and WC-13-15261 (Gerard Tanelus) for \$22,500.

Recommendation

Staff recommends settlement of these workers' compensation claims in the amount of \$22,500 to Gerard Tanelus.

Background

Gerard Tanelus was employed as a Utilities Service Worker with the City until his employment terminated on June 30, 2014. During his eight years with the City, he reported five work related injuries of which three claims remain open. Exposure to the City on the three claims for future medical care and indemnity payments is estimated at \$71,000.

A settlement was reached to resolve the three remaining claims with Mr. Tanelus for a total of \$22,500, subject to the approval of the City Commission. This settlement includes a payment of \$15,420 to Mr. Tanelus and \$7,080 in attorney fees to his attorney.

Resource Impact

<i>Funds available as of October 1, 2014</i>			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	PAYMENT AMOUNT
543-INS010101-5125	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating Expenses /Workers' Compensation Claims	\$22,500.
PAYMENT TOTAL ►			\$22,500.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are United*.

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