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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 18, 2013

TITLE: MOTION - Authorizing reimbursement of City officers' legal fees per

Florida State Statute 111.065 for \$90,000

Recommendation

Staff recommends reimbursement of legal fees pursuant to Florida State Statute 111.065. This reimbursement has been evaluated by the proper City officials and all concur that a payment of \$90,000 to the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #31 is in the City's best interest.

Background

The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Lodge #31, submitted legal invoices in the amount of \$106,617.98 to the City and per Florida State Statute 111.065, they are requesting reimbursement. The FOP incurred these legal expenses in the defense of criminal charges that were brought against Sergeant Florenco, Officer Moceri and Officer Shaffer.

The charges against the Sergeant and the officers were dismissed by the Judge at the conclusion of their trial. Therefore, under Florida State Statute 111.065 they are qualified for reimbursement of legal fees for their defense.

The City reviewed the FOP legal invoices and agreed to recommend a negotiated payment in the amount of \$90,000 to resolve this matter.

Resource Impact

There is fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$90,000.

		SUB	FUND			SUB	SUBOBJECT	
FY Year	FUND	FUND	NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT#	NAME	AMOUNT
							Police	
			City		Self-Insurance		Professional	
2012-2013	543	01	Insurance	INS010101	Claims	5119	Liability Claims	\$90,000.00
							TOTAL	\$90,000.00

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