



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#22-1015

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: October 18, 2022

TITLE: Motion Authorizing Settlement of Automobile Liability Claim in the Matter of Theresa Grimes v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. CACE 21-020984 (09) - \$200,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the settlement of the automobile liability claim in the matter of Theresa Grimes v. City, Case No. CACE 21-020984 (09) in the amount of \$200,000.

Background

Theresa Grimes filed an automobile liability claim against the City resulting from a motor vehicle accident with a marked police vehicle on January 30, 2021, where she sustained injuries. Ms. Grimes filed litigation against the City for her injury claim on November 22, 2021. The City Commission reviewed her claim at an Executive Closed Door Session (CAM #22-0981) on October 3, 2022, pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 286.011(8).

Staff, the City Attorney, and defense counsel’s evaluation of the potential financial exposure to the City determined that a settlement would provide the most cost-effective outcome. Through negotiations, a settlement was reached in the amount of \$200,000, subject to the approval of the City Commission.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$200,000.

<i>Funds available as of October 6, 2022</i>			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
10-543-9050-519-50-5104	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating Expenses/Automobile Liability Claims	\$200,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►			\$200,000

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning.

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Implementation Element
- Goal 1: The Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan shall accomplish the City's *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan regarding the City's future growth and the six Cylinders of Excellence and shall be the City's primary policy document to guide all of its activities and development.

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