



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#23-1067**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** November 21, 2023

**TITLE:** Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims in *Andrew Pallen v. City of Fort Lauderdale*, Case Nos. 23-018373MJR and 22-022078MJR - \$147,100 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the settlement of the workers' compensation claims in *Andrew Pallen v. City of Fort Lauderdale*, Case Nos. 23-018373MJR and 22-022078MJR, by paying Andrew Pallen the amount of \$147,100.

**Background**

Andrew Pallen, a retired Sergeant with the Police Department, filed two workers' compensation claims for injuries that occurred on February 28, 2018, and April 28, 2022, which were accepted as compensable under Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and subsequently filed litigation against the City on September 9, 2022, and July 24, 2023.

Staff 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 \$147,100, subject to the approval of the City Commission.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$147,100.

<i>Funds available as of October 20, 2023</i>			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
10-544-9060-519-50-5125	Self-Insurance Claims – Workers Comp	Non-Operating Expenses /Work Comp Claims	\$147,100
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>			<b>\$147,100</b>

### **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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