



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

**#26-0108**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** February 3, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Authorizing Settlement of Auto Liability Claims of Lazaro Diaz Risco, Mayra Perdomo Fee, Jose Angel Argueta Hernandez, Layma Diaz Perdomo, et al. – \$300,000 – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve, as provided for by Sec. 2-151, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the settlement of the auto liability claims of Lazaro Diaz Risco, Mayra Perdomo Fee, Jose Angel Argueta Hernandez, Layma Diaz Perdomo, et al., by paying the combined amount of \$300,000.

**Background**

Multiple injury and property damage claims were filed against the City as a result of a motor vehicle accident involving a City Police vehicle on March 18, 2025. The City vehicle was traveling westbound and entered the intersection of E Broward Boulevard and N Federal Highway while the traffic light was red, operating in emergency mode (lights and sirens). The City vehicle collided with a vehicle traveling southbound on N Federal, which had a green light, and that vehicle proceeded to collide with another vehicle stopped at the red light, traveling eastbound.

Pursuant to Sec. 2-151, Code of Ordinances, the claim was reviewed, and a settlement was recommended by the City's Risk Management Committee on August 28, 2025. 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 combined settlement was reached in the amount of \$300,000, subject to the approval of the City Commission. The combined settlement amount will be divided as follows: Lazaro Diaz Risco will receive \$200,000; Mayra Perdomo Fee will receive \$70,000; Jose Angel Argueta Hernandez will receive \$25,000; and Layma Diaz Perdomo will receive \$5,000.

**Resource Impact**

If approved, there will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$300,000 which is available in the City's self-insurance fund account listed below.

<b><i>Funds available as of January 5, 2026</i></b>			
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-543-9050-519-50-5104	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating Expenses / Auto Liability Claims	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>			<b>\$300,000</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Guiding Principles, Fiscal Responsibility

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 Vision Plan 2035 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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