



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#14-1207

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 general liability claim GL 13-757C (Philomena Dibisceglie) for \$30,000

Recommendation

Staff recommends settlement of this general liability claim in the amount of \$30,000 to Philomena Dibisceglie.

Background

Philomena Dibisceglie filed a claim for injuries sustained in a trip and fall accident on August 10, 2013. She was walking along the 300 block of A1A when she tripped on an unsecured metal electrical box cover when her foot struck a raised section of the cover. She sustained a fracture of her hip which required hospitalization and surgery, incurring medical expenses in the amount of \$79,335.57.

Her attorney filed a demand to settle in the amount of \$200,000. The City conducted pre-litigation negotiations and an agreement has been reached with Ms. Dibisceglie to settle this claim for \$30,000, subject to the approval of the City Commission.

Resource Impact

<i>Funds available as of October 1, 2014</i>			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	PAYMENT AMOUNT
543-INS010101-5113	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating Expenses /General Liability Claims	\$30,000
PAYMENT TOTAL ►			\$30,000

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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