#25-0713

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: August 19, 2025

TITLE: Motion Authorizing Settlement of General Liability Claim in *Tramon Landers*

v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. CACE 23-005565 - \$200,000 -

(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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 general liability claim in *Tramon Landers v. City of Fort Lauderdale*, Case No. CACE 23-005565, by paying the amount of \$200,000.

Background

Tramon Landers filed a general liability claim for an injury that occurred at Bass Park on January 31, 2022. In connection with the claim, Mr. Landers subsequently filed a lawsuit against the City on March 20, 2023. Trial was scheduled to begin on March 21, 2025, but was stayed pending settlement discussions.

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 March 11, 2025. Further, the City Commission discussed the matter at an executive closed-door session on April 15, 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 settlement was reached in the amount of \$200,000, subject to the approval of the City Commission.

Resource Impact

If approved, there will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$200,000 which is available in the City's self-insurance fund account listed below.

Funds available as of June 20, 2025			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
10-543-9050-519-50-5113	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating Expenses/General Liability Claims	\$200,000
		TOTAL AMOUNT ►	\$200,000

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 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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