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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 20, 2013

TITLE: Motion to approve settlement of automobile general liability file # VA GL

08-704 (Robert Lewis) for \$22,500

Recommendation

As provided in Section 2-151 (Settlement of claims) of the City's Code of Ordinances, this automobile general liability case has been evaluated by the proper City officials and all concur that a settlement of \$22,500 to Mr. Robert Lewis is in the City's best interest. Staff recommends settlement of automobile general liability file # VA GL 08-704 (Robert Lewis) for \$22,500.

Background

On the afternoon of June 24, 2008 Officer Garcia-Lemieux in marked patrol car number 9403 was following a car in the area of NW 7th Avenue and NW 17th Street. The car Officer Garcia-Lemieux was following failed to stop for the stop sign located at NW 7th Avenue. Officer Garcia-Lemieux stopped for the stop sign but failed to see an approaching vehicle from her right hand side on NW 7th Avenue. As the Officer attempted to cross the intersection, her car was struck in the passenger door area by the pick-up truck being driven by Robert Lewis. The overhead lights and siren on the police car were not activated prior to this collision.

Mr. Lewis, his passenger and Officer Garcia-Lemieux were all transported to the hospital by ambulance. Mr. Lewis made claim for injuries to his low back, mid back, right leg/knee and his right wrist. Mr. Lewis underwent a lumbar discogram and discectomy at the L5-S1 level. Total medical bills claimed due to this automobile accident are \$48,741.74. The pick-up truck Mr. Lewis had borrowed and was driving at the time of the collision did not have insurance. None of the medical bills have been paid.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$22,500.

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FY Year	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX#	INDEX NAME	OBJECT#	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2013	543	01	City Insurance	INS010101	Self-Insurance Claims	5104	Auto Liability Claims	22,500.00
TOTAL								22,500.00

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