



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

- TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
- **FROM**: Greg Chavarria, City Manager
- DATE: October 3, 2022
- TITLE: Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim in the Matter of Marc DeCarlo v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. 20-001083MJR - \$175,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the settlement of the workers' compensation claim in the matter of Marc DeCarlo v. City, Case No. 20-001083MJR in the amount of \$175,000.

#### **Background**

Marc DeCarlo, a retired Police Officer, filed a workers' compensation claim for an injury that occurred on July 6, 2010, while in the course and scope of employment with the City, which was accepted as compensable under Chapter 440, Florida Statute. Mr. DeCarlo filed litigation against the City for his injury claim on January 15, 2020.

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 \$175,000, subject to the approval of the City Commission.

#### Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$175,000.

| Funds available as of October 3, 2022 |                                    |                                    |           |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER                        | INDEX NAME<br>(Program)            | CHARACTER CODE/<br>SUB-OBJECT NAME | AMOUNT    |
| 543-INS020101-5125                    | Self-Insurance<br>Claims – Workers | Non-Operating<br>Expenses /Work    | \$175,000 |
|                                       | Comp                               | Comp Claims                        | φ170,000  |
|                                       |                                    | TOTAL AMOUNT 🕨                     | \$175,000 |

# 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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