



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

**#15-0206**

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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** February 17, 2015

**TITLE:** Settlement of Auto Liability Claims in the matter of Debra Spengler and Arthur Spengler, Jr. v. City of Fort Lauderdale et al., Case No. 12-035645; Thelma Barrett Hoffman v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No.: 13-16723; State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company a/s/o Alexander Cherba v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No.: 13-009020; Debra Larue v. City of Fort Lauderdale and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Case No.: 13-020574, in the total amount of \$200,000

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a motion approving the settlement of auto liability claims, Debra Spengler and Arthur Spengler, Jr. v. City of Fort Lauderdale et al., Case No. 12-035645; Thelma Barrett Hoffman v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No.: 13-16723; State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company a/s/o Alexander Cherba v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No.: 13-009020; Debra Larue v. City of Fort Lauderdale and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Case No.: 13-020574, in the total amount of \$200,000.

**Background**

The plaintiffs, Arthur Spengler, Debra Spengler, Thelma Lynn Hoffman, Debra LaRue, and State Farm Insurance Company as subrogee of Spengler, Hoffman and Cherba, filed auto liability claims and lawsuits against the City from a vehicle accident on August 26, 2011.

Through negotiations, a settlement was reached in the total amount of \$200,000, subject to the approval of the City Commission. This amount is broken down as follows: Arthur Spengler will receive \$88,708.49; Debra Spengler will receive \$25,000; Thelma Lynn Hoffman will receive \$31,000; Debra LaRue will receive \$35,000; and State Farm Insurance Company as subrogee of Spengler, Hoffman and Cherba will receive \$20,291.51.

## **Resource Impact**

Funds available as of February 5, 2015			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	PAYMENT AMOUNT
543-INS010101-5104	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating Expenses /Auto Liability Claims	\$200,000
	PAYMENT TOTAL ►		\$200,000

## **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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