



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0767

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 17, 2021

TITLE: Motion Authorizing Settlement of Auto Liability Claim in the Matter of Ruel and Paulette Dehaney v. City of Fort Lauderdale, et al. Case No. CACE 15-019355 (21) - \$225,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the settlement of the auto liability claim in the matter of Ruel and Paulette Dehaney v. City of Fort Lauderdale, et al. Case No. CACE 15-019355 (21) in the amount of \$225,000.

Background

Ruel and Paulette Dehaney filed an auto liability claim and lawsuit against the City resulting from an injury on April 1, 2014. This injury occurred from a City vehicle colliding with the rear of their vehicle and pushing it into a third vehicle near N State Road 7 (US 441) and Oakes Road (SW 36th Street). Litigation of this claim commenced on October 30, 2015 and after evaluation of the potential financial exposure to the City it was determined that a settlement would provide the most cost-effective outcome.

Through negotiations, a settlement was reached in the amount of \$225,000 subject to the approval of the City Commission.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$225,000.

<i>Funds available as of July 23, 2021</i>			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
543-INS010101-5104	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating Expenses /Auto Liability Claims	\$225,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►			\$225,000

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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