



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

**#21-0768**

**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 General Liability Claim in the Matter of  
Christina McGuirk, et al. v. City of Fort Lauderdale Case No. CACE 20-  
007600 (12) - \$180,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the settlement of the general liability claim in the matter of Christina McGuirk, et al. v. City of Fort Lauderdale Case No. CACE 20-007600 (12) in the amount of \$180,000.

**Background**

Christina McGuirk filed a general liability claim and lawsuit against the City resulting from an injury on April 15, 2019. This injury occurred from her falling down on a sidewalk due to a defective City water meter cover near 306 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Litigation of this claim commenced on May 6, 2020 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 \$180,000 subject to the approval of the City Commission.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$180,000.

<i>Funds available as of July 23, 2021</i>			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
543-INS010101-5113	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating Expenses /General Liability Claims	\$180,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>			<b>\$180,000</b>

### **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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