



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0632

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: July 2, 2026

TITLE: Motion Authorizing Settlement of Auto Liability Claim of Johnnie Randell, Jr.
– \$195,000 – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve, as provided for by Sec. 2-151, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the settlement of the auto liability claim of Johnnie Randell, Jr., by paying an amount of \$195,000.

Background

A severe injury claim was filed against the City resulting from a motor vehicle accident with a Fort Lauderdale Police Department vehicle on May 10, 2025. The City vehicle was traveling westbound on NW 9 Street and turned left onto NW 14 Way, while operating in emergency mode (lights and siren), and collided with a bicyclist who had just entered the intersection prior to the City vehicle.

Pursuant to Sec. 2-151, Code of Ordinances, the claim was reviewed, and a settlement was recommended by the City's Risk Management Committee on March 26, 2026. Staff'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 \$195,000, subject to the approval of the City Commission.

Resource Impact

If approved, there will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$195,000 which is available in the City's self-insurance fund account listed below.

Funds available as of June 3, 2026			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
10-543-9050-519-50-5104	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating Expenses / Auto Liability Claims	\$195,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►			\$195,000

Strategic Connections

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Guiding Principles, Fiscal Responsibility

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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