

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/28/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-1018

LOG NAME: 13ESTATE OF RAE JEAN SEYBOLD SETTLEMENT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Settlement with the Estate of Ms. Rae Jean Seybold and Payment in the Total Amount of \$250,000.00 for Full and Final Settlement of All Claims Related to a January 30, 2025 Motor Vehicle Accident at the Intersection of West Rosedale & South Henderson Street between a City of Fort Worth Fire Engine, While En Route to an Emergency, and a Private Passenger Automobile Operated by Ms. Rae Jean Seybold, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance, and Authorize City Personnel to Execute and File the Necessary Documents to Dispose of this Claim

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize settlement and payment in the total amount of \$250,000.00 for full and final settlement of all claims related to the January 30, 2025 motor vehicle accident at the intersection of West Rosedale & South Henderson Street between a City of Fort Worth Fire Engine, while en route to an emergency, and a private passenger automobile operated by Ms. Rae Jean Seybold; and
 2. Authorize the appropriate City personnel to execute all releases, agreements and court filings necessary to complete the settlement.
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DISCUSSION:

On January 30, 2025, at approximately 10:51 am, City of Fort Worth Fire Engine 8 was traveling westbound, with lights and sirens activated, on West Rosedale Street. A 2020 Chevrolet Equinox, operated by Ms. Rae Jean Seybold, was traveling northbound on South Henderson Street. At the intersection of 1200 West Rosedale Street and 1000 South Henderson Street, Fire Engine 8 moved into the left turn lane in order to maneuver through traffic to continue traveling westbound on West Rosedale Street and entered the intersection on a red signal with lights and sirens activated. At the same time, Ms. Seybold entered the intersection on a green signal. Both vehicles collided. Ms. Seybold sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision.

The parties engaged in direct settlement negotiations and reached an agreement to resolve this claim pre-litigation. Under the circumstances, it is in the best interest of the City to settle all issues related to the Estate of Ms. Rae Jean Seybold for \$250,000.00.

Approval of this settlement should not be construed as an admission of liability by the City of Fort Worth, as any liability in this matter is denied.

Funding is budgeted in the General Operating & Maintenance category in the Risk Financing Fund for the Financial Management Services Department, as designated, for non-litigated claim payments and settlements.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendations, funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Risk Financing Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Financial Management Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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