

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/24/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0569

LOG NAME: 12SETTLEMENT URIEL LEMON BROWN

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Settlement and Payment in the Amount of \$250,000.00 for Full and Final Settlement of All Claims Related to the Lawsuit Entitled Uriel Lemon Brown, Individually and on Behalf of the Estate of Andra Craig v. City of Fort Worth, Cause No. 153-349358-24 in the 153rd Judicial District, Tarrant County, Texas; Adopt Appropriation Ordinance and Authorize City Personnel to Execute and File the Necessary Documents to Dispose of this Lawsuit

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize settlement and payment in the total amount of \$250,000.00 to the Estate of Uriel Brown for full and final settlement of all claims related to the lawsuit entitled Uriel Lemon Brown, individually and on behalf of the Estate of Andra Craig v. City of Fort Worth, Cause No. 153-349358-24 in the 153rd Judicial District, Tarrant County, Texas;
 2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimate receipts and appropriations in the Risk Financing Fund in the amount of \$250,000.00, from available net position, for the purpose of funding lawsuit expenses; and
 3. Authorize the appropriate City personnel to execute all releases, agreements and court filings necessary to complete the settlement.
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DISCUSSION:

On July 6, 2023, police officers were involved in a vehicle pursuit of a suspected stolen vehicle. A police unit entered the intersection at Evans Street and Rosedale Street and struck a vehicle being driven by Andra Craig. Mr. Craig later died. The Estate of Mr. Craig sued the City of Fort Worth alleging that the negligence of the City was the proximate cause of the accident.

The parties have agreed to settle all issues related to the claims of the Estate 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 available for appropriation from the net position of the Risk Financing Fund. The beginning net position balance is \$38,643,175.65, and the after appropriation the new net position will be \$38,393,175.65.

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 funds are currently available from net position of the Risk Financing Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the Risk Financing Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the City Attorney Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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