

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/25/22

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 22-0857

LOG NAME: 12CRAIG SETTLEMENT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Settlement and Payment in the Amount of \$150,000.00 for Full and Final Settlement of All Claims Related to the Lawsuit Styled Jacqueline Craig, et al. v. City of Fort Worth, et al., Civil Action No. 4:17-CV-01020-P

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize settlement and payment in the amount of \$150,000.00 to Jacqueline Craig, individually and on behalf of minors, J.H., K.H. and A.C. and Brea Hymond, and her attorney S. Lee Merritt for full and final settlement of all claims related to the lawsuit styled Jacqueline Craig, et. al v. City of Fort Worth, et al.; and
 2. Authorize the appropriate City personnel to execute all releases and agreements necessary to complete the settlement.
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DISCUSSION:

On October 12, 2019, Jacqueline Craig and two of her daughters were arrested during a police encounter with Officer William D. Martin. Ms. Craig, on behalf of herself and her minor children, and Brea Hymond filed a lawsuit against the City and Officer Martin alleging numerous claims, including false arrest and excessive force. During the course of the litigation all claims against Officer Martin were dismissed, leaving the City as the sole defendant in the lawsuit. An agreement has been reached to settle all claims against the City of Fort Worth. The parties have also agreed to release all claims against Officer Martin as part of the settlement.

Funding is budgeted in the Lawsuit Payments/Settlements account in the Human Resources Department's Risk Financing Fund.

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 Human Resources Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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