



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: 8/13/2020

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Andy Segovia, City Attorney

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Settlement of litigation styled Sandra Rios v. City of San Antonio

SUMMARY:

This item will approve the settlement of a lawsuit styled Sandra Rios v. City of San Antonio, Cause Number 2017-CI-06923 pending in the Bexar County 288th Judicial District Court in an amount of \$85,000.00 payable from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 13, 2016, Plaintiff Sandra Rios slipped and fell while approaching an elevator at the City owned Houston Street Garage, 240 E. Houston St in downtown San Antonio. As a result, Ms. Rios suffered injuries, incurred medical expenses and is seeking to recover damages.

The parties have agreed to settle the claims of Ms. Rios for \$85,000.00, subject to City Council approval. The funds are available from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund.

ISSUE:

Settlements over \$50,000 require City Council approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

If this settlement is not approved by the City Council, this case will proceed to a jury trial. It is in the best interest of the City to settle this matter to avoid the uncertainties and risks associated with litigation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, \$85,000.00 will be paid to Sandra Rios and her attorney of record, Andrew Toscano. This will be funded in accordance with the FY 2020 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this item.