



# City of San Antonio

## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 19-2066

**Type:** Misc - Settlement Agreements

**In control:** City Council A Session

**On agenda:** 2/21/2019

**Title:** Ordinance approving the settlement of a lawsuit styled Steven O'Neil v. City of San Antonio; Cause Number 2017-CI-10333, pending in 438th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas in the amount of \$220,000.00 paid from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund. [Andrew Segovia, City Attorney]

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Ordinance 2019-02-21-0144

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**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney's Office

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Andrew Segovia

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

**SUBJECT:**

Settlement of a lawsuit styled *Steven O'Neil v. City of San Antonio*

**SUMMARY:**

This item authorizes the settlement of a lawsuit styled *Steven O'Neil v. City of San Antonio*; Cause Number 2017-CI-10333, pending in 438<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas in the amount of \$220,000.00. This amount will be paid from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Steven O'Neil is seeking damages from an auto accident that occurred on November 19, 2015 on the access road of IH-410 and Perrin Beitel Road in San Antonio. The accident involved an auto being operated by Mr. O'Neil and a City owned vehicle.

The parties have reached a mutual agreement to settle these claims with payment to Mr. O'Neil in the amount of \$220,000.00, subject to City Council Approval. This amount would be paid 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 in a case of disputed damages.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, \$220,000.00 will be paid to Steven O'Neil and his attorney Paula Wyatt. This will be funded in accordance with the FY 2019 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this item.