



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

**File Number:**16-1621

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**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney's Office

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

### **SUBJECT:**

Settlement of *Dennis Quinn v. Barbara Webb, et al v. City of San Antonio, et al*

### **SUMMARY:**

This Ordinance authorizes the settlement of a lawsuit styled *Dennis Quinn v. Barbara Webb, et al v. City of San Antonio, et al*, Cause Number 2011-CI-08038, pending in the 225th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas, for an amount up to \$145,000.00. This amount will be paid from the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This lawsuit arose out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on May 29, 2009 in the 3100 block of East Houston. An SAPD vehicle being operated by former SAPD Officer Johanna Williams collided with a vehicle being operated by Barbara Webb. Ms. Webb claims to have sustained injuries which led to subsequent surgery and related medical expenses as a result of this accident. The parties have reached an agreement to settle the claims by Ms. Webb, subject to City Council approval.

### **ISSUE:**

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

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

If this settlement agreement is not approved by City Council, this matter will proceed to trial. It is in the best interest of the City to settle this lawsuit to avoid the uncertainty and risks attendant to litigation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, \$145,000 will be paid to Barbara Webb and her attorney of record. This will be funded in accordance with the Adopted FY 2016 Liability Fund Budget

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.