



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

**File Number:** 17-2230

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**Agenda Item Number:** 18.

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**In Control:** City Council A Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney's Office

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Andrew Segovia

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

**SUBJECT:**

Settlement of *James Lawson v. City of San Antonio*

**SUMMARY:**

This item authorizes the settlement of a lawsuit styled *James Lawson v. City of San Antonio*; Civil Action Number SA-15-CV-0559-DAE pending in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division in the amount of \$85,000.00 paid from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

James Lawson filed a lawsuit against the City under the Americans with Disabilities Act alleging accessibility violations at the Alamodome.

The parties have reached a mutual agreement to settle these claims including payment to Mr. Lawson in the amount of \$85,000.00, 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, \$85,000.00 will be paid to Schwartz Roller & Zwilling. This will be funded in accordance with the FY 2017 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.