

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Andrew Segovia

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

Settlement of a lawsuit styled John McJilton v. City of San Antonio, et al.

SUMMARY:

This item authorizes the settlement of a lawsuit styled *John McJilton v. City of San Antonio, et al*; Cause Number 2017-CI-14721, pending in 45th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas in the amount of \$95,000.00. This amount will be paid from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

John McJilton is seeking damages from an accident that occurred on August 22, 2015 in the 21100 Bulverde Road in San Antonio involving a bicycle being operated by Mr. McJilton and a City owned vehicle.

The parties have reached a mutual agreement to settle these claims with payment to Mr. McJilton in the amount of \$95,000.00, 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, \$95,000.00 will be paid to John McJilton and his attorney Taylor Harper, Ketterman, Westlund and Rowland. This will be funded in accordance with the FY 2019 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this item.