

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
April 28, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:30 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Lisa Goodman (chair), John Quincy, Kevin Reich, Cam Gordon and Barbara Johnson

Members Absent: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden

Tim Skarda, Assistant City Attorney, was asked to brief committee members on what should be considered when reviewing a claim. The Committee should consider whether there was negligence on the part of the City and whether an injury was the result of an act, or failure to act, and could have been reasonably foreseen. The claimants have full appeal rights to conciliation court or district court in the county of Hennepin.

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Amy Bahauddin, 2295 Doswell Ave, St. Paul ([15-00522](#)):

Towed Vehicle – Amount Claimed \$138.00

Tim Skarda, Assistant City Attorney, summarized the claim.

The meeting was opened for comment by the appellant and/or their representative.

Amy Bahauddin, appellant, spoke on behalf of the appeal.

Jeff Miller, Department of Regulatory Services/Traffic Control, presented on behalf of the City.

On motion by Quincy, carried on voice vote, the appeal was denied.

2. Robert Claymore, PO Box 565, Prior Lake ([15-00523](#)):

Property Damage – Amount Claimed \$2,472.00

Tim Skarda, Assistant City Attorney, summarized the claim.

The meeting was opened for comment by the appellant and/or their representative.

Robert Claymore, spoke on behalf of the appeal for property at 3247 2nd St N, Minneapolis.

Robert McBride, Department of Public Works(PW)/Utility Billing Office, and Karen Moselle, PW/Water Department, presented on behalf of the City.

On motion by B. Johnson, carried on voice vote, the appeal was denied.

3. Amelia Douglas, 1411 Newton Ave N, Minneapolis ([15-00524](#)):

Towed Vehicle – Amount Claimed \$283.00

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was postponed.

4. Gregory Holmes, 1454 Arona St, St. Paul ([15-00525](#)):

Missing Property – Amount Claimed \$1,180.03 (Postponed 10/27/2014)

The meeting was opened for comment by the appellant and/or their representative. No one was present to speak on behalf of the appeal.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the appeal was denied.

5. Mark Levenson, 1650 Hague Ave, St. Paul ([15-00526](#)):

Vehicle Damage – Amount Claimed \$2,400.00

Tim Skarda, Assistant City Attorney, summarized the claim.

The meeting was opened for comment by the appellant and/or their representative.

Shira Levenson, driver of vehicle, spoke on behalf of the appeal.

Tom Gideo, Department of Public Works, presented on behalf of the City.

On motion by B. Johnson, carried on voice vote, the appeal was authorized for payment in the amount of \$1,148.65.

6. George Bowler, 4041 Grand Ave S, Minneapolis ([15-00527](#)):

Towed Vehicle - Amount Claimed \$252.00

Ellen Velasco-Thompson, Director of Risk Management and Claims, summarized the claim.

The appeal was in written form; the appellant and/or their representative were not present.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the appeal was denied.

7. Naomi Campbell, 3719 W Broadway Ave, Robbinsdale ([15-00528](#)):

Towed Vehicle – Amount Claimed \$180.00

Ellen Velasco-Thompson, Director of Risk Management and Claims, and Tim Skarda, Assistant City Attorney, summarized the claim.

The meeting was opened for comment by the appellant and/or their representative.

Naomi Campbell, appellant, spoke on behalf of the appeal.

Jeff Miller, Department of Regulatory Services/Traffic Control, presented on behalf of the City.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the appeal was denied.

8. Andrew Schmidt, 18724 Lexington Ave NE, Columbus ([15-00529](#)):

Vehicle Damage – Amount Claimed \$3,300.00

Tim Skarda, Assistant City Attorney, summarized the claim.

The appeal was in written form; the appellant and/or their representative were not present.

Karen Ojeda, PW/Impound Lot, presented on behalf of the City.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the appeal was denied.

9. Cordelia Henderson, 4018 Russell Ave N, Minneapolis ([15-00530](#)):

Vehicle Damage – Amount Claimed \$500.00

Tim Skarda, Assistant City Attorney, summarized the claim.

The meeting was opened for comment by the appellant and/or their representative.

Cordelia Henderson, spoke on behalf of the appeal.

Mike Kennedy, PW/Director of Transportation Maintenance and Repair, presented on behalf of the City.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the appeal was denied.

10. Tort Claims Summary Report ([15-00531](#)).

Staff presentation by Ellen Velasco-Thompson, Director of Risk Management and Claims.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Reported by Irene Kasper, Committee Coordinator