



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

Date: December 3, 2014
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee and Committee of the Whole
Subject: Terrylynn Hopewell v. City of Minneapolis
Court File No.: 27-CV-12-22764

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$14,000.00 payable to Terrylynn Hopewell and her attorneys, Robert Wilson & Associates, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145850 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives: None

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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact:(Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain): \$14,000.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145850
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact: Other

Background/Supporting Information:

This matter and subsequent claim arise out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on September 20, 2010. Terrylynn Hopewell was traveling east on 12th Street South and stopped to turn into a parking ramp when she was struck by a City of Minneapolis vehicle.

As a result of the crash, Ms. Hopewell sustained injuries and incurred in excess of \$12,000.00 in treatment expenses. She continues to suffer difficulties as a result of her injuries.

Following a mediation with her attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Ms. Hopewell's personal injury claims against the City in the amount of \$14,000.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Inspections Department and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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