



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

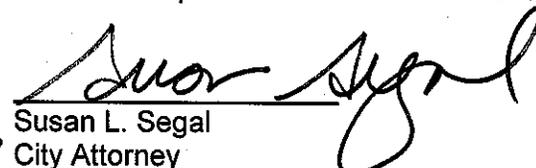
Date: April 28, 2015
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Steven Skolasinski v. Officer James Bulleigh
U.S. District Court Case No. 14-CV-4714 JNE/BRT

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$9,961.00 to Steven Skolasinski and his attorney from Fund/Org. 06900 1500100 145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives:

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Susan L. Segal
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): Fund/Org. 06900 1500100 145400
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact

Background/Supporting Information

Plaintiff Steven Skolasinski alleges that Defendant Officer Bulleigh used more force than necessary on him in July 2014, and sued Bulleigh for excessive force, a due process violation, First Amendment retaliation, and battery. Bulleigh made a Rule 68 Offer of Judgment in the amount of \$5,000.00 and Plaintiff accepted. The parties have negotiated a proposed settlement of attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$4,961.00. MPD administration has approved this settlement. The City Attorney's Office and MPD administration believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.