



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

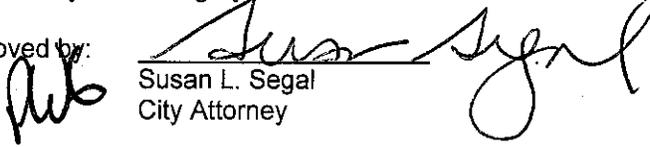
Date: October 26, 2011
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: *Jermaine Reed v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*
Court File No. 09-CV-03505 MJD/JJK

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$20,000.00 to Jermaine Lasean Reed and his attorneys at Johnston Martineau, PLLP 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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Approved by: 
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. 6900 1500100 145400
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact

Background/Supporting Information

Plaintiff, Jermaine Reed, alleges that Minneapolis Police Officers Goset and Lanasa used excessive force against him in effectuating his arrest during the early morning hours of December 18, 2007. Plaintiff and several of his friends traveled from Iowa to Minneapolis to attend the December 17, 2007, Monday night football game. After the game, Plaintiff and his three friends went to a club, where Plaintiff got into a dispute with staff over his cover charge and was ordered to leave. Police officers were called and the officers determined that Plaintiff was not going to leave, and moved to arrest him. Plaintiff claims that the force used during the arrest was excessive. The officers state that the force was reasonable and justified by Plaintiff's actions.

A mediation was held before Court Appointed Special Master Jonathan Lebedoff on October 26, 2011. The City was represented by Council Member John Quincy, Inspector Kristine Arneson, and Assistant City Attorneys C. Lynne Fundingsland and Gregory Sautter. A proposed settlement of all claims was reached in the amount of \$20,000.00, including all claims for damages, attorney's fees, and costs. The parties involved believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.