



Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Attorney's Office

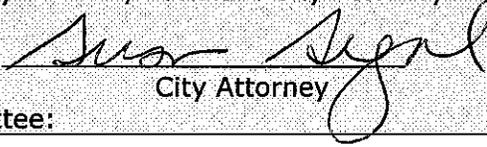
Date: January 27, 2012
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: *Ira Stafford v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*
Court File No. 10-CV-3149 MJD/JSM

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$19,578.89 to Ira Stafford and his attorneys Mike Padden and Kenneth R. White 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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City Attorney

Presenters in Committee:

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval Date
- Civil Rights Approval Approval Date
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval Date

Financial Impact

- Other financial impact: Fund/Org 06900 1500100 145400

Community Impact

- Other

Supporting Information

Plaintiff Ira Stafford was arrested after a traffic stop on August 14, 2009. He claims that the traffic stop was not supported by probable cause and that the officers used excessive force in violation of the United States Constitution in effectuating that arrest. He brings a total of six counts against the involved officers and the City of Minneapolis. The officers and City respond that the traffic stop was lawful, supported by probable cause, and that the force used was not excessive, rather it was reasonable and justified based on Plaintiff's actions.

Settlement discussions were held and a proposed settlement was negotiated in the amount of \$19,578.89, inclusive of all attorneys' fees and costs, with a full and complete release of all claims against all defendants. The City representatives involved believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City and its employees and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.