

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Ways & Means
Date: 2/8/2016
Referral: N/A
From: City Attorney's Office
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File type: Action
Subcategory: Settlement

Subject:

Legal settlement of lawsuit American Family Insurance Company v. City of Minneapolis

Description:

Approving the settlement of the lawsuit American Family Insurance Company v. City of Minneapolis, Court File No. 27-CO-15-6435, by payment of \$4,500 to American Family Insurance from Fund Org. # 06900-1500100-602013-145685 and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Actions:

None

Ward/Address:

Ward 13
East Lake Harriet Parkway and 47th Street West

Background/Analysis:

On February 24, 2015, a light pole maintained by the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department collapsed and caused extensive damage to an automobile insured by Plaintiff American Family Insurance Company. The Plaintiff claimed that the City negligently maintained the light pole that fell and the City denied the allegation of negligence. The parties have negotiated a settlement in the amount of \$4,500 to settle the matter. The City Attorney's Office and the Public Works Department administration believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

- Future budget impact anticipated.**
- Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.**
- Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.**

Attachments:

None