



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 19

Agenda Date: September 12, 2024

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Attorney

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Andy Segovia

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Settlement Agreement

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance authorizes a settlement of a state lawsuit styled Harry Bethancourt and Neoma Lee v. City of San Antonio, in the 37th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas, Cause No. 2023CI14684 for the amount of \$155,000.00 to Harry Bethancourt. This settlement will be funded from the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On August 19, 2022, at the intersection of Broadway and Loop 410, an SAPD vehicle collided with the vehicle in which the Plaintiff was traveling. The injuries sustained by Plaintiff in the accident required substantial medical care and attention culminating in multiple surgical recommendations.

The parties have agreed to settle Harry Bethancourt's claims for \$155,000.00, subject to City Council approval. The funds are available from the FY 2024 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

Trial of this case is set for October 7, 2024, if settlement does not receive approval.

ISSUE:

Settlements over \$100,000 require City Council approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

If this settlement agreement is not approved by the City Council, the case will proceed to trial. It is in the best interest of the City to settle this matter to avoid the uncertainty and risks associated with litigation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the settlement is approved, \$155,000.00 will be paid by way of check, payable to Harry Bethancourt and The Law Offices of Tyler & Peery.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.