



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 19

Agenda Date: February 27, 2025

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Attorney

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Andy Segovia

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

\$120,000.00 settlement in Michael Anthony Knotts v. City of San Antonio

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance authorizes a settlement of a state lawsuit styled Michael Anthony Knotts v. City of San Antonio, in County Court at Law No. 3, Bexar County, Texas, Cause No. 2022CV01153 in the amount of \$120,000.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 25, 2021, a City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation vehicle operated by Travis Cullins was involved in a collision with a vehicle driven by Michael Anthony Knotts. Mr. Knotts alleges he suffered injuries as a result of the accident, requiring medical attention.

This case is set for Jury Trial on June 9, 2025.

ISSUE:

Under the Texas Tort Claims Act, a municipality may be held liable for personal injury caused by a condition or use of tangible personal property, but recovery is limited to \$250,000.

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, \$120,000.00 will be paid to Michael Knotts and Davis Law Firm, from the Self Insurance Fund. Fund 75001000, Insurance Reserve Fund, General Ledger 5402530 General Liability Claims, Cost Center 7509020001 Risk Management-Liability Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.