



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 18

Agenda Date: December 19, 2024

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 Patton Zarate v. City of San Antonio

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a settlement of a state lawsuit styled *Patton Zarate v. City of San Antonio* in County Court at Law No. 10, Bexar County, Texas, Cause No. 2023CV0476 for the amount of \$120,000.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On June 10, 2023, Plaintiff Patton Zarate was attempting to turn left onto Babcock Road from Baywater Road. Plaintiff could not clearly see oncoming traffic due to overgrown grass and weeds in the City's drainage easement and was struck by another vehicle. Plaintiff alleges he suffered injuries as a result of this accident, requiring medical attention.

This case was set for Jury Trial on November 4, 2024 but was passed pending Council consideration.

ISSUE:

Settlements over \$100,000.00 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 of 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 by way of check, Patton Zarate and Watkins and Shattles, PLLC in the amount of \$120,000.00, from the Self Insurance Fund 75001000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.