



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Attorney

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Andy Segovia

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Settlement of litigation styled Ruby Pina v. City of San Antonio

SUMMARY:

This item will approve the settlement of a lawsuit styled Ruby Pina v. City of San Antonio, Cause Number 2020-CV-00021 pending in Bexar County District Court, in an amount of \$55,000.00. This settlement will be funded from the Self Insured Liability Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 24, 2018, an SAPD patrol vehicle rear-ended a vehicle driven by Ruby Pina. Pina had been stopped behind a third car that was stopped while waiting to make a left turn across lanes of oncoming traffic, and when the patrol vehicle rear-ended Pina's car, Pina's car struck the vehicle in front of hers. Ms Pina suffered injuries, incurred medical expenses and is seeking to recover damages from the City.

The parties have agreed to settle Ms Pina's claims for \$55,000, subject to City Council approval. The funds are available from the FY 2022 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

ISSUE:

Settlements over \$50,000 require City Council approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, \$55,000 will be paid to Ruby Pina, through her attorney of record, Desi Martinez of Martinez and Associates, PLLC. This will be funded in accordance with the FY 2022 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this item.