

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 15

Agenda Date: May 12, 2022

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 Robert Haag v. City of San Antonio

SUMMARY:

This item will approve the settlement of a lawsuit styled Robert Haag v. City of San Antonio, Cause Number 2019-CI-04597 pending in Bexar County District Court, in an amount of \$95,000.00. This settlement will be funded from the Self Insured Liability Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On July 10, 2017, an auto accident occurred at the intersection of Wurzbach Parkway and Datapoint when a City-owned police vehicle operated by an employee of the San Antonio Police Department collided with Plaintiff Robert Haag's vehicle. Mr. Haag suffered injuries, incurred medical expenses and is seeking to recover damages from the City.

The parties have agreed to settle Mr. Haag's claim for \$95,000, 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, \$95,000 will be paid to Robert Haag, through his attorney of record, Robert O. Fishel of the Davis Law Firm. This will be funded in accordance with the FY 2022 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this item.