



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 10/3/2023

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Item Creation Date: 9/15/2023

LGL - Cause No. 2017-25283; Tena Bowie v. City of Houston; In the 215th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas

Agenda Item#: 33.

Summary:

Council adopt an ordinance approving and authorizing a Settlement, Release and Indemnification Agreement ("Release") between the City of Houston and Tena Bowle in the amount of \$200,000.00 to settle a lawsuit.

Background:


The automobile collision giving rise to this lawsuit occurred at 12:50 p.m. on July 20, 2016, at the intersection of Old Spanish Trail and Spur 5. COH employee, Sidney Harris, was driving a COH Ford 350 truck eastward on OST in a left turn only lane as Plaintiff drove her Toyota Camry eastward in the lane to the right of Harris. At the intersection of OST and Spur 5, Harris did not turn left, but continued forward through the intersection. The right front quarter of COH's truck collided with the left rear quarter of Plaintiff's Camry when the left turn lane ended and the COH truck veered into the lane occupied by Plaintiff.

Plaintiff sustained bodily injuries as a result of the collision and received medical treatment in excess of \$300,000.00.

The Legal Department recommends that Council adopt an Ordinance authorizing and approving the Release and approve and authorize the payment of \$200,000.00 out of the Property and Casualty Fund (1004) in settlement of Plaintiff's claims.

Fiscal Note: Funding for the item is included in the FY2024 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Prior Council Action:

None

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$200,000.00
Property & Casualty Fund
Fund No.: 1004

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Ordinance	Ordinance/Resolution/Motion
Budget Funding Information	Financial Information
Fund Reservation Request Form	Financial Information
Settlement Agreement - Executed	Contract/Exhibit
Signed Cover sheet	Signed Cover sheet