



CITY OF HOUSTON — CITY COUNCIL

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Agenda Item#:

Summary:

An Ordinance approving and authorizing settlement and release agreement between the City of Houston, Texas et al. and Shelia Ross and Akrem Azzam (USDC Civil Action Number 4:17-cv-1242) to settle a lawsuit.

Background:

On or about April 20, 2017, Plaintiff filed his lawsuit entitled Akrem Azzam, v. City of Houston, Texas; John Doe Houston Jailers, Individually; and Lasswon Shannon, Individually; under Civil Action Number 4:17-cv-1242 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Division. Plaintiff claims that his civil and constitutional rights were violated by Shelia Ross, who allegedly failed to intervene to prevent use of force by a co-worker on May 22, 2015. Plaintiff's claims against the City of Houston were dismissed at the summary judgment stage of this lawsuit.

The City Attorney recommends that City Council adopt an ordinance approving and authorizing the Settlement and Release Agreement of Plaintiff's claims against Shelia Ross in the lawsuit, as well as, all Claims arising from the incident and relating to the lawsuit, by issuing a check in the amount of \$100,000 made payable to Akrem Azzam, and his attorney Randall Kallinen.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY20 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

Ronald C. Lewis City Attorney

Amount of Funding:

\$100,000.00

Property & Casualty Fund

Fund No.: 1004

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