



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date:

LGL - Cause No. 2020-10711; Shakena Adams McFarland v. City of Houston, in the 133rd
Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas

Agenda Item#:

Summary:

That Council adopt an ordinance approving and authorizing a Release and Indemnification (“Release”) between the City of Houston and Shakena Adams McFarland in the amount of \$90,000.00 to settle a lawsuit.

Background:

At approximately 8:10 a.m. on May 25, 2018, Shakena Adams McFarland (“Plaintiff”) was driving her 2012 Hyundai Sonata southbound on the 7600 block of Cypress Village Drive on her way to work when her vehicle was struck by a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Houston Police Officer Douglas Thomas. Officer Thomas was driving northbound on Cypress Village Drive and turned left, striking Plaintiff’s vehicle in the left rear quarter panel. Plaintiff sustained bodily injuries as a result of the collision and received medical treatment. Plaintiff filed this tort case on February 17, 2020, seeking damages of up to \$250,000.00 under the Texas Tort Claims Act for bodily injury, past and future physical impairment, and medical expenses. The parties mediated this case and have agreed to resolve the litigation.

The Legal Department recommends that Council adopt an Ordinance authorizing and approving the Release and approve and authorize the payment of \$90,000.00 out of the Property and Casualty Fund (1004) in settlement of Plaintiff’s claims.

Fiscal Note: Funding for the item is included in the FY2022 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:

\$90,000.00

Property & Casualty Fund

Fund No.: 1004

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Ordinance	Ordinance/Resolution/Motion
Budget Information	Budget/CM Amendment
Fund Reservation	Financial Information