Legislation Text

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A Resolution of The City Commission of The City of Hollywood, Florida, Approving and Authorizing the Appropriate City Officials to Implement A Settlement with Charles Jones For A Workers' Compensation Claim In The Amount Of $176,859.00.

Financial Management & Administration

Staff Recommends: Approval of the attached Resolution.

Explanation:
The City has reached a settlement with claimant, Charles Jones regarding a workers' compensation claim dated March 30, 2009. On March 30, 2009, the Claimant sustained injuries when a 4-inch pipe ruptured causing him to be thrown 15 feet into other equipment. The injuries were found to be compensable.

The Claimant received treatment and worked in a light duty capacity until May 26, 2011, when the General Employee's Pension Plan Board awarded him a duty related disability. He has filed multiple petitions for benefits, and the total paid on the Claim to date is $595,408.42.

Because the amount paid out on this Claim exceeds the City's self-insurance retention level at the time of the injury ($500,000.00), the excess carrier, Ameri Trust, has been reimbursing the City for all costs above $500,000.00. The excess carrier has approved the settlement and will reimburse the City for the $176,859.00.

The allocation of the $176,859.00 is such that the Claimant will directly receive approximately $165,000.00, while $11,859.00 will be allocated for a Medicare Set Aside (MSA) to consider future medical needs and prescription costs.

Authorization of this settlement would resolve the claim. The Claimant would not be able to treat any conditions where the Claim is the major contributing cause under his regular health insurance.

Fiscal Impact:
Funding for this settlement is available in the FY 2021 Operating Budget in account number

558.112006.51900.591930.000000.000.000 (Workers' Compensation).

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by:
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