

City of Gainesville

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Settlement of Worker's Compensation Claim - Juanita Fort (NB)

This item involves the full and final settlement of Juanita Fort's worker's compensation claim(s), which will include all future medical, indemnity and Medicare Set-Aside payments. The total settlement amount is \$107,168 and represents a significant cost advantage to the City.

While employed by Facilities Maintenance, Mrs. Fort was involved in an accident involving her left hand and underwent several surgeries. Later she was diagnosed with bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome and has received several surgeries for this condition as well as treatment for the condition since that time. As a result of her injury and subsequent permanent work restrictions imposed by her treating physicians, Mrs. Fort was accepted as permanently and totally disabled.

Recently, the City, Mrs. Fort and her attorney agreed to the settlement of her worker's compensation claim contingent upon City Commission approval. The City Attorney's Office, the Risk Management Department, Special Counsel and our Worker's Compensation servicing agent all concur as to the full and final settlement of this claim. The total amount, \$107,168, includes all attorney fees, future medical costs, past and future indemnity payments, taxable costs and Medicare Set-Aside payments.

The settlement of this case in the amount of \$107,168 will be paid by the General Insurance Fund.

The City Commission authorize Special Counsel to prepare and execute the appropriate documents for a lump-sum settlement of the Worker's Compensation Claim of Juanita Fort in the amount of \$107,168.