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Settlement of Worker's Compensation Claim - Billy Thomas (NB)

This item involves the full and final settlement of Billy Thomas' worker's compensation claim, which will include all future medical and indemnity payments. The total settlement amount is \$39,650 and represents a significant cost advantage to the City.

While employed by Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), Mr. Thomas received an injury to his low back when he slipped and fell during post storm job duties. This led to ongoing medical treatment including surgery. As a result of his injuries, the present potential exposure to the City in future indemnity payments and medical treatment is in excess of \$245,000.

Recently, the City and Mr. Thomas attempted to mediate a settlement of his worker's compensation claim. Mr. Thomas and his attorney, Henry Mowry, have agreed to the proposed settlement. The City Attorney's Office, the Risk Management Department, GRU, Special Counsel and our Worker's Compensation servicing agent all concur as to the full and final settlement of this claim. The total amount of \$39,650 includes all attorney fees, future medical costs, past and future indemnity payments and taxable costs.

The settlement of this case in the amount of \$39,650 will be paid out of 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 Mr. Thomas, in the amount of \$39,650.