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Settlement of Worker's Compensation Claim - Rick L. Watson (NB)

While employed as a Fire Fighter/Driver Operator, Rick L. Watson suffered two compensable injuries. The first, hypertension occurred in 1998 and the second, a cervical injury that required cervical fusion, occurred in 2001. This injury has required ongoing treatment by multiple medical providers. As a result of Mr. Watson's injuries, he is no longer able to perform the essential functions of his job as a Fire Fighter/Driver Operator.

Recently, the City and Mr. Watson attempted to mediate a settlement of his Worker's Compensation claim. Mr. Watson and his attorney, Mr. Robert M. Cox, have agreed to the proposed settlement. The City Attorney's Office, the Risk Management Department, Gainesville Fire Rescue, Special Counsel and our Worker's Compensation servicing agent all concur as to the full and final settlement of this claim. The total amount is \$84,750 and is inclusive of attorney fees, future medical costs and indemnity benefits.

The settlement of this case in the amount of \$84,750 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 Rick L. Watson in the amount of \$84,750.