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While employed by GPD, Mrs. Rice received injuries to her left fingers and wrist while jumping over a fence. This led to ongoing medical treatment including a CMC joint fusion in her left hand. As a result of her injuries, the present potential exposure to the City in future indemnity payments and medical treatment is in excess of \$500,000.

Recently, the City and Mrs. Rice attempted to mediate a settlement of her worker's compensation claim. Mrs. Rice and her attorney, Lance Avera, have agreed to the proposed settlement. The City Attorney's Office, the Risk Management Department, GPD, Special Counsel and our Worker's Compensation servicing agent all concur as to the full and final settlement of this claim. The total amount \$161,193.32, includes all attorney fees, future medical costs, past and future indemnity payments, and taxable costs.

The settlement of this case in the amount of \$161,193.32 will be paid out of the General Insurance Fund.

The City Commission authorizes Special Counsel to prepare and execute the appropriate documents for a lump-sum settlement of the Worker's Compensation claim of Mrs. Rice, in the amount of \$161,193.32.