



## Legislation Text

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### **SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve settlement of workers' compensation claim 03000176, Louis Georgantas, for payment of \$95,000 inclusive of attorney fees and costs with a general release of all claims and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

### **SUMMARY:**

On September 17, 2003, the claimant, a lieutenant firefighter, was on a ladder truck fighting a house fire. While on the roof with another firefighter, he cut a hole in the roof. The other firefighter was unable to move a ladder, so he quickly moved it by himself, and was injured. He was initially treated at a walk-in clinic. The claimant was out of work, then returned and did light duty until he underwent surgery on June 19, 2006. He returned to work post-op to light duty, then full duty, but eventually he returned to light duty in Logistics.

The claimant's condition has progressively worsened over the last 2 years.

The future medical and wage loss are significant in this claim and are likely to exceed \$400,000. To date, the City has paid loss wages for the claimant at \$13,251.83, medical expenses at \$76,940, and legal expenses at \$9,717. Due to the potential exposure of additional surgery and other medical issues, it was decided to arrange a mediation to resolve this claim.

On Sept. 1, 2017, mediation was held to attempt the settlement of this claim. The claimant and his attorney agreed to settle this claim at \$95,000.00, inclusive of attorney fees and cost, and contingent on City Council approval.

The TPA, Gallagher Bassett Services; Risk Management Division; the outside attorney for the City of Clearwater, Mark Hungate with Banker Lopez Gassler, P.A.; and the City's Claims Committee recommend approval.

Funding for the payment of this settlement is available in the budget for claims expense in the Central Insurance Fund.

### **APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

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