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April 15, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS  
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize City Attorney to pay sum of \$17,500.00 in full settlement of lawsuit entitled Nguyen vs. City of Long Beach

DISCUSSION:

This case involves a traffic accident which occurred on November 6, 2006 on 7th Street. The Plaintiff, a 22 year-old student with polio, was stopped for a red light when she was struck from behind by a refuse truck that was unable to stop in time. The force of the impact caused damage to the wheelchair and wheelchair lift that was attached to the trunk of her car. The impact also caused a total loss of her vehicle.

Plaintiff complained of pain to her spine and soft tissue injuries. She incurred a total of \$7,690.00 in medical specials and \$11,185.00 for property damage of the wheelchair, wheelchair rack and vehicle.

After negotiations, the parties tentatively agreed to a full and complete settlement, inclusive of all costs and fees in the amount of \$17,500.00.

The proposed settlement was presented to the Economic Development and Finance Committee on April 1, 2008 and was approved on that date. We therefore ask authority to pay the sum of \$17,500.00 in full settlement of this claim against the City of Long Beach.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize City Attorney to pay sum of \$82,239.74 in full settlement of lawsuit entitled Verizon California, Inc. v. City of Long Beach.

DISCUSSION

On March 27, 2006, City Water Department employees damaged two Verizon telephone cables while installing a new water pipe across 5th Street. They used a drilling device to bore a hole for the pipe and the device hit the two cables. City consultants reviewed Verizon's claim for labor, materials and administrative overhead. After extensive discussion, a tentative settlement of \$82,239.74 was reached.

The Economic Development and Finance Committee approved the proposed settlement on April 1, 2008.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to authorize City Attorney to pay sum of \$25,000.00 in full settlement of lawsuit entitled Ken Walsh v. Anis Shamsaldin, City of Long Beach

**DISCUSSION:**

On October 3, 2006, Plaintiff and City's Planning and Building Department's vehicle collided at the intersection of Garford and Greenbrier, in the City of Long Beach. As a result of the incident, Plaintiff sustained property damage, injuries and incurred substantial medical costs. After extensive discussion, a tentative settlement of \$25,000 was reached.

The Economic Development and Finance Committee approved the proposed settlement on April 1, 2008.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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