

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of all documents necessary to implement settlement of the lawsuit brought by Joseph Ruljancich in *Ruljancich v. City of Bellevue* (King County Superior Court Case No. 23-2-20075-1 SEA) in the amount of \$850,000.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION	Adoption of this Resolution authorizes the settlement of the lawsuit brought by Joseph Ruljancich for a payment of \$850,000.00 by the City. This lawsuit is related to personal injuries sustained by Mr. Ruljancich during a fire department rope rescue training exercise.
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RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10483

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

This lawsuit involves claims brought by Joseph Ruljancich for personal injuries and damages as a result of a Fire Department rope rescue training accident. Mr. Ruljancich was struck in the head and shoulder by rope rescue training equipment controlled by the City of Bellevue. As a result, Mr. Ruljancich suffered personal injury and was forced to retire early from the fire service.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**Policy Impact**

Bellevue City Code 4.28.030 provides that settlement and payment of claims exceeding \$75,000 require Council approval.

Fiscal Impact

The settlement of the claims brought by Joseph Ruljancich requires payment of \$850,000 by the City. Sufficient funds exist within the General Self-Insurance budget for this payment.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of all documents necessary to implement settlement of the lawsuit brought by Joseph Ruljancich in *Ruljancich v. City of Bellevue* (King County Superior Court Case No. 23-2-20075-1 SEA) in the amount of \$850,000.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10483

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Preliminary Settlement Agreement