

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the City Manager

April 9, 2007

Subject

Claim from Attorney Michael A. Kelly on Behalf of Stephen Pettit

Recommendation


Staff recommends the rejection of subject claim.

Background

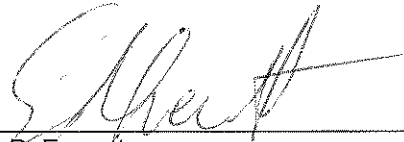
This claim is being brought to Council because if this claim results in a monetary settlement, it is possible that the settlement could exceed \$15,000. According to resolution no. 14595, if an amount to be paid for a general liability claim exceeds \$15,000, any denial, allowance, allowance in part, settlement, or compromise must be approved by Council.

On March 21, 2006, traffic officers from Redwood City and several other agencies were conducting "rolling lane closures" while participating in a funeral procession in San Mateo. Deputy Pettit of the County of San Mateo Sheriff's Department stopped ahead of Redwood City Police Officer Steven Barker who was unable to stop. Barker's motorcycle struck the back of Pettit's motorcycle resulting in injuries to Pettit. Although Deputy Pettit has a workers' compensation claim pending against the County (his employer), he is also seeking to recover damages from the City.

It has been recommended by legal counsel that this claim be denied.



Brian J. Ponty
Director of Finance and Financial Planning



Edward P. Everett
City Manager

Attachments

None