

Portland, Oregon

FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT For Council Action Items

(Deliver original to Financial Planning Division. Retain copy.)

1. Name of Initiator John Buehler		2. Telephone No. 503-823-5256	3. Bureau/Office/Dept. OMF/Risk Management
4a. To be filed (hearing date): September 20, 2012	4b. Calendar (Check One) Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Date Submitted to Commissioner's office and FPD Budget Analyst: September 12, 2012
6a. Financial Impact Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial impact section completed		6b. Public Involvement Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public involvement section completed	

1) Legislation Title: * Pay claim of Myna Somers involving the Portland Fire Bureau (Ordinance)

2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:

This ordinance will close OMF Risk Management File No. F2011-5086-01 for a total of \$85,588.87.

3) Which area(s) of the city are affected by this Council item? (Check all that apply—areas are based on formal neighborhood coalition boundaries)?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City-wide/Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> North |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest | <input type="checkbox"/> East |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central City | | | |

FINANCIAL IMPACT

4) Revenue: Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If so, please identify the source.

This legislation will have no impact on City revenue.

5) Expense: What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense? (Please include costs in the current fiscal year as well as costs in future years. If the action is related to a grant or contract please include the local contribution or match required. If there is a project estimate, please identify the **level of confidence**.)

Cost to the City is \$85,588.87. The source of funding is the City's Insurance and Claims Fund. All cost of the settlement is in the current fiscal year.

6) Staffing Requirements:

- **Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation?** *(If new positions are created please include whether they will be part-time, full-time, limited term, or permanent positions. If the position is limited term please indicate the end of the term.)*

No.

- **Will positions be created or eliminated in *future years* as a result of this legislation?**

No.

(Complete the following section only if an amendment to the budget is proposed.)

7) Change in Appropriations *(If the accompanying ordinance amends the budget please reflect the dollar amount to be appropriated by this legislation. Include the appropriate cost elements that are to be loaded by accounting. Indicate "new" in Fund Center column if new center needs to be created. Use additional space if needed.)*

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

[Proceed to Public Involvement Section — REQUIRED as of July 1, 2011]

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

8) Was public involvement included in the development of this Council item (e.g. ordinance, resolution, or report)? Please check the appropriate box below:

☐ **YES:** Please proceed to Question #9.

☒ **NO:** Please, explain why below; and proceed to Question #10.

This Ordinance settles a tort claim filed against the City of Portland by Myna Somers. The City Attorney's Office and Risk Management have concluded that it is not appropriate to have public involvement in settlement negotiations regarding tort claims or lawsuits against the City.

9) If "YES," please answer the following questions:

a) What impacts are anticipated in the community from this proposed Council item?

b) Which community and business groups, under-represented groups, organizations, external government entities, and other interested parties were involved in this effort, and when and how were they involved?

c) How did public involvement shape the outcome of this Council item?

d) Who designed and implemented the public involvement related to this Council item?

e) Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process (name, title, phone, email):

10) Is any future public involvement anticipated or necessary for this Council item? Please describe why or why not.

No future public involvement is anticipated or necessary. Approval by City Council of this Ordinance will fully settle a tort claim against the City of Portland.

Bryant Enge, Director, BIBS
Kate Wood, Risk Manager



APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Typed name and signature)



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DATE: September 12, 2012

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Reviewed by Bureau Liaison _____

RE: *Pay claim of Myna Somers involving the Portland Fire Bureau (Ordinance)

1. **INTENDED THURSDAY FILING DATE:** September 20, 2012.
2. **REQUESTED COUNCIL AGENDA DATE:** September 26, 2012
3. **CONTACT NAME & NUMBER:** John Buehler, 503-823-5256
4. **PLACE ON:** ☒ **CONSENT** ☐ **REGULAR**
5. **BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT ATTACHED:** ☒ **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ **N/A**
6. **(3) ORIGINAL COPIES OF CONTRACTS APPROVED AS TO FORM BY CITY ATTORNEY ATTACHED:** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒ **N/A**

7. BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

This Ordinance is to settle a bodily injury claim from an automobile collision on May 5, 2011. Ms. Somers was traveling northbound on NE 122nd. Our Portland Fire employee was exiting a driveway on the east side of NE 122nd, attempting a left turn across the northbound lanes, to travel southbound on NE 122nd. Our driver failed to see the claimant in the inside lane, and turned directly in front of her path. Our investigation indicates the City has clear liability for the resulting collision.

Ms. Somers suffered significant injury in the collision. The parties engaged in substantial negotiation regarding settlement of the claim. The initial settlement demand was in excess of \$150,000. Ultimately, the parties have agreed to settle for the total sum of \$85,588.87. The settlement payment will be made in one payment through her attorney's trust account, and from the total settlement the attorney will satisfy claims of medical providers and Ms. Somers' auto insurer, State Farm, which made payments on her behalf for medical costs and wage loss. (Property damage to her vehicle was previously settled by Risk for \$5,000, making the total cost of the settlement \$90,588.87).

8. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of the settlement would result in a payment of \$85,588.87 from the liability fund.

9. RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve settlement of Myna Somers bodily injury claim in the sum of \$85,588.87.