

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LITIGATION SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 25, 2011**

Committee Members Present: Ms. Jennifer Pugh, Acting Chairperson; Alderman Jorge Perez; Alderwoman Arlene DePino; and Mr. Edward Zack, Designee for Controller.

Corporation Counsel Staff Present: Victor Bolden, Corporation Counsel; and Nancy Pepe, Legal Assistant II.

Outside Counsel: James Perito, Esq.

CIRMA Care Representative: Michelle Trapasso, Esq.
Mr. Joseph Salcito

**Workers' Compensation
Division Representative:** Mr. Daniel Roche

Meeting Started: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Ended: 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Pugh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Alderwoman DePino moved approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting. Mr. Zack seconded the motion. Ms. Pugh and Alderman Perez abstained because they were not present at the May 11, 2011 meeting. The motion passed.

Alderman Perez moved approval of Office Nos. 0065759 and 9889C0792. Alderwoman DePino seconded the motion.

Office Nos. 0065759 and 9889C0792 - Louis Cavaliere, Sr. v. City of New Haven – Mr. Salcito summarized the issues regarding this matter to the Committee Members. The Committee had no questions.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

Alderman Perez moved approval of Office No. 0023536. Alderwoman DePino seconded the motion.

Office Nos. 0023536 - Judith Sivonda v. City of New Haven - Attorney Trapasso summarized the issues regarding this matter to the Committee Members. Alderman Perez asked if this would be a global settlement of all of her claims. Attorney Trapasso stated yes.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

Aldерwoman DePino moved approval of Office No. L10-0135. Mr. Zack seconded the motion.

Office No. L10-0135 - Phoenix Realty v. City of New Haven – Attorney Bolden explained that this is a settlement that is being paid out by other defendants. This does not involve any payment by the City. Alderman Perez asked what the City can do to avoid this from happening in the future, other than just having contract language that indemnifies the City. Attorney Bolden stated he would check with the Board of Education to see what can be done to avoid this from happening. This matter was presented to the Committee for informational purposes only. No vote was taken by the Committee Members.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

Alderman Perez moved approval of Office No. L10-0135. Aldерwoman DePino seconded the motion.

Office No. L10-0192 – Christopher Egorerua v. City of New Haven – Attorney Perito summarized the issues regarding this matter to the Committee Members. The Committee had no questions.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

Alderman Perez moved approval of Office No. L10-0258. Aldерwoman DePino seconded the motion.

Office No. L10-0258 – Haskins Laboratories, Inc. v. City of New Haven – Attorney Perito summarized the issues regarding this matter to the Committee Members. Alderman Perez asked if the City is getting money or paying. Attorney Perito stated the Plaintiff would be getting a refund. Mr. Zack asked why these matters are not resolved by the Assessor. Attorney Perito stated he gets involved after the taxpayer sues the City. Mr. Zack asked if the Assessor should tell the taxpayers that they need certain documents. Attorney Perito stated that taxpayers are mailed Requests for Personal Property. However, they often throw these out instead of completing them and returning them to the Assessor’s Office. In this case, they did not file the proper forms in a timely manner.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

Aldерwoman DePino moved approval of Office Nos. L07-0290, L07-0291, L07-0283, L07-0294 and L10-0353. Mr. Zack seconded the motion.

Office Nos. L07-0290, L07-0291, L07-0283, L07-0294 and L10-0353 – Mid Block Development, LLC – Attorney Perito and Attorney Bolden summarized the issues regarding these matters to the Committee Members. Alderman Perez asked why there is such a large discrepancy in the values of properties on the same block. Attorney Perito stated that the map that shows the downtown business district showed every parcel has a different value. Alderman Perez stated that if there is a problem with the

system the City is using, it should be addressed. Mr. Zack asked what happens when the Assessor goes back. Attorney Perito stated there will be a revaluation. There will be all new values and they should all be uniformed.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed with Alderwoman DePino, Ms. Pugh and Mr. Zack voting in favor of the settlement. Alderman Perez abstained.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.