

**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE
LITIGATION SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 23, 2010**

Committee Members Present: Ms. Jennifer Pugh, Acting Chair; Alderman Jorge Perez; Alderwoman Arlene DePino; Mr. Joseph Clerkin, Designee for Management and Budget; Mr. Mark Pietrosimone, Controller; and Edward Piazza, Esq.

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

Outside Counsel: Debra Monteith, Esq.

Meeting Started: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Ended: 5:58 p.m.

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

Attorney Piazza moved approval of Office No. L08-0252. Alderman Perez seconded the motion.

Office No. L08-0252 - Jose Estrada v. Elvin Rivera, et al - Attorney Williams summarized the issues regarding this matter to the Committee Members. Alderman Perez asked if the operator of the vehicle, that was doubled parked, was pulling out or making a u-turn. Attorney Williams stated that he claims he was doubled parked and was attempting to make a left turn into a driveway across the street. Alderman Perez asked if this person was obligated to be sure no one was coming. Attorney Williams stated that he claims that he did look. Attorney Williams stated that there may be some comparative negligence but he must be found more negligent.

Attorney Perez asked if there was any discipline taken. Attorney Williams stated that he did not believe there was. Ms. Pugh will try to find out why there was no discipline taken. Alderman Perez asked if the person who hit the officer's car is getting the settlement money. Attorney Williams stated yes. Alderman Perez stated that this individual supposedly tapped the officer's car and had all of the injuries claimed. Attorney Williams stated that there was some impact and there are medical records documenting impairment.

Attorney Piazza asked if the defendant received workers' compensation. Attorney Williams stated yes. Attorney Piazza asked if he brought a lawsuit against the other person. Attorney Williams stated yes. That is a pending case that will be resolved shortly. Attorney Piazza stated that, based on the specials, this is a good settlement

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

Office No. L06-0301 – Stamford Wrecking Co. v. Cit of New Haven - It was recommended by Attorney Bolden, that this matter be discussed in an executive session.

On the recommendation of the Corporation Counsel, Alderman Perez moved the Committee enter into an Executive Session to discuss Office No. L06-0301 with Attorney Bolden and Attorney Monteith. Attorney Piazza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

The Committee entered into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

Attorney Piazza moved the Committee exit Executive Session. Alderwoman DePino seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Committee exited Executive Session at 5:56 p.m.

Alderman Perez asked for clarification of the settlement amount. Attorney Bolden stated that the Committee is voting on a settlement amount of \$489,000.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed with Ms. Pugh, Mr. Pietrosimone, Mr. Clerkin and Attorney Piazza voting in favor of the Settlement. Alderman Perez and Alderwoman DePino opposed the Settlement.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.