

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LITIGATION SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

Committee Members Present: Mr. Lawrence Rusconi, Chairman; Mr. Robert Smuts, Chief Administrative Officer; Alderman Jorge Perez; Mr. Mark Pietrosimone, Controller and Edward Piazza, Esq.

Corporation Counsel Staff Present: John R. Ward, Corporation Counsel; Roderick Williams, Assistant Corporation Counsel; and Nancy Pepe, Legal Assistant II.

CIRMA Care Representative: Michele Trapasso, Esq.

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

Meeting Started: 5:34 p.m.

Meeting Ended: 5:41 p.m.

Mr. Rusconi called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Mr. Smuts moved approval of the minutes of the December 17, 2008 meeting. Alderman Perez seconded the motion. Mr. Piazza abstained because he was not present at the December 17, 2008 meeting. The motion passed with the corrections indicated by Alderman Perez.

Mr. Piazza moved approval of Office No. 093020085. Alderman Perez seconded the motion.

Office No. 0930202085 – Gina Albanese v. City of New Haven - Attorney Trapasso summarized the issues regarding this matter to the Committee Members. Mr. Piazza asked about the amount the City has paid because the Recommendation to Compromise form indicates Medical Expenses Claimed Incurred. Attorney Trapasso stated that the Medical and Other Expenses Claimed Incurred on the Recommendation to Compromise is the amount the City paid including medical expenses and the indemnity.

Mr. Smuts moved approval of Office No. L07-0373. Mr. Piazza seconded the motion.

Office No. L07-0373 – Jimmy Ramirez v. Bryan Morris, et al - Attorney Williams summarized the issues regarding this matter to the Committee Members. Alderman Perez asked if the officer was ever discipline by the department for not following proper procedures. Attorney Williams stated that he got a verbal reprimand from the Chief. Mr. Pietrosimone asked about the damage to the plaintiff's vehicle and was there any repairs made. Attorney Williams stated that the vehicle's grill and bumper were damaged but no repairs were made .

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.