

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LITIGATION SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, July 15, 2009**

**Committee Members Present:** Mr. Robert Smuts, Acting Chairman; Alderman Jorge Perez; Mr. Mark Pietrosimone, Controller and Edward Piazza, Esq.

**Corporation Counsel Staff Present:** Victor Bolden, Corporation Counsel; Vikki Cooper, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Carl Amento, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Audrey Kramer, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Michael Wolak, III, Assistant Corporation Counsel; and Nancy Pepe, Legal Assistant II.

**Outside Counsel:** Stephen Del Sole, Esq.

**CIRMA Care Representatives:** Mr. Joseph Salcito  
Mr. Michael Gillon

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

**Meeting Started:** 5:35 p.m.

**Meeting Ended:** 5:58 p.m.

Mr. Smuts called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Alderman Perez moved approval of the minutes of the July 1, 2009 meeting. Mr. Pietrosimone seconded the motion. Attorney Piazza abstained because he was not present at the July 1, 2009 meeting. The motion passed with the correction that for Office Nos. L07-0205 and L09-0163 Alderman Perez abstained to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, not due to a conflict of interest.

Alderman Perez moved approval of Office No. L07-0286. Attorney Piazza seconded the motion.

**Office No. L07-0286 - Henry Harrison, et al v. City of New Haven** – Attorney Amento summarized the issues regarding this matter to the Committee Members. Attorney Bolden explained that, because the total revenue loss for the two tax years combined is above \$5,000,000, the matter is being presented to this Committee. The Committee had no questions.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

Alderman Perez moved approval of Office No. 0022074. Attorney Piazza seconded the motion.

**Office No. 0022074 – Michael Ferro v. City of New Haven** – Mr. Salcito and Mr. Roche 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. NH94C0809. Attorney Piazza seconded the motion.

**Office No. NH94C0809 – Frank Barbaro v. City of New Haven** – Mr. Roche explained to the Committee Members that this matter was inadvertently submitted to the Workers' Compensation Commission by the City's outside counsel who felt that this was a good settlement, without first being presented to this Committee. Alderman Perez asked who the Attorney was. Mr. Roche stated Pomeranz, Drayton & Stabnick, LLC. Alderman Perez asked if the City had used them before. Mr. Roche stated yes. Alderman Perez asked if they should have known. Mr. Roche stated that they should have known. Alderman Perez asked if a memo could be sent reminding them of this. Mr. Roche stated that he will write to the Senior Partners to be sure that this does not happen again.

Mr. Gillon summarized the issues regarding this matter to the Committee Members. Alderman Perez asked if this includes the knee he would be entitled to. Mr. Gillon stated yes the right knee would be included. Attorney Piazza stated that he felt this was a good settlement.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

Alderman Perez moved approval of Office No. L07-0057. Attorney Piazza seconded the motion.

**Office No. L07-0057 – Glenda Buenaventura v. Michael Migani, et al** – Mr. Roche summarized the issues regarding this matter to the Committee Members. The Committee had not questions.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

Mr. Pietrosimone moved approval of Office No. L08-0118. Alderman Perez seconded the motion.

**Office No. L08-0118 – Dramese Fair v. City of New Haven** – It was recommended that this matter be discussed in an Executive Session.

Attorney Piazza recused himself from discussion and vote of this matter due to his previous relationship with Attorney Del Sole and his law firm.

Alderman Perez moved the Committee enter into an Executive Session to discuss Office No. L08-0118 with Attorney Bolden, Attorney Cooper, Attorney Wolak and Attorney Del Sole. Mr. Pietrosimone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee entered into Executive Session at 5:47 p.m.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Committee exited Executive Session at 5:57 p.m.

The motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

**Office No. L05-0139/L06-0194 – Jessie Morrell v. City of New Haven** – Mr. Pietrosimone moved the matter be tabled. Attorney Piazza seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

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