



Legislation Text

File #: 16-1467, **Version:** 1

Dept/ Agency: Law

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Purpose: Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim

C.P. No.: 2010-19507

Claimant: Jose Figueroa

Claimant's Attorney: Arons & Arons, LLC.

Attorney's Address: 76 South Orange Avenue, Suite 100, South Orange, New Jersey 07079

Settlement Amount: \$26,394.00

Funding Source: Insurance Fund Trust

Additional Comments:

Invitation: Corporation Counsel, October 4, 2016

WHEREAS, the Petitioner, Jose Figueroa, instituted suit in the Division of Workers Compensation of New Jersey, Essex County, bearing C.P. Number 2010-19507 against the City of Newark seeking workers' compensation benefits as a result of an accident that he sustained on September 22, 2009, while working for the Newark Sanitation Department; and

WHEREAS, following settlement negotiations through Petitioner's attorney, Arons & Arons, LLC, Corporation Counsel and/or his designee, Chasan Leyner & Lamparello, P.C. ("Outside Counsel") have agreed to amicably resolve and settle this matter under Section 22 of the Workers Compensation Act (N.J.S.A. 34:15-22) by payment in the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$22,950.00). Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Order to be executed by the Judge of the Division of Workers' Compensation, the City of Newark will also pay an attorney fee of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,754.00), a medical evaluation fee of Six Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$600.00) and a transcription fee of Ninety Dollars and Zero Cents (\$90.00) for a total settlement of Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$26,394.00); and

WHEREAS, this settlement is subject to approval by the Judge of the Division of Workers' Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the total settlement amount may be subject to minor changes in amount or distribution at the time the Settlement Agreement is approved and the Settlement Order executed by the Judge of the Division of Workers' Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council believes it is in the best interests of the City of Newark, that minor changes to the amount of the settlement and distribution shall not require subsequent Municipal Council approval provided the settlement amount is not increased or decreased above \$500.00 and all the terms and conditions are substantially the same as authorized by the resolution; and

WHEREAS, based upon all of the facts and circumstances surrounding this matter, Corporation Counsel and/or Outside Counsel deem it is in the best interest of the City of Newark to accept said settlement in the total amount of Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$26,394.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The settlement of the Workers' Compensation matter bearing C. P. No. 2010-19507 is hereby approved.
2. Upon receipt by the Corporation Counsel and/or Outside Counsel of all supporting documents, the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to issue checks in the amounts as follows:
 - (a) \$20,514.00 (Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Zero Cents) made payable and mailed to Jose Figueroa, 84 Irving Street, Newark, New Jersey 07106. (It is understood that pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Order to be entered by the Judge of the Division of Workers' Compensation, \$1,836.00 (One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Zero Cents) is being subtracted from the Petitioner's award to pay attorney's fees, and \$600.00 (Six Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents) is being subtracted to pay for medical evaluations in accordance with the settlement provisions.)
 - (b) \$4,590.00 (Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Dollars and Zero Cents) made payable to Arons & Arons, LLC, 76 South Orange Avenue, Suite 100, South Orange, New Jersey 07079.
 - (c) \$1,200.00 (One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents) made payable to Sall/Myers Medical Associates, P.O. Box 2947, Paterson, New Jersey 07509.
 - (d) \$90.00 (Ninety Dollars and Zero Cents), made payable to State Shorthand Reporting, P.O. Box 227, Allenhurst, New Jersey 07711.
3. Attached hereto are the Certifications of the Comptroller of the City of Newark which state that there are available sufficient legally appropriated funds for the purpose set forth hereinabove and which state that the line appropriation of the official budget which shall be charged is NW024, Dept. ID 24T, Div. / Proj. 5T24, Account Code 96310. A copy of the Comptroller's certifications shall be filed by the Corporation Counsel in the Office of the City Clerk along with a copy of this Resolution.

STATEMENT

This resolution authorizes Corporation Counsel or his designee, Chasan Leyner & Lamparello, PC, on behalf of the City of Newark, to effectuate settlement by entering into an Order Approving Settlement of a Workers' Compensation claim in the amount of Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred

Ninety Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$26,394.00) brought by Jose Figueroa, 84 Irving Street, Newark, New Jersey 07106 and represented by Arons & Arons, LLC, who suffered injuries arising out of an accident that occurred on September 22, 2009 while he was employed by the Newark Sanitation Department.