

**CITY OF MIRAMAR
PROPOSED CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: September 17, 2025

Presenter's Name and Title: Karen Muir, Human Resources Risk Manager and Kanika Stamp, Human Resources Director

Prepared By: Karen Muir, Human Resources Risk Manager

Temp. Reso. Number: 8512

Item Description: Temp. Reso. #R8512 APPROVING A CLAIM RELEASE AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF YURIS SANCHEZ VS. CITY OF MIRAMAR; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO RESOLVE THIS CLAIM.

Consent ☒ Resolution ☐ Ordinance ☐ Quasi-Judicial ☐ Public Hearing ☐

Instructions for the Office of the City Clerk: None

Public Notice – As required by the Sec. ____ of the City Code and/or Sec. ____, Florida Statutes, public notice for this item was provided as follows: on ____ in a ____ ad in the ____; by the posting the property on ____ and/or by sending mailed notice to property owners within ____ feet of the property on ____
(fill in all that apply)

Special Voting Requirement – As required by Sec. ____, of the City Code and/or Sec. ____, Florida Statutes, approval of this item requires a ____ (unanimous, 4/5ths etc.) vote by the City Commission.

Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐

REMARKS: This settlement will be paid from Risk Management's claims Account. Funds are budgeted annually for claim payments.


Content:

- **Agenda Item Memo from the City Manager to City Commission**
- **Resolution TR 8512**
 - **Exhibit A: Executed Release**
- **Attachment(s) None**



**CITY OF MIRAMAR
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor, Vice Mayor, & City Commissioners

FROM: Dr. Roy L. Virgin, City Manager 

BY: Kanika Stamp, Human Resources Director

DATE: September 11, 2025

RE: Temp. Reso. No. 8512 approving a claim release agreement in the matter of Yuris Sanchez vs. City of Miramar

RECOMMENDATION: The City Manager recommends approval of Temp. Reso. No 8512, authorizing settlement of the automobile bodily injury claim involving Yuris Sanchez v. City of Miramar, Claim #010586-006130-AB-01, for the sum of \$50,000. Settlement was negotiated by Gallagher Bassett, the City's Third-Party Administrator for liability claims.

ISSUE: Mr. Yuris Sanchez was driving west on 151 Southwest 184th Avenue, Pembroke Pines. City employee Rohan Byfield was travelling in the same direction behind Mr. Sanchez in the course and scope of his employment. Mr. Sanchez made a complete stop at a posted stop sign, however Mr. Byfield continued forward and rear-ended Mr. Sanchez's vehicle. The recommendation to settle will resolve this claim in its entirety. Since the \$50,000 negotiated settlement exceeds the City attorney and Gallagher Bassett's authority level, the City Commission's approval is required.

BACKGROUND: On January 17, 2025, Mr. Yuris Sanchez allegedly suffered personal injuries when a vehicle driven City employee Rohan Byfield rear-ended the vehicle he was driving. The accident occurred in the vicinity of 151 SW 184th Avenue, Pembroke Pines. Although no citation was issued, the police report placed fault on the City driver's actions, for operating the vehicle in a careless manner. Mr. Sanchez retained the services of Kelly Dominguez Esq., of The Founders Law, who proffered a demand for \$200,000 to resolve her client's claim.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Sanchez sought treatment for his injuries and provided substantiating medical specials totaling \$46,054.47, primarily for lumbar injury, with future medicals anticipated at \$727,700.

ANALYSIS: Liability is undisputed, so negotiations primarily focused on amicably resolving damages, which Gallagher Bassett was able to accomplish on the City's behalf for \$50,000, in exchange for a full release.

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**CITY OF MIRAMAR
MIRAMAR, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CLAIM RELEASE AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF YURIS SANCHEZ V. CITY OF MIRAMAR; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO RESOLVE THIS CLAIM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on or about January 17, 2025, Yuris Sanchez was driving west on 151 Southwest 184th Avenue, Pembroke Pines and was involved in a motor vehicle accident with a Miramar City employee who was travelling in the same direction behind Mr. Sanchez in the course and scope of his employment; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Yuris Sanchez, imitated a personal injury claim against the City of Miramar ("Claim"); and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to settle all issues involved in the Claim for personal injury for the total sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00); and

WHEREAS, neither party admits liability in this matter, however, in an effort to resolve the pending controversy, all parties desire to amicably and expeditiously resolve all claims and avoid continued litigation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission hereby accepts the recommendation of the City's Risk Management Department to settle this matter consistent with the Claim

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Release Agreement, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A;" and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a Claim Release Agreement with the intended purpose of resolving all claims set forth in Exhibit "A."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Representations. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Approval of Claim Release Agreement. The City Commission of the City of Miramar hereby approves the agreement between the Claimant, Yuris Sanchez, and the City of Miramar for the total sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), consistent with the Claim Release Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and further authorizes the City Manager to take all necessary action consistent with Resolution.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mayor, Wayne M. Messam

Vice Mayor, Yvette Colbourne

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Denise A. Gibbs

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have approved
this RESOLUTION as to form:

City Attorney,
Austin Pamies Norris Weeks Powell, PLLC

Requested by Administration

Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers

Commissioner Avril Cherasard

Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne

Commissioner Carson Edwards

Mayor Wayne M. Messam

Voted

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

010586-006130-AB-01

This Indenture Witnesseth that I, **YURIS SANCHEZ** consideration of the sum of **FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and 00/100 (\$50,000.00)**, do hereby for my heirs, personal representatives and assigns, release and forever discharge **Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc., ROHAN BYFIELD, CITY OF MIRAMAR,** and any other person, firm or corporation charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, representatives or assigns, from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions and causes of action arising from any act or occurrence up to the present time, and particularly on account of all personal injury, disability, property damages, loss or damages of any kind sustained or that I may hereafter sustain in consequence of an accident that occurred on or about the 17th day of January 2025, at or near 151 S.W. 184th Ave., Pembroke Pines Florida

To procure payment of the said sum, I hereby declare: that I am more than **18** years of age; that no representation about the nature and extent of said injuries, disabilities or damages made by any physician, attorney or agent of any party hereby released, nor any representations regarding the nature and extent of legal liability or financial responsibility of any of the parties released, have induced me to make this settlement; that in determining said sum there has been taken into consideration not only the ascertained injuries, disabilities and damages, but also the possibility that the injuries sustained may be permanent and progressive and recovery there from uncertain and indefinite, so that consequences not now anticipated may result from the said accident.

The Undersigned Agree(s), as a further consideration and inducement for this compromise settlement, that it shall apply to all unknown and unanticipated injuries and damages resulting from said accident, casualty or event, as well as to those now disclosed.

I understand that the parties hereby released admit no liability of any sort by reason of said accident and that said payment and settlement in compromise is made to terminate further controversy respecting all claims for damages that I have heretofore asserted or that I or my personal representatives might hereafter assert because of said accident.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of July, 2025.

Witnessed by

(CAUTION - READ BEFORE SIGNING)

Yuris Sanchez

Yuris Sanchez

YURIS SANCHEZ / JUL 2, 2025 21:43 EDT

(SEAL)

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(SEAL)

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Miami Dade^{SS}

On this 4th day of July, 2025, before me electronic signature personally appeared

to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that

he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

My commission expires 11/21/2026



SARAHLEE ASTORGA
Notary Public
State of Florida
Comm# HH334330
Expires 11/21/2026

[Signature]
Notary Public

FRAUD WARNING: "Any person who, knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any employer or employee, insurance company, or self-insured program, files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree."






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