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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH

TO: HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON, AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DAWN S. WYNN

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION SEEKING AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE THE CASE OF ERIN GOMEZ V. CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, CLAIM NO.: 000160-007197 AB-01; AUTHORIZING GALLAGHER BASSETT TO MAKE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) AS FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT.**

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2020

CC: GENERAL PUBLIC

Background:

Erin Gomez filed a claim against the City of Riviera Beach for personal injuries she sustained on January 15, 2017, in Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

On or about October 3, 2019, the Plaintiff advised the City that the Plaintiff intended to file suit against the City for personal injuries sustained by the Plaintiff, alleging the City's police officer was negligent in the operation of the motor vehicle in which she was operating in a police pursuit of another vehicle which ultimately collided into the vehicle driven by the Plaintiff.

Both counsel for Ms. Gomez and the City negotiated and mediated this matter on September 15, 2020, and counsel for the City, Risk Management and representatives of Gallagher Bassett concur settlement in the amount of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) is in the City's best interest, subject to City Council approval.

City Goals:

The Citywide goal is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and visitors.

Fiscal/Budget Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

The Office of the City Attorney recommends approval of this Resolution.

Attachments:

1. Resolution Number 89-20