

RESOLUTION NUMBER 89-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT IN THE CASE OF ERIN GOMEZ V. THE 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) AS FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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) is in the City's best interest, subject to City Council approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That settlement in the matter of Erin Gomez v. The City of Riviera Beach, Claim No.: 000160-007197 AB-01 is hereby approved in the total amount of \$120,000, inclusive of attorney's fees and costs.

SECTION 2. That Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. is authorized to make payment on behalf of the City after receiving the appropriate Releases from Erin Gomez.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____ day of OCTOBER, 2020.

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