



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-929

Agenda Date: September 21, 2023

Department: Risk Management

Title: 2023-929 Workers' Compensation Claim Settlement – Matthew N. Walters (B)

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Description: The full and final settlement of Matthew N. Walter's workers' compensation claim(s), which include all future medical and indemnity payments.

Fiscal Note: The settlement in this case of \$132,000.00 is a significant cost advantage to the city and will be paid from the General Insurance Fund.

Explanation: While employed by the Gainesville Police Department (GPD), Matthew Walters received injuries to his spine during a motor vehicle accident, which led to ongoing medical treatments. Ongoing and future indemnity payments are significant given his life expectancy.

The City Attorney's Office, the Risk Management Department, GPD, Special Counsel and our Workers' Compensation servicing agent concur to the full and final settlement of this claim. The total amount, \$132,000.00, includes future medical costs and future indemnity payments.

Strategic Connection:

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☐ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize Special Counsel to prepare and execute the appropriate documents for a lump-sum settlement payment of \$132,000.00 for the workers' compensation claim of Matthew N. Walters.