



Legislation Text

File #: 22-076, **Version:** 1

ACTION REQUESTED:

Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a SETTLEMENT in *JOHNSON v. CITY OF PEORIA*.

BACKGROUND:

Johnson v. Peoria, et al.: This case stems from the officer-involved shooting of Eddie Russell, Jr. in Sept. 2017. After robbing a local bank at gunpoint Russell walked to his mother's nearby home. After a two hour stand-off and negotiation with PPD's Special Response Team, Russell was shot as he emerged from the home and raised a gun at the officers. Russell's mother (Johnson) brought a federal lawsuit. The case is defensible, but a settlement will end on-going litigation costs.

Negotiations with plaintiff have resulted in a tentative settlement of \$415,000.00.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: None.

IMPACT IF APPROVED: Settlement approval will bring closure to the existing case and end legal fees.

IMPACT IF DENIED: Litigation will proceed.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A

WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2017 - 2032 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?

1. Financially Sound City

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Have an efficient government.

DEPARTMENT: Legal