



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Department of Law to compromise and settle the personal injury claim of Angelique and Jacob Bryant against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in the amount of \$122,000.00, and that said amount be paid from the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2020, Angelique and Jacob Bryant have claimed personal injuries and damages resulting from a motor vehicle accident in which their vehicle was struck by a Metro-owned vehicle on I-24 West near Briley Parkway; and,

WHEREAS, after investigation, the Metropolitan Department of Law believes that the settlement listed in Section 1 is fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Metropolitan Government and recommends that any and all claims or causes of action brought or that could have been brought by Angelique and Jacob Bryant related to the events detailed above, be compromised and settled for \$122,000.00 and that this amount be paid from the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1: The Metropolitan Department of Law is authorized to compromise and settle the personal injury claim of Angelique and Jacob Bryant for the sum of \$122,000.00, with said amount to be paid from the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

Section 2: This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

On October 3, 2020, a Metropolitan Nashville Police Department ("MNP") officer was driving an unmarked patrol car westbound on I-24. The officer attempted to exit onto Briley Parkway but did not see the vehicle driven by Angelique Bryant when the officer began merging lanes. Jacob Bryant was a passenger in the vehicle. The passenger's side of the MNP patrol car collided with the driver's side of the Bryant's vehicle.

Angelique Bryant sought treatment at the emergency room with head and neck pain. She was diagnosed with a neck sprain. She followed up with complaints of wrist pain and left shoulder pain. She attended physical therapy and later had a surgical procedure to address her left wrist pain. Her medical expenses totaled \$35,041.

Jacob Bryant also sought treatment at the emergency room. He was diagnosed with thoracic back strain, lumbar strain, and blunt head injury and sought follow-up treatment related to these diagnoses. His medical expenses totaled \$29,084.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of Angelique Bryant's claims for \$82,000 and settlement of Jacob Bryant's claims for \$40,000, for a total settlement of \$122,000.

Disciplinary action taken against the MNPD officer consisted of a written reprimand and remedial driver training.

Fiscal Note: This \$122,000 settlement would be the 39th payment from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY23 for a cumulative total of \$1,758,499. The fund balance would be \$17,857,734 after these payments.