

OCTOBER 20, 2022

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OF FINAL ACTION

Date of Meeting: *Thursday, October 20, 2022*

Litigation Negotiations
NAME OF ACTION:

**Tekeste Ghebreslasie v. City of Oakland, Rachelle Louise Stephens
and DOES 1 - 20, inclusive**

Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG18929921

This matter is listed as **Item No. 1(b)** on the Closed Session Agenda:

The council authorized settlement in the amount of **\$500,000.00**

This case arose out of incidents occurring on **February 27, 2018**

FACTS/ISSUES:

This action arises out of a three-car rear-end accident. Plaintiff alleges that City employee Rachelle Stephens rear ended Plaintiff's car which resulted in (1) a permanent spinal injury that causes ongoing neck and back pain and (2) a traumatic brain injury that resulted in cognitive deficits. Medical professionals continue to treat Plaintiff for back pain, neck pain, and post-concussion syndrome with headaches and fatigue. Plaintiff also alleges these injuries and symptoms prevent Plaintiff from working fulltime which results in lost wages.

The City has determined that settlement in the amount of \$500,000.00, without admitting liability and to avoid further litigation, is in the best interest of the City.

Motion Made by: **Councilmember Kalb**

Motion Seconded by: **Councilmember Fife**

AYES: Fife, Gallo, Kalb, Kaplan, Reid, Taylor, Thao and President Fortunato Bas= 8

NOES: Fife, Gallo, Kalb, Kaplan, Reid, Taylor, Thao and President Fortunato Bas=

ABSENT: Fife, Gallo, Kalb, Kaplan, Reid, Taylor, Thao and President Fortunato Bas=

ABSTENTIONS: Fife, Gallo, Kalb, Kaplan, Reid, Taylor, Thao and President Fortunato Bas=