



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX. BP  
8/16/2022

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Joint Resolution with the Oklahoma City Municipal Facilities Authority authorizing the Risk Manager and the Trust's legal counsel to enter into a Joint Petition Settlement of the Workers' Compensation Commission Claim No. CM- (to be determined) styled: *Edward Laster, Claimant vs. The City of Oklahoma City, Respondent*, an Own Risk Carrier, and further authorizing the Municipal Counselor to assist said counsel in the rendition of said Joint Petition Settlement to Judgment as authorized by 85 O.S. §346, 62 O.S. §§365.1 *et seq.* and Article 10, Section 28 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

### Background:

The Claimant, Edward Laster is a 68-year-old male and is a 17-year employee of The City of Oklahoma City. At the time of the injury, he was assigned in the Utilities Department as a Collection & Distribution Operator. The Claimant retired from the City, May 6, 2021.

On July 27, 2020, the Claimant sustained an undisputed accidental injury to his lower back, neck, both wrists, left elbow, head and throat.

The Claimant required surgery on February 19, 2021 to repair his neck.

Claimant was evaluated by Dr. William Jones, M.D. on behalf of the City and found to have the following permanent partial impairment: 10% to the neck, 3% to the neck, 2% to the head, 2% for psychological overlay, 5% dysphagia, 0% to the left arm, 0% to the left hand and 0% to the right hand.

The negotiated Joint Petition Settlement calls for a lump sum of \$27,720 for the following permanent partial disability: 10% to the neck. The settlement includes a payment of \$500, for additional consideration for a full, final, and complete settlement, for a total award of \$28,220.

The settlement further calls for a 3% assessment of the PPD award, less the payment of the additional payment amount, in the sum of \$831.60 be deducted and paid for the Multiple Injury Trust Fund Tax, making the lump sum award, including the additional payment, \$27,388.40. In addition, the City will pay Court costs of \$140; a Special Occupational and Safety Fund tax representing .75% of the permanent partial disability award, including the additional payment, shall be paid in the sum of \$211.65; and the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund, representing 2% of the permanent partial disability award, less the additional payment, shall be

paid in the sum of \$554.40.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the City's contract attorney, Hornbeek, Krah, Vitali, law office located at 3711 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118.

Permanent Partial Disability Payment <sup>1</sup>	\$27,720.00
Additional Payment <sup>1</sup>	\$500.00
Special Occupational Health and Safety Fund Tax <sup>2</sup>	\$211.65
Workers' Compensation Administration Fund <sup>2</sup>	\$554.40
Multiple Injury Trust Fund Tax <sup>2</sup>	\$831.60
Workers' Compensation Court Costs <sup>2</sup>	\$140.00
District Court Costs <sup>3</sup>	\$161.00
Total Cost of Award	\$30,118.65

**Review:**

Risk Management

**Recommendation:** Joint Resolution be adopted.