



1 City of Racine, Wisconsin
2 Common Council

3 AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

4 COMMITTEE: Finance and Personnel LEGISLATION ITEM #: 1178-23

5 AGENDA DATE: January 8, 2023

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7 DEPARTMENT: City Attorney’s Office

8 Prepared By: Deputy City Attorney Marisa Roubik

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10 SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Alder West on behalf of the City Attorney’s Office submitting
11 the claim of Ruth Pinner for consideration for disallowance.

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13 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

14 Ruth Pinner claims reimbursement in the amount of \$7,036.19 for damages allegedly arising from
15 an injury she incurred when she purportedly fell while standing when she was riding on a City bus on July
16 5, 2023. The City disputes its liability for the claimed damages.

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18 BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

19 The claimant, Ruth Pinner, filed this claim for reimbursement in the amount of \$7,036.19 for
20 damages allegedly arising from an injury she incurred when she purportedly fell while standing when she
21 was riding on a City bus on July 5, 2023. The claimant had been seated on the bus for the majority of her
22 ride, but decided to stand up while the bus was stopped at a red traffic light in anticipation of her upcoming
23 exit from the bus. When the traffic light turned green and the bus proceeded through the intersection
24 towards the marked bus stop, claimant fell to the floor. The City disputes its liability for the claimed
25 damages.

26 As such, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney’s Office that this claim be disallowed.

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28 **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

29 Assuming the recommendation to disallow this claim is adopted, this item would have a \$0.00
30 impact on the City's budget.

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32 **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

33 That the disallowance of this claim be recommended for approval.

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