

City of Racine, Wisconsin Common Council

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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INTRO TO COUNCIL DATE: June 17, 2025

- 6 STANDING COMMITTEE DATE: June 23, 2025
- 7 FINAL ACTION COUNCIL DATE: July 1, 2025
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- 9 **DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney's Office
- 10 **Prepared By:** Deputy City Attorney Marisa L. Roubik

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- SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Alder Land on behalf of the City Attorney's Office submitting
- the claim of Tanisha L. Norris for consideration for disallowance.

15 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Claimant Tanisha L. Norris is requesting reimbursement for \$1,000.00 in vehicle damages allegedly caused by a City-owned and operated bus that purportedly struck the claimant's vehicle, which was parked in or around 942 Grand Avenue in Racine on or about January 23, 2025. It is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that this claim be disallowed in order to limit the statute of limitations for this claim and to enable the parties to reach a fair settlement thereof.

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BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

The claimant, Tanisha L. Norris, of 942 Grand Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53403, is requesting reimbursement for \$1,000.00 in vehicle damages allegedly caused by a City-owned and operated bus that purportedly struck the claimant's vehicle, which was parked in or around 942 Grand Avenue in Racine on or about January 23, 2025.

Transit Mutual Insurance, which is the City's insurer for Transit Department-related matters, has been in contact with Claimant and is currently waiting for further documentation from Claimant's insurance company in order to settle this claim.

30 If the Common Council approves the disallowance of this claim, the City will benefit from an abbreviated statue of limitations, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 893.80(1g). However, the disallowance of this 31 32 claim will not prevent the City from continuing to negotiate a fair settlement of this claim with the Claimant. As such, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that this claim be disallowed in 33 34 order to limit the statute of limitations for this claim and to enable the parties to reach a fair settlement 35 thereof. 36 37 **BUDGETARY IMPACT:** 38 Assuming the recommendation to disallow this claim is adopted, this item would have a \$0.00 39 impact on the City's budget. 40 **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 41 That the disallowance of this claim be recommended for approval. 42 43