



1 **City of Racine, Wisconsin**
2 **Common Council**

3 **AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

4 **INTRO TO COUNCIL DATE: May 5, 2026**

5 **STANDING COMMITTEE DATE: May 11, 2026**

6 **FINAL ACTION COUNCIL DATE: May 19, 2026**
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8 **DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office**

9 **Prepared By: Deputy City Attorney Marisa Roubik**
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11 **SUBJECT:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land on behalf of the City Attorney's Office
12 submitting the claim of Shikema Williams for consideration for disallowance.
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14 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

15 Attorney Michael C. Demo, of Sperling Law Offices, LLC, claims reimbursement on behalf of his
16 client, Shikema Williams, in the amount of \$44,107.33 for damages allegedly arising from an auto collision
17 involving a pickup truck owned by the City of Racine Parks Department at or near the intersection of 13th
18 Street and South Memorial Drive on or about September 19, 2025. It is the recommendation of the City
19 Attorney's Office that this claim be disallowed in order to limit the statute of limitations for this claim and
20 to enable the parties to reach a fair settlement thereof.
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22 **BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:**

23 Attorney Michael C. Demo, of Sperling Law Offices, LLC, 411 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 2300,
24 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, claims reimbursement on behalf of his client, Shikema Williams, 1649 Dr.
25 Martin Luther King Drive, Racine, Wisconsin 53204, in the amount of \$44,107.33 for damages allegedly
26 arising from an auto collision involving a pickup truck owned by the City of Racine Parks Department at
27 or near the intersection of 13th Street and South Memorial Drive on or about September 19, 2025.

28 This claim alleges that a City of Racine employee "was driving a City of Racine vehicle eastbound
29 on South Memorial Drive when he suddenly and negligently put his vehicle in reverse and crashed into the
30 front of Ms. Williams' vehicle." The claimant alleges that, as a result of this accident, she incurred medical

31 expenses totaling \$11,871.26, property damage totaling \$5,412.51, and car rental fees totaling \$1,673.56;
32 however, the claimant is asking for a total of \$44,107.33 in total damages from the City.

33 If the Common Council approves the disallowance of this claim, the City will benefit from an
34 abbreviated statute of limitations, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 893.80(1g). However, the disallowance of this
35 claim will not prevent the City from continuing to negotiate a fair settlement of this claim with the Claimant.

36 As such, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that this claim be disallowed in
37 order to limit the statute of limitations for this claim and to enable the parties to reach a fair settlement
38 thereof.

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40 **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

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

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44 **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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

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