

# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To:

The Honorable Mayor and Council

From:

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Administration, Risk Management

Date:

January 14, 2009

**Meeting Date:** 

January 20, 2009



Consideration of payment of claim legal expenses and/or settlement costs arising from claim between Fred Nackard Land Company, LNN Enterprises, Inc, Richard Henderson, West Village Estates versus City of Flagstaff.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve additional \$20,000 authority. Authorize payments not to exceed a total of \$275,000, for payment of attorney fees and costs. in claim expenses and/or settlement costs.

## **ACTION SUMMARY:**

Approval authorizes City of Flagstaff legal counsel to proceed with defense and negotiate potential settlement.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

## Background/History:

Dispute stemming from stormwater ordinance fees and lack of adequate fee credits for builders who have installed detention systems. The plaintiffs include "all others similarly situated" as class members.

#### **Key Considerations:**

To be discussed in executive session.

## **Community Benefits and Considerations:**

Not applicable.

#### Community Involvement:

Not applicable.



# Financial Implications:

There will be no insurance contributions towards the defense or settlement of this claim as the complaint falls outside of insurance coverage. The Council has previously authorized defense expenditures totaling \$255,000 to take thru trial. The additional \$20,000 requested is the estimated litigation costs to take the case through appeal. Payments to be made from the self-insured trust fund.

# **Options and Alternatives:**

## Attachments/Exhibits:

Division Head (Acknowledgment that all reviews have been completed and required approvals initialed below.)

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