

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING JOINT PETITION SETTLEMENTS OF THE CLAIMS FILED BY CHRISTOPHER BOZEMAN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE CASES OF *CHRISTOPHER BOZEMAN V. THE CITY OF NORMAN*, WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CASE NOS. 2015-08111 R AND 2018-02917 J; DIRECTING THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO THEN FILE SUCH SETTLEMENTS AND ALL ATTENDANT COSTS IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBSEQUENTLY PURCHASE SUCH WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION JUDGMENT FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE FUND.

- §1. WHEREAS, CHRISTOPHER BOZEMAN, a former Maintenance Worker II for the City of Norman Utilities Department, Sewer Line Maintenance Division, alleged a single incident injury to the back on or about October 7, 2015, while root cutting a city sewer and to the right arm/shoulder and left arm/shoulder on or about January 25, 2018, while holding a high-pressure hose during a pump surge; and
- §2. WHEREAS, the City of Norman has negotiated settlement for two (2) claims of CHRISTOPHER BOZEMAN against the City of Norman, under the Workers' Compensation Statutes for a total of \$33,915 which represents 16% (\$18,088) permanent partial impairment regarding the back on Case No. CM 2015-08111 R and 14% (\$15,827) permanent partial impairment regarding the right arm/shoulder and 0%, regarding the left arm/shoulder on Case No. CM 2018-02917 J to be paid in a lump sum settlement to Mr. Bozeman and such settlement is believed to be fair and reasonable; and
- §3. WHEREAS, the City shall incur additional costs for the settlement for payment for Workers Compensation Commission Case No. CM 2015-08111 R (Back) to the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund in the amount of \$361.76 and the Special Occupational Health and Safety Fund in the amount of \$135.66; for the settlement for payment for Workers Compensation Commission Case No. CM 2018-02917 J (Right Arm/Shoulder and Left Arm/Shoulder) to the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund in the amount of \$316.54 and the Special Occupational Health and Safety Fund in the amount of \$118.70; filing fees in the Workers' Compensation Court in the amount of \$140 in each case; and a filing fee in the Cleveland County District Court in the amount of \$154.14; and



- §4. WHEREAS, the Risk Management Insurance Fund of the City of Norman has heretofore appropriated funds for the payment of Workers' Compensation settlements covering injuries to qualified persons employed by the City of Norman; and
- §5. WHEREAS, the judgment and award should be transmitted and certified to the Workers' Compensation Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which when filed will constitute judgment against the City of Norman, which it is entitled to purchase with funds out of the Risk Management Insurance Fund pursuant to Okla. Stat. tit. 85, § 107, Okla. Stat. tit. 51, § 159, and Okla. Stat. tit. 62, § 361, *et seq.*; and
- §6. WHEREAS, the City Council finds it will be in the best interest of the City if the funds of the Risk Management Insurance Fund are invested in said judgment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- §7. That the Legal Department is authorized to enter into settlement with one CHRISTOPHER BOZEMAN for not more than \$33,915 for any and all claims that he has or may have against the City of Norman under the Workers' Compensation Statutes for any and all injuries known or unknown which occurred while working for the City of Norman; and
- §8. That the Legal Department is directed to hereinafter file such settlement in the Workers' Compensation Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, along with all attendant costs therefore, as provided by law; and
- §9. That the Finance Director is authorized and directed to purchase such judgment of the Workers' Compensation Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, out of funds of the Risk Management Insurance Fund of the City of Norman.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk