

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

December 2, 2016

Committee
Report No. _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Committee of the Whole, having met on November 18, 2016, makes reference to County Communication 15-6, from Councilmember Mike White, relating to litigation matters.

By correspondence dated November 2, 2016, the Department of the Corporation Counsel requested consideration of the possible settlement of Thomas Ligsay v. County of Maui, Disability Compensation Division Case 7-15-00504. Attached to the request is a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THOMAS N. LIGSAY V. COUNTY OF MAUI, DISABILITY COMPENSATION DIVISION CASE NO. 7-15-00504." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the Department to settle the case.

Your Committee notes Section 3.16.020(A), Maui County Code, requires Council authorization for any settlement of a workers' compensation claim in excess of the authority granted by that provision.

A Deputy Corporation Counsel provided a brief overview of the case. He said Thomas Ligsay was a groundskeeper with the Department of Parks and Recreation who was working at Waiehu Golf Course at the time he injured his back. The Deputy said the proposed settlement would resolve future medical costs and future indemnity benefits, and that the County had previously reached a settlement concerning Mr. Ligsay's permanent partial disability.

Because the case involves ongoing litigation and confidential medical information, the Deputy requested the opportunity to convene an executive meeting.

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Your Committee voted to convene an executive meeting, closed to the public, to consult with legal counsel pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential pursuant to a State or Federal law, or a court order.

Following the executive meeting, your Committee reconvened in regular session. Based on the information received and the recommendation of the Department, your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution to authorize settlement of the case under the terms discussed in the executive meeting. Committee Chair Guzman and members Carroll, Cochran, Hokama, and White voted "aye." Committee Vice-Chair Crivello and members Baisa, Couch, and Victorino were excused.

Your Committee of the Whole RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THOMAS N. LIGSAY V. COUNTY OF MAUI, DISABILITY COMPENSATION DIVISION CASE NO. 7-15-00504," be ADOPTED.

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This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



DON S. GUZMAN, Chair

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Resolution

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AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF
THOMAS N. LIGSAY V. COUNTY OF MAUI,
DISABILITY COMPENSATION DIVISION CASE NO. 7-15-00504

WHEREAS, Claimant Thomas N. Ligsay filed a Workers' Compensation Claim alleging work-related injuries sustained on February 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the facts and circumstances regarding this matter and being advised of the proposed settlement by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, the Council wishes to authorize the settlement of the Workers' Compensation Claim under the terms and conditions proposed in an executive meeting before the Committee of the Whole; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby approves settlement of Thomas N. Ligsay v. County of Maui, Disability Compensation Division Case No. 7-15-00504, under the terms set forth in an executive meeting before the Committee of the Whole; and

2. That it hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement on behalf of the County in this case; and

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3. That it hereby authorizes the Director of Finance to satisfy said settlement of this case, under such terms and conditions as may be imposed, and agreed to, by the Corporation Counsel; and

4. That payment is authorized to satisfy this settlement following approval of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, State of Hawaii; and

5. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caleb P. Rowe', is written over a horizontal line.

CALEB P. ROWE
Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui