# CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO:

Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

FROM:

Michael Bernard, City Attorney

**SUBJECT:** 

Settlement in Joe Tony Jew, Sr., et al., v. City of San Antonio, Cause No. 2005-

CI-12865, 224th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Tx

DATE:

March 23, 2006

### **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes settlement in the above lawsuit in the amount of \$155,000.00. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On May 20, 2005, Joe Tony Jew, Jr. died at the scene of a motor vehicle collision, which he had with a San Antonio Police vehicle. As a result, the following filed suit against the City alleging wrongful death and survivorship claims: Mr. Joe Tony Jew, Sr., individually and on behalf of the Estate of Joe Tony Jew, Jr., and Roxanne Mann, individually and on behalf of Joe Tony Jew III, a Minor Child. Both the City and Plaintiffs attended a court-ordered mediation, resulting in a proposed settlement of \$155,000.00 paid to the plaintiffs. This lawsuit was recently discussed with City Council during an executive session on March 9, 2006.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, \$155,000.00 will be paid by the City to the plaintiffs and their attorneys, Jess Mason and Robert Valdez, from the City's Liability Self Insurance Fund.

#### **COORDINATION**

This item was coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget, Department of Finance, and the San Antonio Police Department.

Michael D. Bernard

City Attorney

Approved for Council Consideration:

Sheryl Sculley City Manager