



Medford City Council  
Medford, Massachusetts

**MEETING DATE**

August 13, 2024

**SPONSORED BY**

George Scarpelli, City Councilor

**AGENDA ITEM**

**24-450** - Resolution to Request The Mayor Provide Detailed Records of All Claims Against the City and a List of Such Matters Resolved During Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

**FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION**

Whereas, good government is based on a foundation of openness, clarity, transparency and accountability; and

Whereas, the City Council, the taxpayers and the residents of the City of Medford are entitled to be made aware whenever the City resolves claims made against:

- a. the City as a municipality;
- b. the School Department; or
- c. any department, department head or employee of the City of Medford or the School Department, by payment, regardless of whether those claims are resolved:
  1. prior to litigation;
  2. after litigation but before trial;
  3. by way of judgment or decision by a court or administrative or quasi-judicial body.

Now therefore, be it Resolved that the Mayor provide the Council with a list of all such matters so resolved during fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 or 2025; and

Further, for each matter so resolved by payment, the Mayor report to the Council the name of each person, persons or entity who made such claim and the amount paid to each such person, persons or entity. If there is a legal reason that any such name should not be disclosed, such as in the case of a minor, a general description of the claim without identifying the person will suffice; and

Further, for each matter so resolved by payment, the Mayor report to the Council the source of the money or funding that was used to pay the claim by specifying which City or School account that the money was from or whether it was paid by an insurer of the City or School Department; and

Further, that the Mayor's report to the Council state the names and addresses of any insurers with whom the City or School Department maintained a policy of insurance whose coverage was the source of payments used to pay any such claims during fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 or 2025; and

Further, for each policy of insurance listed by the Mayor in answering the request set forth in the previous paragraph, that the Mayor state the annual premiums paid for each insurance policy listed and the applicable deductibles for each year during fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 or 2025; and

Finally, that the Mayor provide the City Council with a breakdown of all amounts paid to outside counsel for representing the City of Medford or the School Department or any department, department head or employee of the City of Medford for any claims made against the City as a municipality or the School Department or any department, department head or employee of the City of Medford during fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 or 2025.

This request includes payments made for any work performed on such claims to the Kopelman & Paige law firm, Peabody and Arnold law firm or to any other attorneys.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**ATTACHMENTS**

None