



DATE: February 26, 2026

TO: Colorado Springs City Council

FROM: Office of the City Attorney

SUBJECT: *Peter R. Forbes v. Shivani Sharma; Jeffrey Warnock; and the City of Colorado Springs, Case No. 25CV32913*

This memorandum is to apprise you of the facts alleged in the above-referenced case as you consider the claims made against the employee involved.

NATURE OF THE CASE

Plaintiff, Peter Forbes, by and through his attorneys, filed this case in the District Court of El Paso County Colorado alleging that the above-named employee caused or contributed to an automobile accident with another vehicle. Plaintiff claims that he was injured in the accident.

Plaintiff alleges that on June 12, 2025, he was driving a 1999 Ford F-150 southbound on North Union Boulevard at or near its intersection with North Academy Boulevard. At the same time, Plaintiff claims that Defendant Sharma was traveling eastbound on North Academy Boulevard. The complaint alleges that Mr. Warnock was servicing or “attempting to fix” the traffic lights that controlled the intersection. Plaintiff claims that Mr. Warnock caused the lights to malfunction. He also accuses Defendant Sharma of entering the intersection without stopping and causing the accident in question. Plaintiff is seeking economic and noneconomic damages, as well as damages for physical impairment.

According to reports, Mr. Warnock was servicing the intersection just before the accident. While he was doing this, all the lights controlling all directions of travel were set to flashing red. All lights then switched to solid red for seven seconds. The lights then resumed their normal operation by remaining red for traffic on Union Boulevard and switching to green for traffic on Academy Boulevard.

Plaintiff arrived at the intersection while the lights were flashing red. Plaintiff was driving southbound in the middle lane of Union Boulevard. After waiting for several traffic

cycles, Plaintiff entered the intersection and collided with Defendant Sharma's Subaru Outback. Defendant Sharma had been traveling eastbound on Academy Boulevard. After the accident, Plaintiff stated that he believed it was his turn to go because the car in the lane to his right moved forward. That same car blocked Plaintiff's view of traffic traveling eastbound on Academy Boulevard. Defendant Sharma stated that she entered the intersection on a green light.

RECOMMENDATION

The Civil Action Investigation Committee met on February 3, 2026, and recommends City Council acknowledge the City's obligation to represent the employee involved as required by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act. The employee was acting in the course and scope of his employment and in good faith. As usual, it is recommended that the City reserve the right to decline payment of any award of punitive damages.