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A \$27 million dollar settlement, the largest pre-trial settlement in a civil rights wrongful death case in U.S. history, was reached against the City of Minneapolis and the four officers involved in the death of George Floyd. Mr. Floyd died May 25, 2020, face down in the street, handcuffed and compliant, having committed no violent crime and posing no threat to anyone. He died slowly under the weight of Minneapolis police officers Chauvin, Lane, and Kueng. The complaint stated Mr. Floyd was deprived, under color of state law, of his clearly established rights as secured by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. The settlement included \$500,000 to be directed to enhance the 38th St. & Chicago Ave. business district where George Floyd died. Beyond the settlement, the city adopted police reforms and pledged to continue to support further reforms.