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July 18, 2024

**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

RE: Aaron Baker, Ashanta Baker, et al v City of Detroit

Case No: 23-003850-NI

File No: L23-00200( MBC)

On July 17, 2024, a case evaluation panel evaluated the above-captioned lawsuit and awarded **Thirty Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$30,000.00)** in favor of the 5 plaintiffs. The parties have until **August 14, 2024**, to either accept or reject the case evaluation.

Based upon our review of the facts and particulars of this lawsuit, which are set forth in a confidential memorandum that is being separately hand-delivered to each member of Your Honorable Body, it is our considered opinion that a settlement in the amount of **Thirty Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$30,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request Your Honorable Body to authorize settlement of the above referenced lawsuit and to direct the Finance Director to issue Five (5) drafts. The drafts shall be in the following amounts: **Ten Thousand Dollars and no/Cents (\$10,000.00)** payable to Aaron Baker and his attorneys, Reifman Law Group, PLLC; **Five Thousand Dollars and no/Cents (\$5,000.00)** payable to Ashanta Baker and her attorneys Reifman Law Group, PLLC; **Five Thousand Dollars and no/Cents (\$5,000.00)** payable to Revin Baker and his attorneys, Reifman Law Group, PLLC; **Five Thousand Dollars and no/Cents (\$5,000.00)** payable to Damien Thomas and his attorneys Reifman Law Group, PLLC and **Five Thousand Dollars and no/cents (\$5,000.00)** payable to Cortez Robertson and his attorneys, Webster Law Office, PLLC to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No.23-003850-NI.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/Mary Beth Cobbs  
Mary Beth Cobbs  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLET  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Patrick Cunningham  
**Patrick Cunningham**  
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

R E S O L U T I O N

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ :

**RESOLVED**, that settlement of the above matter be and is hereby authorized in the amount of **\$30,000.00**; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw 5 (Five) warrants upon the proper account. The five warrants shall be drawn in the following manner: in favor of **Aaron Baker** and his attorney, **Reifman Law Group, PLLC**, in the amount of **\$10,000.00**, in favor of **Ashanta Baker** and her attorney, **Reifman Law Group, PLLC**, in the amount of **\$5,000.00**, in favor of **Damien Thomas**, and his attorney **Reifman Law Group, PLLC**, in the amount of **\$5,000**, in favor of **Revin Baker** and his attorney **Reifman Law Group, PLLC**, in the amount of **\$5,000.00**, and in favor of Cortez Robertson and his attorney **Webster Law Office, PLLC** in the amount of **\$5,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Aaron Baker, Ashanta Baker, Damien Thomas, Revin Baker and Cortez Robertson may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about March 27, 2022, and otherwise set forth in Case No.23-003850-NI, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No.23-003850-NI.

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLET  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Patrick Cunningham  
**Patrick Cunningham**  
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Approved by City Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_