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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

RE: Tony Cook v City of Detroit and Ryan Smith
Wayne County Circuit Court Case No: 23-004210-NI
File No: L23-00203 BP

We have reviewed the above-captioned lawsuit, the facts and particulars of which are set forth in a confidential memorandum that is being separately hand-delivered to each member of Your Honorable Body. From this review, it is our considered opinion that a settlement in the amount of **Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and ^{NO}/Cents (\$17,500.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and ^{NO}/Cents (\$17,500.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to Tony Cook and his attorney, Romano Law, PLLC, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 23-004210-NI, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Patterson
Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED:
CONRAD MALLETT
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Eric Gaabo
Eric Gaabo
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

Attachments

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 **Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and ^{NO}/Cents (\$17,500.00)**; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant upon the proper account in favor of Tony Cook and his attorney, Romano Law, PLLC, in the amount of **Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and ^{NO}/Cents (\$17,500.00)** in full payment for any and all claims which Tony Cook may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about April 25, 2022, and otherwise set forth in Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 23-004210-NI, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 23-004210-NI and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department, a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

APPROVED:
CONRAD MALLET
Corporation Counsel

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Approved by City Council: _____

Approved by the Mayor: _____