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BY COUNCIL MEMBER: Johnson :

**Required Hearings  
Regarding Representation and Indemnification of  
Detroit Employees**

Whereas, Section 7.5-203, *Civil Litigation*, of the 2012 Detroit City Charter provides, in relevant part, that “[upon request, the Corporation Counsel may represent any officer or employee of the city in any action or proceeding involving official duties[;]” and,

Whereas, Section 35-2-105, *Determination by City Council*, of the 2019 Detroit City Code provides, in pertinent part, that “the city council shall consider and determine whether the corporation counsel shall represent the officer or employee in the matter and find and determine whether or not the claim, demand or suit arises out of or involves the performance in good faith of the official duties of such officer or employee[;]” and,

Resolved, That, pursuant to the above and MCL 15.268(a), a closed session is to be held on **September 10, 2024, at 3:30pm**, for the purpose of conducting a hearing related to the following:

**Legal Representation and Indemnification in lawsuit of *Dwight Walker v Lorenzo Watts et al.*; Case No. 23-005011-NI for former bus driver Lorenzo Watts; and Be It Further**

Resolved That, the Law Department’s recommendation is to **Deny** indemnification of Lorenzo Watts in this matter, which will be discussed with Law Department attorneys, as well as attorneys from the Legislative Policy Division; **and Be It Further**

Resolved That the hearing is scheduled at **3:30 p.m. September 10, 2024; and Be It Finally**

Resolved That a copy of this resolution be timely provided to the Corporation Counsel.