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Date: September 9, 2024

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

**RE: DONNITA CLEVELAND vs CITY OF DETROIT**  
**36<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT**  
**FILE #: 15019 (PSB)**

We have reviewed the above-captioned lawsuit, the facts and particulars of which are set forth in a confidential attorney-client privileged 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 **ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$109,000.00)** to resolve the Plaintiff's claim for wage loss benefits is in the best interests of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$109,000.00)** and that your Honorable Body authorize and direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to **Donnita Cleveland and her attorney, William W. Watkinson, Jr.**, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed releases and order of dismissal in Workers Compensation Claim #15019, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Phillip Brown*

Phillip S. Brown  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

PSB/mr

Attachment(s)

cc: Budget Department

APPROVED:

By: */s/ Charles Manion*

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Charles Manion  
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

**RESOLUTION**

BY COUNCILMEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, that settlement of the above matter be and hereby is authorized in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$109,000.00)**; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Finance Director be and is authorized and directed to draw a warrant upon the proper fund in favor **Donnita Cleveland and her attorney William W. Watkinson, Jr.** in the sum of **ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$109,000.00)** in full payment of any and all claims which they may have against the City of Detroit by reason of any injuries or occupational diseases and their resultant disabilities incurred or sustained as the result of his/her past employment with the City of Detroit and that said amount be paid upon presentation by the Law Department of a redemption order approved by the Workers Compensation Department of the State of Michigan.

APPROVED:

By: */s/ James Nosedo*

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James Nosedo  
Deputy Corporation Counsel