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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

RE: Darren M. Findling, Conservator for Bruce Wood and Siporin & Associates, Inc., as  
Guardian of the Estate of Bruce Wood v City of Detroit  
Case No: 23-006990-NF  
File No:L23-00296 MBC

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 **Six Hundred Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$600,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **\$600,000.00** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to Darren M. Findling and Siporin & Associates, Inc. and their attorney, Marko Law Inc. , to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No.23-006990-NF, approved by the Law Department.

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

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLET  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Jerry L. Ashford  
**Jerry L. Ashford**  
Chief of Litigation

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 \$600,000; 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 Darren M. Findling, and Siporin & Associates, Inc., and their attorney, Marko Law PLLC, in the amount of \$600,000.00 in full payment for any and all claims which Darren M. Findling, Conservator for Bruce Wood and Siporin & Associates, Inc., as guardian of the estate of Bruce Wood, may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about July 3, 2015 and otherwise set forth in Case No.23-006990-NF, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 23-006990-NF and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLETT  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Jerry L. Ashford  
**Jerry L. Ashford**  
Chief of Litigation

Approved by City Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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