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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

RE: Curtis Ward and Wrendall Ward v City of Detroit, et al
Case No: 22-014027-NI
File No: L22-02280 SVD

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 **THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$310,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$310,000.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$160,000.00)** payable to **CURTIS WARD** and **HIS** attorney, **THE JOSEPH DEDVUKAJ FIRM, P.C.**, and a draft in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$150,000.00)** payable to **WRENDALL WARD** and her attorney, **THE JOSEPH DEDVUKAJ FIRM, P.C.**, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 22-014027-NI, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,
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Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED:
CONRAD MALLET
Corporation Counsel

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

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 **THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$310,000.00)**; 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 **CURTIS WARD** and **HIS** attorney, **THE JOSEPH DEDVUKAJ FIRM, P.C.**, in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$160,000.00)**; and a warrant upon the proper account in favor of **WRENDALL WARD** and **HER** attorney, **THE JOSEPH DEDVUKAJ FIRM, P.C.**, in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$150,000.00)** in full payment for any and all claims which **Curtis Ward** and **Wrendall Ward** may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about February 3, 2022 , and otherwise set forth in Case No. 22-014027-NI, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 22-014027-NI and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

APPROVED:
CONRAD MALLET
Corporation Counsel

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

Approved by City Council: _____
Approved by the Mayor: _____