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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

**RE: VERNELL RUSHON v CITY OF DETROIT AND JAMES CLARK DAVIS, III**  
**CASE NO: 22-10239**  
**FILE NO: L23-00135 (CB)**

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 **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$200,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$200,000.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to **VERNELL RUSHON and HIS attorneys, THE MARK SISSON LAW FIRM, P.L.L.C** to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 22-10239 approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Calvert Bailey

Calvert Bailey

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 **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$200,000.00)**; 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 **VERNELL RUSHON and HIS attorneys, THE MARK SISSON LAW FIRM, P.L.L.C** in the amount of **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$200,000.00)** in full payment for any and all claims which **VERNELL RUSHON** may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about **August 21, 2021**, and otherwise set forth in Case No. 22-10239, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 22-10239 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: \_\_\_\_\_