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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

**RE: DEANNA SMITH as P/R of Estate for Deant'a Marshall, Deceased v CITY OF DETROIT**  
**CASE NO: 23-011615 CZ**  
**FILE NO: L23-00522 (RJB)**

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 **TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$22,500.00) and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$22,500.00) and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to **DEANNA SMITH as PR of Estate for Deant'a Marshall** and **their** attorney, **MUSSIN & SCANLAND, PLLC**, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No.23-011615 CZ, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robyn J. Brooks

Robyn J Brooks  
Sr., Assistant Corporation Counsel

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLETT  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Krystal A. Crittendon  
**Krystal A. Crittendon**  
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

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 **TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$22,500.00) and <sup>NO</sup>/Cent**; 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 **DEANNA SMITH as Personal Representative of Estate for Deant’a Marshall, Deceased and HER attorney, MUSSIN & SCANLAND**, in the amount of **TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$22,500.00) and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents** in full payment for any and all claims which **DEANNA SMITH as Personal Representative of Estate for Deant’a Marshall, Deceased** may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about **October 29, 2021**, and otherwise set forth in Case No.23-011615-CZ, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 23-011615-CZand, where deemed necessary by the Law Department a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLETT  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Krystal A. Crittendon  
**Krystal A. Crittendon**  
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

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

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