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June 30, 2025

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

RE: Veronica Guajardo and Serenity Atkinson v City of Detroit, et al
Case No: 23-016780-NF
File No: L24-00805 (PMC)

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 **Forty Thousand Dollars and ^{NO}/Cents (\$40,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **Forty Thousand Dollars and ^{NO}/Cents (\$40,000.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars and ^{NO}/Cents (\$20,000.00)payable to Veronica Guajardo and her attorney, Runyan Law Group, **and** a second warrant in favor of Serenity Atkinson and her attorney, Runyan Law Group in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars and ^{NO}/Cents (\$20,000.00) be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 23-003850-NI, approved by the Law Department.

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

APPROVED:
CONRAD MALLET
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Patrick Cunningham
Patrick Cunningham
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 **\$40,000.00**; 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 Veronica Guajardo and her attorney, Runyan Law Group in the amount of **\$20,000.00 and** a second warrant in favor of Serenity Atkinson and her attorney, Runyan Law Group in the amount of **\$20,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Veronica Guajardo and Serenity Atkinson may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about July 7, 2023, and otherwise set forth in Case No: 23-016780-NF , that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No.23-016780-NF and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

APPROVED:
CONRAD MALLET
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Patrick Cunningham
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Approved by City Council: _____

Approved by the Mayor: _____