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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

RE: **New Grace Spinal Rehabilitation Center, PLLC (James Belle) v. City of Detroit**  
Case No: 23-012896-NF  
File No: L23-00581 CM

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 **Twelve Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$12,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **Twelve Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$12,000.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to **New Grace Spinal Rehabilitation Center, PLLC** and ITS attorney, Anthony J. McEachern, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 23-012896-NF, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher Michels  
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 **\$12,000.00**; 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 **New Grace Spinal Rehabilitation Center, PLLC** and **THEIR** attorney, **Hakim Tom & Yaldao, PC** in the amount of **\$12,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which **New Grace Spinal Rehabilitation Center, PLLC** may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about March 9, 2023, and otherwise set forth in Case No. 23-012896-NF, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 23-012896-NF 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: \_\_\_\_\_