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March 11, 2022

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

RE: **DAVONTAE SANFORD v. MICHAEL RUSSELL, et al**
17-13062
L17-00689(JLA)

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 **Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and NO/Cents (\$7,500,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and NO/Cents (\$7,500,000.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to Davontae Sanford and his attorneys, Neufeld Scheck & Brusin, LLP and Goodman and Hurwitz, P.C., to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 17-13940, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Patrick M. Cunningham
Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED:
CHARLES N. RAIMI
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 **Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and NO/Cents (\$7,500,000.00)**; 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 Davontae Sanford and his attorneys, Neufeld Scheck & Brusin, LLP and Goodman and Hurwitz, P.C., in the amount of **Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and NO/Cents (\$7,500,000.00)** in full payment for any and all claims which Davontae Sanford may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about, September 17, 2007, and otherwise set forth in Case No. 17-13062, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 17-13062 and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

APPROVED: March 11, 2022
CHARLES N. RAIMI
Corporation Counsel

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

Approved by City Council: _____

Approved by the Mayor: _____