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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

RE: Laquesha Newman v The City of Detroit ,et al  
Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 24-004795-NI  
City law File No. L24-00877

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 Fifty-Two Thousand and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$252,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **Two Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$252,000.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in the amount of **Two Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$252,000.00)** payable to Laquesha Newman and her attorneys, Dodd B. Fisher, PLC, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and a Stipulation and an Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 24-004795-NI, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl L. Ronk  
Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLETT  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/ *Eric Gaabo*  
**Eric Gaabo**  
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

Attachment

**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 Fifty Two Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$252,000.00)**; 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 Laquesha Newman and her attorneys, Dodd B. Fisher, PLC in the amount of **Two Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$252,000.00)** in full payment for any and all claims she may have against the City of Detroit and any of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about June 14, 2021, and otherwise set forth in Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 24-004795-NI, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, and a Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 24-004795-NI and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department, a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLETT  
Corporation Counsel

BY: */s/ Eric Gaabo*  
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Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

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

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