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February 24, 2026

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

RE: Claude Barnes v. City of Detroit, Marcus Ways, and Jonathan Williams
Case No: United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
Case No. 25-cv-11520
Citylaw File No: L25-7905

We have reviewed the above-captioned lawsuit, the facts and particulars of which are set forth in a confidential memorandum that is attached. From this review, it is our considered opinion that a settlement in the amount of **Seventy Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$70,000)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **Seventy Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$70,000)** and that you direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to Claude Barnes and his attorney, Law Offices of Joel B. Sklar, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and a Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 25-cv-11520, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ben Patterson

Ben Patterson
Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED:

BY: /s/ Eric Gaabo

Eric Gaabo
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 **Seventy Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$70,000)**; 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 Claude Barnes and his attorney, Law Offices of Joel B. Sklar, in the amount of **Seventy Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$70,000)** in full payment for any and all claims which Claude Barnes may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about September 3, 2022, and otherwise set forth in Case No. 25-cv-11520, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, a Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 25-cv-11520 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
Eric Gaabo
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

Approved by City Council: _____

Approved by the Mayor: _____