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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

**RE: WILLIAM BELL, II V KENNETH COCKREL, CITY OF DETROIT, FARM  
BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN  
CASE NO: 21-013323-NI  
FILE NO: L21-00930 (PH)**

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 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$750,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$750,000.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to **WILLIAM BELL, II and HIS attorney, MIKE MORSE LAW FIRM**, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No.21-013323-NI, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Philip J. Hiltner

Philip Hiltner

Assistant Corporation Counsel

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLET  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Charles N. Raimi

**Charles N. Raimi**  
Deputy 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 **SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$750,000.00)**; 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 **WILLIAM BELL, II and HIS attorneys, MIKE MORSE LAW FIRM**, in the amount of **SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$750,000.00)** in full payment for any and all claims which William Bell, II may have against the City of Detroit, Kenneth Cockrel and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about **January 6, 2021**, and otherwise set forth in Case No.21-013323-NI, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 21-013323-NI and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLETT  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Charles N. Raimi  
**Charles N. Raimi**  
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Approved by City Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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