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Honorable Judiciary and Legislation Committee  
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**Re: Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled**  
**Haven Funds, LLC v. City of Milwaukee**  
**File No.: 180749**

Honorable Committee:

The above-referenced lawsuit was commenced by the owner of a marina and boat storage facility at 700 S. Water St., occupied by CenterPointe Yacht Services, located in the City's Harbor District. The Plaintiffs claimed that the City excessively assessed the property for tax years 2016 and 2017. The Plaintiff sought a refund of property taxes previously paid in the amount of \$56,747.08 plus a refund of BID special assessments of \$1,998.00, and costs and interest. The Plaintiff and the City Assessor have agreed to reduced assessment amounts for the property, which results in a partial refund of taxes to the Plaintiffs in the amount of \$17,047.88. Although the City would initially have to pay this amount, after the Wisconsin Department of Revenue charges back the reduction in assessments to the other taxation districts, the City's portion of the \$17,047.88 will be approximately one-third.

In consultation with the City Assessor, the City Attorney now recommends settlement of this matter for the proposed refund, inclusive of all interests and costs. In exchange for this settlement and payment, the Plaintiffs will stipulate to dismiss the case and release all existing claims against the City arising out of this matter, and will not file a claim for the 2018 tax year.

Very truly yours,

  
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