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To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall

RE: Resolution Authorizing Settlement in the lawsuit entitled

Connie Burks v. City of Milwaukee, et al.

Case No.: 22-CV-6545

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution to approve a settlement for \$180,000.00 to settle the claims raised by Connie Burks in the lawsuit *Connie Burks v. City of Milwaukee*, *et al.*, Milwaukee County Case No. 22-CV-6545, as well as a fiscal impact statement.

On January 23, 2022, Plaintiff Connie Burks was struck by a Department of Public Works snowplow. The parties have litigated liability and damages extensively. The proposed resolution is within the parameters of settlement authority previously authorized.

Based on the status of these claims, it is the City Attorney's recommendation that the proposed settlement is in the City's best interest. In exchange for the settlement, Ms. Burks will execute a settlement agreement and general release of all claims arising out of his lawsuit.

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We request that this matter be assigned for a hearing in an open session before the Judiciary and Legislation Committee and the Finance and Personnel Committee in order to act.

Very truly yours,

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