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August 15, 2025

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

Re: Resolution Authorizing Settlement in the lawsuit entitled  
*James McNutt, et al. v. Lauren Marowsky, et al.*  
Milwaukee Circuit Court, Case No. 22-CV-5218

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution authorizing payment of \$375,000 to fully settle all claims made or that could have been made in the lawsuit: *James McNutt, et al. v. Lauren Marowsky, et al.*, Milwaukee Circuit Court, Case No. 22-CV-5218. A fiscal impact statement is included herewith.

Plaintiffs allege that early in the morning on August 19, 2019, Milwaukee emergency dispatch received a 911 call about an armed robbery in the 2000 block of West State Street. Milwaukee Police Department squads were dispatched to the scene. When other squads located the suspect vehicle between N. 36th and N. 37th Street a high speed chase ensued over a distance of 1.6 miles. Plaintiff James McNutt was driving on West Burleigh Street. He entered the intersection with N. 35th Street, with the right of way, and was struck sustaining serious, permanent injuries.

Based on the facts and circumstances developed in the course of litigation and the applicable legal standards, the City Attorney's Office recommends that the proposed settlement is in the City's best interest. Plaintiff McNutt, and his three children, will execute a settlement agreement and general release of all claims arising from the incident. The agreement further expressly disclaims any admission of liability by the City or its employees.



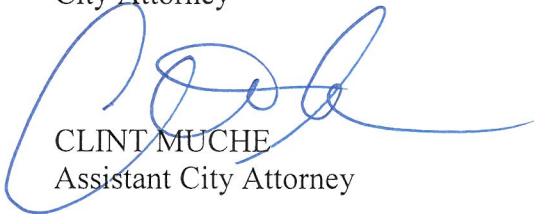
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We respectfully request that this matter be assigned for hearing before the Judiciary and Legislative Committee and the Finance and Personnel Committee to effectuate settlement of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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EVAN GOYKE  
City Attorney

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Enclosures

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