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

RE: Resolution Authorizing Settlement of *Sedric A. Smith v.*  
*City of Milwaukee, et al.*  
Case No.: 25-CV-192

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution to approve a settlement for \$180,000.00 to settle the claims raised by Sedric A. Smith in the lawsuit *Sedric A. Smith v. City of Milwaukee, et al.*, U.S.D.C. Case Number 25-CV-192, as well as a fiscal impact statement.

The Complaint states several counts alleging Fourteenth Amendment violations by several members of the Milwaukee Police Department, which resulted in his severe injury during an incident occurring in the early morning hours of January 29, 2024. The parties have litigated this matter in the Eastern District of Wisconsin and 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, Mr. Smith 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 Legislative Committee in order to act.

Very truly yours,

*Electronically signed by Evan C. Goyke*

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