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December 17, 2024

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

Re:

Aaron McMiller et al. v. Michael Bankhead et al.

Case No. 23-CV-0898

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution to approve a settlement for \$9,000 to settle the claims raised by Michael Bankhead in the lawsuit *Aaron McMiller et al. v. Michael Bankhead et al.*, Milwaukee County Court Case. No. 23-CV-0898, as well as a fiscal impact statement.

This case is a personal injury / automobile action involving a collision that occurred on or about March 10, 2021. Plaintiff Aaron McMiller was a passenger in a vehicle owned by involuntary plaintiff and third-party defendant City of Milwaukee and driven by third-party defendant Garlando Cain. Mr. Cain was operating the vehicle northbound on North 20<sup>th</sup> Street approaching West North Avenue in the City of Milwaukee.

At or about the same time and place, defendant and third-party plaintiff Michael Bankhead was driving a vehicle owned by Dora Bankhead westbound on West North Avenue approaching North  $20^{th}$  Street.

After being named as the principal defendant in this matter, Mr. Bankhead filed a third-party complaint against the City alleging injuries and damages.

Following negotiation, Mr. Bankhead agreed – subject to final approval by the City Attorney, the Common Council, and the Mayor – to settle for \$9,000. The City Attorney recommends the proposed settlement as in the City's best interest. In exchange for the settlement, Mr. Bankhead will execute a settlement agreement and general release of all his claims arising out of his third-party complaint.

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We ask that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee recommend this resolution for adoption by the full Common Council.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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