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May 12, 2025

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

Re:

Communication re Settlement for Nakia Hollis, et al. v.

City of Milwaukee, et al.; Case No. 23-CV-0413

C.I. File No. 1032-2023-620

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution to approve a settlement for \$20,000.00 to settle the claims by Nakia Hollis, individually and on behalf of the Estate of Dijon Marks-Hollis, as well as his minor children filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin as *Hollis*, et al. v. City of Milwaukee, et al., Case No. 23-cv-0413.

Plaintiff alleged that Milwaukee Police Department officers violated Marks-Hollis's civil rights by failing to provide medical care, failing to protect him from harm, and violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act and that this harm was directly caused by the City's policy or custom.

On December 30, 2024, Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph issued a decision and order granting summary judgment in favor of the Defendants on all counts. Plaintiff thereafter timely appealed to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. On March 18, 2025, the parties attended mandatory mediation via Zoom. Alderman Jackson attended on behalf of the Judiciary & Legislation Committee.

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. Ms. Hollis has fully executed a settlement agreement and general release of all claims arising out of the lawsuit.

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We request that this matter be assigned for hearing in an open session before the Judiciary and Legislation Committee to take action upon it.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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