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Honorable Judiciary and Legislation Committee City Hall, Room 205

RE: Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled 3839 Humboldt, LLC, et al. v. City of Milwaukee

File No.: 171885

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The above-referenced lawsuit was commenced by the owner of three adjacent apartment complexes located in the City. The Plaintiff claimed the City excessively assessed its property for tax years 2015 and 2016. The Plaintiff sought a refund of property taxes previously paid in the amount of \$34,861.00 for tax years 2015 and 2016, with a claim filed for tax year 2017 for \$25,518.00, for a total of \$60,379.00. The Plaintiff and the City Assessor have agreed to a reduced assessment amount for one of the three apartment buildings, which results in a partial refund of taxes to the Plaintiff in the amount of \$12,804.72. Although the City would initially have to pay this amount, after the Wisconsin Department of Revenue charges back the reduction in assessments to the other taxation districts, the City's portion of the \$12,804.72 will be approximately one-third.

In consultation with the City Assessor, the City Attorney now recommends settlement of this matter for the proposed refund, inclusive of all interests and costs. In exchange for this settlement and payment, the Plaintiff will stipulate to dismiss the case and release all existing claims against the City arising out of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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