



# City of Milwaukee

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## Legislation Text

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### THE CHAIR

Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled *Sterling D. Brown v. City of Milwaukee, et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-922-PP.

This resolution authorizes a settlement payment in the lawsuit *Sterling D. Brown v. City of Milwaukee, et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-922-PP in the amount of \$750,000.00.

Whereas, the plaintiff, Sterling D. Brown, filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the City of Milwaukee, the Chief of Police (in his official capacity), and several police officers, seeking an unspecified amount in damages for excessive use of force during the plaintiff's arrest on January 26, 2018; and

Whereas, the plaintiffs have agreed to settle their claims against the City of Milwaukee and its officers through a settlement agreement providing for payment of the total amount of \$750,000.00; and

Whereas, the City Attorney recommends and the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee deems it expeditious and just to pay a settlement of the claims against it and its officers in this lawsuit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that the proper City officials be and are hereby authorized and directed to issue a City check in the amount of \$750,000.00 payable to the order of Gingras, Thomsen & Wachs, LLP Client Trust Account, in full and final settlement of all monetary damages sought in this lawsuit, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, on receipt of a Release of Claims, approved as to form and execution by the City Attorney, said amount to be charged to the Damages and Claims Fund, Account No. 636505, Fund No. 0001, Organization No. 1490, Program No. 2632, Sub Class No. S118; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the funding of the settlement amount will be authorized by a resolution contemporaneously approved by the Common Council, and that the proper City officers are authorized to make the necessary transfers to the appropriate accounts or funds to disburse the settlement amount.

City Attorney  
RAP  
November 4, 2020