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Substitute resolution relating to authorization of the acceptance of funds from the JUUL Labs, Inc. lawsuit.

This resolution authorizes the acceptance of funds from the lawsuit entitled *In re: JUUL Labs Inc., Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, Case No. 3:19-md-02913, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in the amount of \$249,338.49.

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee filed a lawsuit against JUUL Labs, Inc., et. al., on December 21, 2020, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Case No. 3:2020-cv-09269; and

Whereas, The City's claim was subsequently consolidated in a multi-district litigation action, *In re: JUUL Labs Inc., Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, Case No. 3:19-md-02913, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California; and

Whereas, The City asserted various claims against the defendants that alleged that as a result of defendants' conduct, youth e-cigarette and vapor use escalated, causing a public health crisis; and

Whereas, The City sought damages, and any other eligible monetary relief, to address, remedy, and abate the youth e-cigarette and vaping public health crisis in Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Pursuant to and following extensive litigation and discovery, defendant JUUL Labs, Inc., made an offer of settlement for all potential settling governmental entities in the multi-district litigation, including the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Counsel for the parties have reached an agreement to settle the above-referenced lawsuit for a total amount of \$2,473,772.52 to be paid to the City subject to approval by the Common Council; and

Whereas, The total settlement amount shall be paid in installments, with the first installment amounting to 50% of the total, and smaller increments paid thereafter; and

Whereas, The total amount may increase, as there is a litigation reserve; and

Whereas, The City Attorney recommends and the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee deems it expeditious and just to settle this lawsuit; and

Whereas, The appropriation of the funds received from this settlement will be determined via subsequent legislation; and

Whereas, The City received its third settlement installment payment in the amount of \$249,338.49; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the proper City officials are authorized to accept the third installment payment of \$249,338.49 from the lawsuit entitled *In re: JUUL Labs Inc., Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, Case No. 3:19-md-02913, and to deposit these funds into the JUUL Labs Settlement Proceeds Fund 987038-0180-9990-VS000240000; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Comptroller is authorized and directed to establish the necessary accounts and accounting procedures to carry out the intent of this resolution.

City Attorney
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