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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021**

**9:00 A.M.**

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. CHAIR REMARKS**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- D. 9:05 A.M. – INTERVIEW – RE: Appointment to the Neighborhood Improvement Plan Advisory Board. (Ethelyn Carroll)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Status of the **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Groesbeck RX LLC (Ronald Cross) v City of Detroit; Case No. 20-158838-GC, File No. L20-00582 (SVD). A20000 in the amount of **\$7,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Groesbeck RX Pharmacy may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of treatment provided as a result of alleged injuries sustained by Ronald Cross. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
2. Status of the **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Margaret Workman v Lakenya Hill and City of Detroit; Case No. 19-001063-NI, File No. 19-00050 (PP), A20000, in the amount of **\$11,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Margaret Workman and American Center for Pain Management may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
3. Status of **Law Department** submitting a Privileged and Confidential Memorandum regarding Corrective Actions Taken for Employees/Defendants in Civil Lawsuits. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
4. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of American Center for Pain Management vs City of Detroit; Case No. 20-143350, File No. L20-00096 (MA) A20000, in the amount of **\$8,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which American Center for Pain Management may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
5. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Acceptance of Case Evaluation Award** in lawsuit of Jenea Grier v Sharon McClure, et al.; Case No. 19-015558-NZ, File No. L19-00933 (YRB), On February 19, 2021 a case evaluation panel evaluated the above-captioned lawsuit and awarded **\$6,000.00** in favor of the plaintiff. The parties have until March 21, 2021, to either accept or reject the case evaluation. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
6. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Alex Malone et al. v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 20-005837-NI for TEO Delano Smith. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
7. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Ephrim Talison v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 18-13087 for Sgt. Harold Lewis. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**

8. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Ephrim Talison v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 18-13087 for Sgt. Ransom Williams. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
9. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Ephrim Talison v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 18-13087 for Sgt. Shaun Dunning. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
10. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Ephrim Talison v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 18-13087 for Lt. Willie Duncan. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
11. Status of **Legislative Policy Division** submitting report relative to Privileged and Confidential, Attorney-Client Communication: Information to City Council Regarding Corrective Actions Taken for Employees/Defendants in Civil Litigation; Response to Law Department Opinion. **(In response to a request by Council Member Castañeda-López, the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) issued a privileged and confidential response to the Law Department's January 21, 2021, privileged and confidential opinion, entitled Information to City Council regarding Corrective Actions Taken for Employees/Defendants in Civil Lawsuits.) (BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
12. Status of **Council Member Roy McCalister, Jr.** submitting memorandum relative to questions regarding lawsuits involving DDOT Accidents. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)**
13. Status of **Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López** submitting memorandum relative to CRIO Budget & Operations Questions. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 2-17-21)**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **OFFICE OF CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT**

Submitting the following **Office of Contracting and Procurement Contracts**:

14. Submitting reso. autho. **Contract No. 6003408** - 100% City Funding – To Provide a Cloud-Based Data Interface and Dashboard Solution for TCF Data Entry Staff and City of Detroit Vaccination Leadership. – Contractor: CoherentRx, Inc. – Location: 1732 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48084 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through March 15, 2022 – Total Contract Amount: \$280,000.00. **DoIT (Will Apply for Reimbursement from Federal COVID-19 Funding Source) (REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**

## LAW DEPARTMENT

15. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Optim Care Center, LLC v City of Detroit; Case No. 20-159908, File No. L20-00654 (MA), A20000 in the amount of **\$4,800.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Optim Care Center, LLC may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**
16. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Melita Rodgers v City of Detroit, et al.; Case No. 19-01218-NI, File No. L19-00614 (YRB) A20000 in the amount of **\$40,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Melita Rodgers may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**
17. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Rick Grant v Nathan Wade; Case No. 2:20-19393, File No. L20-00075 (GBP) A37000, in the amount of **\$40,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Rick Grant may have against City of Detroit and Defendant, Nathan Wade, by reason of the Constitutional Violations alleged to have occurred. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**
18. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Silver Pine Imaging (Robert Griggs) v City of Detroit; Case No. 20-146641-GC, File No. (GBP), A20000, in the amount of **\$4,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Silver Pine Imaging, may have against the City of Detroit by reason of services rendered to Robert Griggs. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**
19. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of True Scan, LLC (Darryl Herndon) v City of Detroit; Case No. 20-003141-NF, File No. L20-00138 (PH), A20000, in the amount of **\$5,675.00** in full payment for any and all claims which True Scan, LLC, (Darryl Herndon), may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**
20. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Vital Community Care (Ricky Williams) v City of Detroit; Case No. 19-181078-GC, File No. L19-00947 (YRB), A20000, in the amount of **\$6,800.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Vital Community Care may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**
21. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Belcher, Sandra v City of Detroit d/b/a DDOT and Dallas Deyampert; Case No. 18-006393-NI, File No. L18-00387 (TO) A20000 in the amount of **\$40,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Myra

Buffington as personal Representative of, the Estate of Maurice Freeman may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**

22. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Energy Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, LLC v City of Detroit; Case No. 20-162131, File NO. L20-00264 (MA), A20000, in the amount of **\$4,750.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Energy Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, LLC may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**
23. Submitting reso. autho. **Acceptance of Case Evaluation Award** in lawsuit of Myra Buffington, P/R Est. Maurice Freeman v City of Detroit, et al.; Case No. 19-014064-NH, File No. L19-00829 (CLR), A24000, On March 1, 2021 a Case Evaluation Panel evaluated the above-captioned lawsuit and awarded **\$30,000.00** in favor of the plaintiff. The parties have until March 29, 2021 to either accept or reject the case evaluation. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**
24. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Javon Dabney v City of Detroit et al; Civil Action Case No. 20-10329 for Detective Donald Owens. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**
25. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Rick Grant v City of Detroit et al; Civil Action Case No. 19-016895-NZ for P.O. Wade Natho. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**
26. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Joseph Nelson v Christa Towns and City of Detroit; Civil Action Case No. 20-007225-NI for P.O. Christa Towns. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**

#### **LEGISLATIVE POLICY DIVISION**

27. Submitting reso. autho. To waive attorney client privilege on the Law Department's memorandum dated Feb. 22, 2021 on Post-Construction Employment Mandates for Developers. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

28. **Council Member Roy McCalister, Jr.** submitting memorandum relative to questions regarding lawsuits involving DDOT Accidents. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-10-21)**

- E. PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - a. General
  - b. Member Reports