



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

File #: 18-1516, **Version:** 1

Dept/ Agency: Law

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Purpose: Settlement of Civil Litigation

Docket No.: ESX-4469-15

Claimant: Alissa Branker

Claimant's Attorney: Eichen, Crutchlow, Zaslow, LLP

Attorney's Address: 563 Lakehurst Road, Toms River, New Jersey 08755

Settlement Amount: \$50,000.00

Funding Source: Insurance Trust Fund

Additional Comments:

Invitation: Corporation Counsel

Whereas, Plaintiff, Alissa Branker, instituted a suit in the Essex County Court, captioned Alissa Branker v. Richard Weber, et al., Docket No. ESX-L-4469-15, in which the plaintiff sought recovery for damages allegedly sustained on or about November 18, 2013, as a result of the alleged actions of the City of Newark and its employees; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been made to resolve this litigation in its entirety by execution of a Settlement Agreement and Release and payment to the plaintiff in the total amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00), ("Settlement Sum"); and

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel based upon all facts and circumstances presented, deems it in the best interest of the City of Newark to resolve said matter by payment of the proposed Settlement Sum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Newark to execute and accept the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Release, attached hereto.
2. Upon receipt by the Corporation Counsel of all documents deemed necessary, the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to issue payment in the amount of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents), which payment will be made jointly payable to Eichen, Crutchlow, Zaslow, LLP, and Alissa Branker, which payment will be mailed to Eichen, Crutchlow, Zaslow, LLP, 563 Lakehurst Road, Toms River, New Jersey 08755.
3. Annexed hereto is the Certification of Funds issued by the Director of Finance, City of

Newark, which states that there are available sufficient legally-appropriate funds from Business Unit NW025, Dept. ID 25T, Division. Project 5T25 and Account #96320, in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00), for the purpose set forth herein.

4. A copy of the Comptroller's Certification shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk along with this resolution by the Corporation Counsel.
5. The Corporation Counsel shall file a fully executed copy of the Settlement Agreement in the Office of the City Clerk.
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption in accordance with applicable State Law.

STATEMENT

This Resolution authorizes the Corporation Counsel, on behalf of the City of Newark, to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Release to settle civil litigation captioned Alissa Branker v. Richard Weber, et al., Docket No. ESX-L-4469-15, in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00), in exchange for Plaintiff's dismissal of any and all claims against the City of Newark and its employees, and a complete release.