

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0225

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Law	A Resolution approving a proposed settlement in the matter of <u>Deonte James v. Cuyahoga County, et al.</u> , United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division Case No. 1:21-cv-1958; authorizing the County Executive and/or his designee to execute a settlement agreement and any related documentation; authorizing the appropriation of funds for payment of settlement amounts set forth herein; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Plaintiff Deonte James filed a civil action docketed as Deonte James v. Cuyahoga County, et al., United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division Case No. 1:21-cv-1958; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff and the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio wish to fully and completely resolve with finality any and all alleged claims of whatever kind or nature that Plaintiff has or may have against the County of Cuyahoga and its officers or employees; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have reached a settlement agreement that, if performed, will fully settle and resolve the matter; and

WHEREAS, Council, having been briefed about the facts and the history of the case, approves of the proposed settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes a settlement agreement with Plaintiff in the matter of Deonte James v. Cuyahoga County, et al., United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division Case No. 1:21-cv-1958, in the total amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), inclusive of all costs and attorneys' fees.

SECTION 2. The County Executive (or the Executive's authorized designee) is hereby authorized to execute said settlement agreement and any other documents to effectuate the settlement in accordance with this Resolution.

SECTION 3. If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate this settlement, such appropriation is approved, and the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Turner, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon, Kelly, Miller, Sweeney and Jones

Nays: None

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

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