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**City of Racine, Wisconsin
Common Council**

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

COMMITTEE: Finance and Personnel

LEGISLATION ITEM #: 0740-24

AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2024

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office

Prepared By: Deputy City Attorney Marisa Roubik

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton on behalf of the City Attorney's Office submitting the claim of Donald Ford for consideration for disallowance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Donald Ford, by and through his attorney, Nicholas J. DeStefanis of Matthiesen, Wickert & Lehrer, S.C., claims reimbursement in the amount of \$166,973.07 for damages allegedly arising from an auto collision involving a City of Racine bus and a school bus at or near the intersection of Goold Street and Shoop Street in the City of Racine on or about September 6, 2023. In this instance, the collision occurred when the school bus failed to stop at a stop sign and proceeded to strike the City bus. The City disputes the amount of damages claimed and its liability therefor.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

The claimant, Donald Ford, (last known address 1645 C A Becker Dr., Racine, WI 53406), by and through his attorney, Nicholas J. DeStefanis of Matthiesen, Wickert & Lehrer, S.C., filed this claim in the amount of \$166,973.07 for damages allegedly arising from an auto collision involving a City of Racine bus and a school bus at or near the intersection of Goold Street and Shoop Street in the City of Racine on or about September 6, 2023. In this instance, the collision occurred when the school bus failed to stop at a stop sign and proceeded to strike the City bus. The claimant was on the school bus. The City disputes the amount of damages claimed and its liability therefor.

As such, the City Attorney's Office recommends disallowance of this claim.

31 **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

32 Assuming the recommendation to disallow this claim is adopted, this item would have a \$0.00
33 impact on the City's budget.

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35 **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

36 That the disallowance of this claim be recommended for approval.

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