

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL
RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS BY AND BETWEEN JASMINE COLEMAN,
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF
MATTHEW PARKS, DECEASED AND AS MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND OF HER
MINOR CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, have the authority to adopt resolutions and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to the City's government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-2-12 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/2-2-12), the City Council possesses the authority to enter into contracts that serve the legitimate corporate purposes of the City; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2022, City of Crest Hill Police Officers responded to a 911 call at 1412 Pioneer Road in Crest Hill for a domestic battery in which Jasmine Coleman reported having been punched in the face by her husband, Matthew Parks, and that her children were in the apartment and her husband refused to let them leave; and

WHEREAS, after arriving to the domestic battery call, Crest Hill Police Officers encountered Matthew Parks, who brandished a knife and refused to come out of the apartment, after which events escalated and resulted in the use of deadly force by Police; and

WHEREAS, the investigation into the incident was conducted by the Will Grundy Major Crimes Task Force, in accordance with Crest Hill Police Department Policy, to determine, in conjunction with review by the Will County State's Attorney's Office, whether criminal charges should be brought regarding the use of deadly force by Crest Hill Police on March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Will County Major Crimes Task Force determined that the use of deadly force in this instance was supported; and

WHEREAS, following the completion of the Will Grundy Major Crimes Task Force investigation, it was reviewed by the Will County State's Attorney's Office, which determined that there was "no basis to prosecute" the law enforcement officer involved in Matthew Parks' death; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, pursuant to and in accordance with Crest Hill Police Department Policy, the City of Crest Hill conducted its own internal investigation into the officer involved shooting, including a separate investigation by a convened Use-of-Force review Board, each of which resulted in determinations that the use of force was appropriate and that no other policies were violated; and

WHEREAS, Jasmine Coleman retained counsel, individually and as independent administrator of the estate of Matthew Parks, and as mother and next friend to her minor children,

who notified the City of Crest Hill and its police officers, including Sgt. Terry Fenoglio, in both their official and individual capacity stemming from the death of Matthew Parks on March 14, 2022, during the aforementioned domestic battery call at 1412 Pioneer Road in Crest Hill, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crest Hill has denied and continues to deny the asserted claims and have raised and asserted Immunities and Affirmative Defenses to each of those claims; and

WHEREAS, Jasmine Coleman, individually and in her representative capacity, through mediation with the City's insurers, has agreed to compromise and settle all of the asserted claims, as well as all other disputes against the City of Crest Hill and its police officers, including Sgt. Terry Fenoglio, both in his official and individual capacity, in accordance with the terms and conditions provided for in the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City and its citizens to enter into the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, pursuant to its statutory authority, as follows:

SECTION 1: PREAMBLE. The City Council hereby finds that all the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference thereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: AGREEMENT APPROVED. The City Council hereby finds and declares that the conditions, terms, and provisions of the Agreement (Exhibit A) are approved in form and substance. Therefore, the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute and deliver, and the Clerk to attest, the Agreement, and further to take any and all other actions, including without limitation the execution and delivery of any and all documents, necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, which is to enter into the Agreement (Exhibit A).

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

SECTION 4: REPEALER. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

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PASSED THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Alderman John Vershay	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Alderman Scott Dyke	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Alderwoman Claudia Gazal	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Alderman Darrell Jefferson	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Alderperson Tina Oberlin	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Alderman Mark Cipiti	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Alderman Nate Albert	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Alderman Joe Kubal	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mayor Raymond R. Soliman	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A