

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-138**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$67,500.00) IN THE LITIGATION MATTER OF WILLIE J. BRYANT V. PINNACLE HOUSING GROUP, LLC, CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA DOT, PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT INC., CASE NO.: 2021-017168 CA-01; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEDIATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ACTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2021, a lawsuit was filed against the City of North Miami (“City”) and other parties, styled as *Willie J. Bryant v. Pinnacle Housing Group, LLC, City of North Miami, Florida DOT, Professional Management, Inc.*, Case Number: 2021-017168 CA-01 alleging negligence; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties entered into pre-trial settlement discussions in a formal mediation, and as a result of successful negotiations, resolved all outstanding issues in the litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, after being fully advised of the legal and related issues, the Mayor and City Council believe it is in the best interest of the City to authorize the execution of a Mediation Settlement Agreement with Willie J. Bryant for the full resolution of the outstanding claims.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, and are incorporated herein.


**Section 2. Settlement Amount.** The Mayor and City Council hereby approve a settlement in the amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$67,500.00) for settlement of the litigation styled *Willie J. Bryant v. Pinnacle Housing Group, LLC, City of North Miami, Florida DOT, Professional Management, Inc.*, Case Number: 2021-017168 CA-01.

**Section 3. Ratification.** The Mayor and City Council hereby ratify the execution of


a mediation settlement agreement in substantially the form attached as Exhibit "A" for settlement of the litigation styled *Willie J. Bryant v. Pinnacle Housing Group, LLC, City of North Miami, Florida DOT, Professional Management, Inc.*, Case Number: 2021-017168 CA-01.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of August, 2023.

  
ALIX DESULME, Ed.D.  
MAYOR

ATTEST :

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Estimé-Irvin

Seconded by: Charles

**Vote:**

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)

Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)

Councilwoman Cassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles

X (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)