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TO: Ande Banks, City Manager
FROM: Wesley Russ, Deputy City Attorney
DATE: April 20, 2026
RE: Additional Proposed Settlement of Opioid-Related Claims

Summary: Request for ratification of the City's participation in settlement of opioid-related claims with six remnant entities.

Background: The remaining defendants in the national opioid litigation have agreed to settlements.

Key Issues:

Environmental Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: While the City's portion of the proposed settlement with the remaining defendants has not yet been determined, the City will receive funding and resources related to mitigating opioid-related issues.

Prior Actions: City Council previously approved participation in similar settlement agreements with opioid manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals and its parent company, Johnson & Johnson, and distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and Amerisource Bergen in 2021; and similar settlement agreements with retail pharmacies Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS, as well as opioid manufacturers Teva and Allergan in 2023.

Alternatives: (a)

Community Engagement: N/A

Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the resolution as presented.

Attachments: Resolution

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.