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TO: Ande Banks, City Manager
FROM: Wesley Russ, Deputy City Attorney
DATE: November 13, 2026
RE: Additional Proposed Settlement of Opioid-Related Claims

Summary: Request for approval of the City's participation in settlement of opioid-related claims with Albertsons.

Background: Albertsons has reached an agreement to settle opioid-related litigation, under which Albertsons will pay approximately $749.5 million nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it.

Key Issues:

Environmental Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: While the City's portion of the proposed settlement with Albertsons 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; and a similar settlement agreement with retail pharmacy Kroger in 2024.

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

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review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.