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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim of Robert McNamara vs. MWRDGC, Claim 18 WC 014909 in the sum of \$61,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Dear Sir:

Robert McNamara was an Operating Engineer II at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant at the time of his accident. He has since retired from the District effective May 1, 2018. On November 21, 2015 he reported slipping and falling on ice in the District parking lot while walking to his vehicle after his shift ended sustaining injuries to the right shoulder and abdomen. The employee was initially seen at the industrial medical clinic on December 3, 2015. The employee was treated conservatively with medications and physical therapy; however, Mr. McNamara failed to improve. The employee underwent a procedure to repair his right shoulder on September 12, 2016 and was disabled from work at this time. Following his surgery, he underwent a course of physical therapy and was able to return to work on November 3, 2016.

Mr. McNamara underwent a second procedure to repair a hernia on February 23, 2018 and was disabled from work again at this time. He was able to return to work on April 9, 2018.

He was paid a total of 14.20 weeks of lost time benefits totaling \$17,882.65.

Mr. McNamara filed an Application of Adjustment of Claim with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC) through his counsel. Subject to the approval of the IWCC, this case can now be settled for a total of \$61,000.00, representing approximately 15% loss of use of the person as a whole for his right shoulder and approximately 1.154% loss of use of the person as a whole for the hernia. This settlement will close out future lost time and medical benefits associated with this injury.

The Director of Human Resources believes this settlement is in the best interest of the District and requests

payment of that sum be approved and she be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Requested, Beverly K. Sanders, Director of Human Resources, BKS:RAJ:RG

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