



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0936

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

DATE: September 21, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Supporting and Authorizing Settlement of the Bankruptcy Cases
for Purdue Pharma and Mallinckrodt Related to the Opioid Multi-District
Litigation - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution supporting and authorizing settlement of the bankruptcy cases for Purdue Pharma and Mallinckrodt related to the opioid multi-district litigation and authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to execute the necessary documents and take the necessary actions to effectuate the settlement.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is a party plaintiff in the pending multi-district opioid litigation *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation"). At its meeting of May 18, 2021, the City Commission discussed and informally expressed its support of the potential settlement of the Purdue Pharma and Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy cases as recommended by Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody (the "Opioid Settlement"), through a Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Florida and various local governments, including the City of Fort Lauderdale. Claims have been filed on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale in those bankruptcy cases in order to protect the City's interests arising from claims asserted in the Opioid Litigation. Purdue Pharma and Mallinckrodt PLC are two defendants in the Opioid Litigation which seek resolution of their bankruptcy cases in conjunction with the proposed Opioid Settlement. It is necessary for the City Commission to express its support of the settlement of both the Purdue Pharma and Mallinckrodt bankruptcy cases in order to facilitate the resolution of the overlying Opioid Settlement.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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