

1 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Arthur Higgins, Larry Tiller, Lorenzo Bell - \$375,000]

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3 **Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Arthur Higgins, Larry Tiller,**
4 **and Lorenzo Bell against the City and County of San Francisco for \$375,000; the**
5 **lawsuit was filed on August 31, 2020, in United States District Court, Northern District**
6 **of California, Case No. 3:20-cv-06129-CRB; entitled Arthur Higgins, et al. v. City and**
7 **County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves allegations that Plaintiffs’ civil**
8 **rights were violated when San Francisco Police Department (“SFPD”) Officers detained**
9 **and used force against them following a traffic stop.**

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11 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

12 Section 1. Pursuant to Charter Section 6.102(5), the Board of Supervisors hereby
13 authorizes the City Attorney to settle the action entitled Arthur Higgins, et al. v. City and
14 County of San Francisco, et al., United States District Court, Northern District of California,
15 Case No. 3:20-cv-06129-CRB by the payment of \$375,000. The lawsuit involves allegations
16 that Plaintiffs’ civil rights were violated when San Francisco Police Department (“SFPD”)
17 Officers detained and used force against them following a traffic stop.

18 Section 2. The above-named action was filed in United States District Court, Northern
19 District of California on August 31, 2020, and the following parties were named in the lawsuit:
20 Plaintiffs: Arthur Higgins, Larry Tiller, Lorenzo Bell; Defendants: City and County of San
21 Francisco, SFPD Officer Brandon Smith #952, SFPD Officer Terrell Gunn #993, SFPD Officer
22 David Cheng #2080, SFPD Officer Juan Lara #1582.

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Controller

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SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

/s/
WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief

APPROVED:

/s/
STACY YOUNGBLOOD
Secretary, San Francisco Police Commission

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