

A Resolution

NO. 5499-11-2021

TO ADOPT THE TEXAS TERM SHEET AND JOIN THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATED BY THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

WHEREAS, The City of Fort Worth obtained information indicating that certain drug companies and their corporate affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, and such other defendants as may be added to the litigation (collectively, “Defendants”) have engaged in fraudulent and/or reckless marketing and/or distribution of opioids that have resulted in addictions and overdoses; and

WHEREAS, On May 13, 2020, the State of Texas, through the Office of the Attorney General, and a negotiation group for Texas political subdivisions entered into an Agreement entitled Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet (hereafter, the Texas Term Sheet) approving the allocation of any and all opioid settlement funds within the State of Texas. The Texas Term Sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel and the State of Texas have recommended that the Fort Worth City Council support the adoption and approval of the Texas Term Sheet in its entirety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

The Fort Worth City Council supports the adoption and approval of the Texas Term Sheet in its entirety; and finds there is a substantial need for repayment of opioid-related expenditures and payment to abate opioid-related harms in and about Fort Worth; and supports in its entirety and hereby adopts the allocation method for opioid settlement proceeds as set forth in the STATE OF TEXAS AND TEXAS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS’ OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND COUNCIL AND SETTLEMENT ALLOCATION TERM SHEET, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”. The Fort Worth City Council understands that the purpose of this Texas Term Sheet is to permit collaboration between the State of Texas and Political Subdivisions to explore and potentially effectuate resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants as defined therein. We also understand that an additional purpose is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under this Texas Term Sheet between the State of Texas and Political Subdivisions in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic in this County and throughout Texas.

Adopted this 9th day of November 2021.

ATTEST:

By: Ronald P. Gonzales
Ronald P. Gonzales, Acting City Secretary

