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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Robert W. Batsel, Jr., Assistant City Attorney

**RE:** Request for Attorney-Client Session pursuant to Florida Statute, §286.011

**RE:** Discount Sleep of Ocala, LLC d/b/a Mattress Warehouse, Dale W. Birch, et al. v. City of Ocala

Lower Tribunal Case No. 2014-0426-CA-G and Appellate Case No. 5D19-1899

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Pursuant to Florida Statute, § 286.011, Assistant City Attorney Robert W. Batsel, Jr. and Patrick G. Gilligan, request a recurring private attorney-client meeting with City Council (Ire Bethea, Jay Musleh, Matthew Wardell, Brent Malever and Justin Grabelle) and Sandra Wilson, City Manager or her designee, to discuss the above litigation to which the City is a party. The issues to be discussed will be confined to settlement negotiations.

I request that the recurring meetings with the first meeting occurring on Friday, October 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. and then every two weeks thereafter for three months. Specifically, they will be held at 12:00 p.m. on: October 23, 2020; November 6, 2020; November 20, 2020; December 4, 2020; and December 18, 2020.

The meetings will each last approximately one (1) hour. A court reporter will be present to record the meeting. The transcript of the meeting shall become a part of the public record upon the conclusion of the litigation.