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To the Honorable Common Council
of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 - City Hall

Re: Communication from Attorney Jon Cermele, Cermele & Matthews, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officers Zachary Thoms and David Letteer

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jon Cermele for attorney's fees for representing for representing Police Officers Zachary Thoms and David Letteer. The claim is in the amount of \$3,972.50 for 22.7 hours of service billed at the rate of \$175 per hour. We ask that this matter be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation.

We have reviewed this claim and advise that in our opinion, the time spent was reasonable. Legal representation was occasioned by a federal criminal investigation. No criminal charges were brought against the Police Officer on whose behalf this claim was filed.

As we have advised you under similar circumstances in the past, the Common Council has discretion to reject this claim or to pay it in whole or in part. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,


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