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March 4, 2008

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert, Eggert Law Office, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officer Christopher Elser
C.I. File No. 06-S-371; EC 2390

Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Christopher Elser. The claim is in the amount of \$287.00 including \$1.00 in disbursements for 2.60 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 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 the filing of a citizen's complaint against the officer with the Fire and Police Commission. The complaint was dismissed by the Commission.

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,


GRANT F. LANGLEY
City Attorney


JAN A. SMOKOWICZ
Assistant City Attorney

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Enc.

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2007

TO: P.O. CHRISTOPHER ELSER
DISTRICT: THREE

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney Jonathan Cermele

Attorney Jonathan Cermele has made a claim with the City, indicating the attached was provided with legal services arising out of one of the following situations:

- 1) An incident occurring on JULY 8, 2005
- 2) A citizen complaint made by TIMOTHY STEADMAN
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES NO

Your signature:

Christopher Elser

Print your name:

CHRISTOPHER ELSER

Upon completion, please return this memorandum to the Professional Performance Division at the Police Academy (Room 325) as soon as possible.

Mary K. Hoerig
MARY K. HOERIG
Deputy Inspector
Professional Performance Division

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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November 27, 2006

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
Milwaukee City Clerk
800 City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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MILWAUKEE
RONALD D. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Timothy Steadman
Against PO Christopher Elser
Complaint No.: 05-35
Date of Incident: July 8, 2005**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officer has retained us to represent him in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent him and, as he was performing the duties of his office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, this claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved an arrest for loitering and disorderly conduct.

The Fire and Police Commission dismissed the complaint. Attached is a copy of the dismissal notice and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

OFFICE OF
CITY ATTORNEY

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Attachments
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BERNARD & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS : CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF TIMOTHY STEADMAN
AGAINST POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER ELSER

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

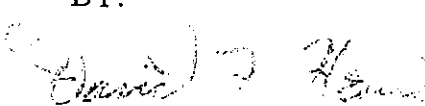
To Officer Christopher Elser:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Timothy Steadman, Complaint No. 05-35, filed with the Board on July 18, 2005, is dismissed because the Complainant failed to appear at the scheduled meeting, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

LEONARD J. SOBCZAK, CHAIRMAN

BY:


DAVID L. HEARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, OCTOBER 26, 2006.

c: Attorney Rachel Pings ✓

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Timothy Steadman
Against PO Christopher Elser
FPC No: 05-35
Date of Incident: July 8, 2005
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
6/13/2006 Initial conference with PO Elser; open file; memo to file.	0.50
6/14/2006 Telephone call from FPC regarding conciliation; calendar same; telephone call to client.	0.30
6/21/2006 Receive and review correspondence from FPC.	0.10
7/11/2006 Review file; prepare for conciliation; travel to conciliation; citizen no-show; return travel; Fax retainer to Rebecca.	1.30
10/31/2006 Receive and review correspondence from FPC dismissing citizen complaint; correspondence to client; close file.	0.40
	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	2.60 \$286.00

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Additional charges:

	<u>Amount</u>
7/11/2006 Parking	1.00
Total costs	<u>\$1.00</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$287.00</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$287.00</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)