June 13, 2003

To the Honorable Common Council Of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Communication from Fred Bauer

C.I. File No. 01-L-123

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant, Fred Bauer, 2427 West Bolivar Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53221, on his own behalf alleges that on May 11, 2001 he sustained damage to his property when water backed-up in his basement due to the installation of a new sewer main. He claims damages in the amount of \$8,200.00.

The Infrastructure Services records indicate a contract was awarded to American Sewers, Inc. to install a large feeder main and restore the pavement on West Bolivar Avenue between South 20th Street and South 27th Street. In June, 1998 the contractor repaired the claimant's lateral which had been damaged during the installation of the main. In March, 2001 the contractor again excavated the area to repair the connection between the old

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lateral and the new piece near the main. The claimant had his lateral cleaned and it was found to be blocked at the sidewalk. The proper operation of the sewer lateral from the claimant's home to the main is his responsibility, as such, we recommend the denial of this claim.

Very truly yours,

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MGT:beg Enclosure 1029-2001-2541:47437