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February 25, 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 Kevin Matte

C.I. File No. 06-S-371-9; EC 2395

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Kevin Matte. The claim is in the amount of \$1,461.00 including \$42.00 in disbursements for 12.90 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).

City Attorney

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ Assistant City Attorney

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#### MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MEMORANDUM** 

January 31, 2007

TO: P.O. KEVIN MATTE 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 FEBRUARY 13, 2005
- 2) A citizen complaint made by ROBERT POETT
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES\_X NO\_\_

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES\_X NO\_\_

Your signature:

Print your name:

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

Deputy Inspecto

Professional Performance Division

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November 27, 2006

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

RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Robert Poett

Against PO Kevin Matte Complaint No.: 05-17

Date of Incident: February 13, 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 the arrest of an under-aged drinker.

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,

ERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C

Jon Cermele

/kjs Attachments MATTE

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BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS - CIT	Y OF MILWAUKEE: COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
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In Re: THE CHARGES OF ROBERT POETT AGAINST POLICE OFFICER KEVIN MATTE	
	ORDER OF DISMISSAL
To Officer Kevin Matte:	***************************************
It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of	Robert Poett, Complaint No. 05-17, filed with the Board
on March 24, 2006, is dismissed because the Com	plainant failed to appear at the scheduled meeting, by
the	
	MILWAUKEE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
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DAVID L. HEARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, OCTOBER 26, 2006.

c: Attorney Laurie Eggert

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RE:

Citizen Complaint of Mr. Robert Poett

Against PO Kevin Matte

FPC No: 05-17

Date of Incident: February 13, 2005

Professional services

•		Hours
6/1/2005	5 Conference with PO Matte; memo to file; municipal court records search regarding complainant and witnesses; correspondence to FPC.	1.60
6/16/2005	Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
1/17/2006	Telephone call from and to FPC; review file; update dismissed and pending municipal court cases against complainant; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.80
1/19/2006	Telephone call from client; memo to file.	0.40
2/13/2006	Municipal Court update; memo to file.	0.30
3/30/2006	Correspondence to client.	0.10
	Review court records regarding citation in same incident; telephone call to client; conference with client; conference with witness; memo to file; travel; attend portion of municipal court trial; conference with clerk; return travel; telephone call to and from clerk.	2.90

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	Hours
4/11/2006 Telephone call from and to municipal court clerk; memo to file; computer search.	0.50
4/24/2006 Travel; obtain court documents; conference with clerk; return travel; review court documents.	2.10
4/27/2006 Telephone call from and to FPC; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.70
5/8/2006 Receive and review correspondence from FPC; memo to file; correspondence to client.	0.20
5/9/2006 Review municipal court trial records.	0.40
5/16/2006 Review Fax and correspondence from FPC.	0.20
5/17/2006 Telephone call from client.	0.10
5/30/2006 Telephone call from and to FPC; memo to file.	0.50
6/20/2006 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client.	0.30
7/19/2006 Review file; telephone calls to client; telephone call to FPC; memo to file.	0.30
7/20/2006 Prepare for conciliation; travel; conference with client; attend conciliation; return travel; memo to file.	0.90
10/31/2006 Review of correspondence from FPC dismissing citizen complaint; correspondence to client; close file.	0.50
	Amount
For professional services rendered 12.90	\$1,419.00

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## Additional charges:

	Amount
4/10/2006 Parking	8.00
4/21/2006 CD's and copies from Muni. Court	32.00
4/24/2006 Parking	2.00
Total costs	\$42.00
Total amount of this bill	\$1,461.00
Balance due	
Datatice due	\$1,461.00

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)