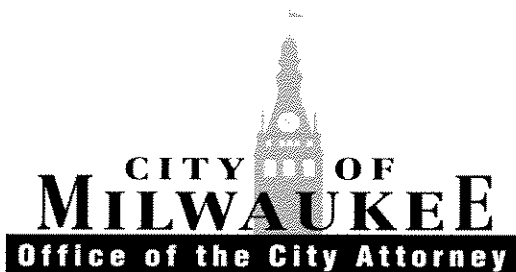


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June 18, 2007

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

Re: Communication from Laurie Eggert, Eggert & Cermele, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officers Nicole Vele and Truman Dodd
C.I. File No. 04-S-410; EC No. 2096

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Nicole Vele and Truman Dodd. The claim is in the amount of \$827.12, including \$2.12 in disbursements for 7.50 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 officers 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
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November 5, 2004

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Denise Velazquez
Against POs Nicole Vele and Truman Dodd
Complaint No.: 04-16
Date of Incident: March 1, 2004
EC No.: 2096**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officers have retained us to represent them in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent them and as they were performing the duties of their office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, the claim is hereby made on their behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a call for service. 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,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.



Laurie A. Eggert
Attorney at Law

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Date of Incident: March 1, 2004
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
5/12/2004 Conference with client; open file.	0.50
5/13/2004 Retrieve copies of documents from MPA and review same; telephone call to client left message; review complainant's civil and municipal history; memo to file.	0.50
5/14/2004 Telephone call from client.	0.10
5/17/2004 Initial conference with client; memo to file; correspondence to MPD Open Records.	1.80
5/18/2004 Correspondence to FPC.	0.20
5/20/2004 Conference with Dodd.	0.50
5/21/2004 Review of file; memo to file.	0.50
5/26/2004 Receive and review correspondence from FPC.	0.10
5/28/2004 Telephone call from FPC.	0.10
6/3/2004 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10

	<u>Hours</u>		<u>Amount</u>
6/28/2004 Telephone call from Dodd; travel to City Hall; preparation for and appearance at conciliation; conference with clients; travel; memo to file.	2.50		
7/19/2004 Receive and review open records request.	0.10		
7/29/2004 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to clients; close file.	0.50		
		<u>7.50</u>	<u>\$825.00</u>
For professional services rendered			
Additional charges:			
6/28/2004 Parking	1.00		
7/19/2004 MPD Open Records request	1.12		
		<u>\$2.12</u>	
Total costs			<u>\$827.12</u>
Total amount of this bill			<u>\$827.12</u>
Balance due			<u><u>\$827.12</u></u>

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EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

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

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF DENISE VELAZQUEZ
AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS NICOLE VELE
AND TRUMAN DODD

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

To Officer Nicole Vele:

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MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, SEPTEMBER 24, 2004.

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✓c: Attorney Rachel Pings

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
PROPERTY & REPAIRS

MEMORANDUM

TO: P.O. NICOLE VELE
DISTRICT: TWO

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of Attorney

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- 1) An incident occurring on MARCH 1, 2004
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by DENISE VELAZQUEZ
- 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: P.O. Nicole Vele

Print your name: P.O. NICOLE VELE

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 453
Captain of Police
Professional Performance Division

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TRAINING DIVISION

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Is this information correct?

YES ✓ NO _____

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Your signature: Truman B. Dodd

Print your name: TRUMAN B DODD

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