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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 James Hutchinson  
C.I. File No. 06-S-371-6; EC 2392

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer James Hutchinson. The claim is in the amount of \$420.87 including \$2.87 in disbursements for 3.80 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

  
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Assistant City Attorney

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Enc.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2007

TO: DETECTIVE JAMES HUTCHINSON  
DISTRICT: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

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 OCTOBER 24, 2005
- 2) A citizen complaint made by ROBERT TAYLOR
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

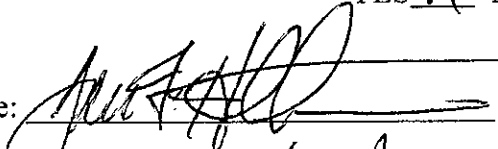
Is this information correct?

YES  NO

Did you receive legal representation  
in this matter?

YES  NO

Your signature:



Print your name:

James F. Hutchinson

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

MKH: kjs

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07 FEB -8 PM 2:03  
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CRIMINAL 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

CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
2006 DEC -1 PM 12:08  
RONALD D. LEONHARDT  
CITY CLERK

**RE: Citizen <sup>pet</sup>Complaint of Mr. Robert Taylor  
Against PO James Hutchinson  
Complaint No.: 06-03  
Date of Incident: October 24, 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 a field interview.

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

CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
2006 DEC -1 PM 1:11  
CITY ATTORNEY

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Attachments  
HUTCHINSON

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

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In Re:  
THE CHARGES OF ROBERT TAYLOR  
AGAINST DETECTIVE JAMES HUTCHINSON  
AND POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL PENDERGAST

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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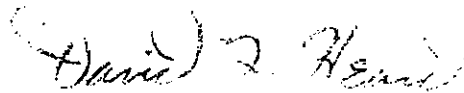
To Det. James Hutchinson:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Robert Taylor, Complaint No. 06-03, filed with the Board on December 1, 2005, is dismissed due to the unavailability of the Complainant, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF  
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

LEONARD J. SOBCZAK, CHAIRMAN

BY:



DAVID L. HEARD  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, OCTOBER 30, 2006.

c: Attorney Rachel Pings ✓

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Robert Taylor  
Against PO James Hutchinson  
FPC No: 06-03  
Date of Incident: October 24, 2005  
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
4/12/2006 Office conference with PO Hutchinson.	1.00
4/18/2006 Open file; review complaint and Walther's notes regarding conference with client; Open Records request.	0.50
4/19/2006 Review and sign correspondence to FPC.	0.10
4/27/2006 Telephone call from FPC; schedule and calendar conciliation.	0.20
5/8/2006 Receive and review correspondence from FPC regarding conciliation; receive and review FPC Open Records regarding previous citizen complaints; review and sign correspondence to client.	0.50
5/9/2006 Telephone call from PO Hutchinson regarding pending criminal case with citizen.	0.10
5/10/2006 Review CCAP; telephone call from and to client; telephone call from FPC canceling conciliation.	0.30

	<u>Hours</u>
5/17/2006 Receive and review Open Records request.	0.20
5/22/2006 Telephone call from FPC; review file; Fax to FPC.	0.30
7/10/2006 Telephone call from client; memo to file; file same.	0.20
10/12/2006 Telephone call from and to client regarding status; review file.	0.20
11/2/2006 Receive and review FPC Order Dismissing citizen complaint; correspondence to client; close file.	0.20

	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	3.80
Additional charges:	\$418.00
5/12/2006 MPD Open Records request	2.87
Total costs	<u>\$2.87</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$420.87</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$420.87</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)