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February 5, 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 William Ritch
C.I. File No. 06-S-111 EC 2313

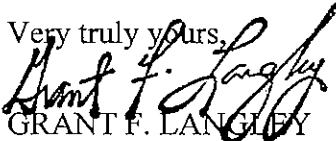
Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer William Ritch. The claim is in the amount of \$3,052.98 including \$60.98 in disbursements for 27.20 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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., 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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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

April 18, 2006

TO: P.O. WILLIAM RITCH
DISTRICT: TWO

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney Laurie Eggert

Attorney Laurie Eggert 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 MARCH 15, 2004
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by NATHANIEL MEADOWS
- 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: _____

WILLIAM RITCH

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



MARY K. HOERIG

Captain of Police

Professional Performance Division

MKH:kjs

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CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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April 5, 2006

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Nathaniel Meadows
Against PO William Ritch
Complaint No.: 04-17
Date of Incident: March 15, 2004**

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 response to a call for assistance. The Fire and Police Commission dismissed the complaint. Attached is a copy of the dismissal letter and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

Jon Cermele

JC/kjs
Attachments
RITCH

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April 05, 2006

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt
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City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee WI 53202

RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Nathaniel Meadows, Jr.
Against PO William Ritch
FPC No: 04-17
Date of Incident: March 15, 2004
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
5/10/2004 Conference with PO Ritch; open file; memo to file; draft open records request; review CCAP and Muni court for open cases; conference with witness; intra-office conference with Eggert; memo to file.	3.50
5/20/2004 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file; receive and review and file correspondence from Heard.	0.30
7/15/2004 Several telephone calls to and from FPC regarding conciliation.	0.30
Telephone call from FPC.	0.10
7/19/2004 Telephone call from FPC; reschedule conciliation; memo to file.	0.20
8/23/2004 Receive and review County Open Records records; file same.	0.20
9/24/2004 Telephone call from Open Records.	0.10
9/28/2004 Telephone call to PO Ritch.	0.10
9/29/2004 Telephone call to District #4.	0.10

	<u>Hours</u>
10/1/2004 Telephone call from and to witness; telephone call from PO Ritch; review of file; preparation for and appearance at conciliation; conference with client; memo to file; travel; telephone call to witness.	3.30
10/29/2004 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file.	0.20
1/12/2005 Review of file.	0.10
2/9/2005 Receive and review Complaint and Appeal Report regarding status.	0.10
3/15/2005 Review Complaint and Appeal Report regarding status.	0.10
9/15/2005 Receive and review correspondence from FPC regarding scheduling order; calendar same.	0.30
9/26/2005 Review of file.	0.30
9/27/2005 Continue review of file; telephone call to PO Ritch (message); telephone call to witness.	0.50
9/28/2005 Telephone call to Master Control regarding CJF nurse; telephone call to and from PO Ritch; file Witness and Exhibit List; correspondence to complainant.	0.50
10/28/2005 Telephone call to witnesses; review of file; request CJF medical records; correspondence to Fronk.	1.50
11/4/2005 Telephone call from Fronk regarding complainant's lack of a witness and exhibit list.	0.10
11/8/2005 Receive and review correspondence from FPC.	0.10
11/17/2005 Receive and review complainant's witness and exhibit list; correspondence to Fronk regarding untimeliness of same.	0.30
11/18/2005 Telephone call from and to CJF Records; correspondence to CJF Medical Dept. regarding citizen's medical records.	0.30

	<u>Hours</u>
11/22/2005 Review of Sheriff's Department Records.	0.10
11/28/2005 Telephone call from Fronk.	0.10
11/30/2005 Review of file; telephone calls to witnesses; telephone call to Fronk; correspondence to Fronk.	0.50
12/1/2005 Telephone call from Fronk; memo to file.	0.10
12/7/2005 Telephone call from and to complainant; receive and review Notice of Hearing; correspondence to client.	0.30
12/9/2005 Receive and review CJF medical records of citizen; supplement Witness and Exhibit List.	0.50
1/3/2006 Telephone call to Academy; review subpoenas.	0.20
Review file; subpoenas.	0.50
1/4/2006 Serve subpoenas at Academy.	1.60
1/5/2006 Telephone call from complainant; telephone call to and from Fronk regarding same.	0.20
1/6/2006 Receive and review correspondence from Fronk regarding Phase I and Phase II; telephone call to Fronk regarding same; telephone call to personnel; correspondence to personnel with records request.	1.00
1/9/2006 Telephone call from MPD Personnel regarding personnel records.	0.20
1/10/2006 Travel to PAB to review and copy records necessary for Phase II; telephone call from client; schedule conference with client; telephone call from Fronk regarding PPD confidential records.	1.50
1/11/2006 Receive and review correspondence from Fronk; review file; create Phase II Witness and Exhibit List.	0.50

Hours

1/17/2006 Telephone call from Lt. Basting; telephone call from witness; conference with witness.	1.50
1/18/2006 Prepare for hearing; telephone call from witness; intra-office conference with Eggert regarding comparables.	3.00
Travel; meet and prepare witnesses; obtain dismissal due to complainants failure to show.	2.50
2/21/2006 Receive and review Order of Dismissal; correspondence to client; close file.	0.30

Amount

For professional services rendered	27.20	\$2,992.00
Additional charges:		

8/23/2004 Records - Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department	7.00
9/24/2004 MPD Open Records request	3.58
10/1/2004 Parking	6.00
12/9/2005 Milwaukee County Jail - jail records	8.40
1/3/2006 Subpoenas (5)	30.00
1/10/2006 Parking	4.00
1/18/2006 Parking	2.00

Total costs	<u>\$60.98</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$3,052.98</u>

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Balance due

Amount

\$3,052.98

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

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Department of Employee Relations
Fire and Police Commission

February 17, 2006

Mr. Nathaniel Meadows, Jr.
5303 N. 52nd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53218

RE: Notice of Dismissal
Citizen Complaint No. 04-17

Dear Mr. Meadows:

This is to advise you that your complaint against Police Officer William Ritch, Jr. was dismissed by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners on January 18, 2006 because you failed to appear at the hearing scheduled for that day.

If you wish to pursue your complaint, you may submit a written request for reinstatement, detailing the reason(s) why you failed to appear for the hearing. Please be advised that according to Fire and Police Commission Rule XVII, Section 7(c), the Committee on Rules and Complaints will determine whether your absence was for "good cause" before making a recommendation to reinstate your complaint.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mr. Steven Fronk at 286-5062.

Sincerely,

David L. Heard
Executive Director

DLH:rk

c: Attorney Rachel Ping ✓
PO W. Ritch, Jr.