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City Attorney

RUDOLPH M. KONRAD LINDA ULISS BURKE VINCENT D. MOSCHELLA Deputy City Attorneys



April 16, 2007

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

Re:

Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert & Cermele for legal fees for Police Officers Clarence Pratt and John Spence

C.I. File No. 04-S-267-3; EC No. 2049

THOMAS O. GARTNER **BRUCE D. SCHRIMPF ROXANE L. CRAWFORD** SUSAN D. BICKERT STUART S. MUKAMAL THOMAS J. BEAMISH **MAURITA F. HOUREN** JOHN J. HEINEN MICHAEL G. TOBIN DAVID J. STANOSZ SUSAN E. LAPPEN JAN A. SMOKOWICZ PATRICIA A. FRICKER **HEIDI WICK SPOERL KURT A. BEHLING GREGG C. HAGOPIAN ELLEN H. TANGEN MELANIE R. SWANK** JAY A. UNORA DONALD L. SCHRIEFER EDWARD M. EHRLICH **LEONARD A. TOKUS** VINCENT J. BOBOT MIRIAM R. HORWITZ MARYNELL REGAN G. O'SULLIVAN-CROWLEY KATHRYN M. ZALEWSKI MEGAN T. CRUMP **ELOISA DE LEÓN** ADAM B. STEPHENS **KEVIN P. SULLIVAN BETH CONRADSON CLEARY** THOMAS D. MILLER Assistant City Attorneys

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Clarence Pratt and John Spence. The claim is in the amount of \$1,288.25, including \$23.25 in disbursements for 11.50 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,

City Attorney

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ Assistant City Attorney

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EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

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August 5, 2004

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

> Citizen Complaint of Ms. Nora Jordan RE:

> > **Against POs Clarence Pratt and John Spence**

Complaint No.: 02-76

Date of Incident: October 31, 2002

EC No.: 2049

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 an arrest. 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

LAE/ldl attachment PRATTSPENCE

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Professional services

		<u>Hours</u>
2/19/2003	Open file; telephone call from client; memo to file; correspondence to FPC.	0.60
3/6/2003	Review documents from clients; correspondence to FPC; correspondence to clients; correspondence to MPD Open Records; computer search regarding municipal court and criminal case against complainant; memo to file.	1.70
3/19/2003	Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
4/3/2003	Telephone call from FPC; review of file; memo to file; computer search regarding open case.	0.40
4/14/2003	Conference with client.	0.10
4/16/2003	Review documents from Spence.	0.10
5/20/2003	Review documents from MPD Open Records; computer search regarding municipal citations.	0.70
6/2/2003	Review of file.	0.30

		Hours
6/3/2003	Review documents from MPD Open Records; computer search regarding criminal court; memo to file.	0.90
7/30/2003	Review of file; review of correspondence from FPC.	0.20
7/31/2003	Review of file; computer update of criminal cases against complainant.	0.40
9/25/2003	Telephone call to and from FPC.	0.10
10/29/2003	Review of file; computer update regarding complainant's criminal case regarding incident.	0.80
11/13/2003	Telephone call from FPC; review of file; memo to file.	0.80
11/14/2003	Review of file; telephone call to FPC; memo to file.	0.30
1/19/2004	Review of file.	0.30
1/23/2004	CCAP update on criminal case for same incident; memo to file; review of file.	0.30
1/30/2004	Telephone call from client; review of file; telephone call to city attorney regarding civil case against client in same incident; CCAP update; memo to file.	0.40
2/2/2004	Conference with Asst. City Atty. Lappen regarding civil case in same incident.	0.10
2/5/2004	Review of correspondence from city attorney regarding claim.	0.10
2/13/2004	Review of file; memo to file; correspondence to clients.	0.30
3/16/2004	Review document from FPC; review of file.	0.10
3/18/2004	Review of file; telephone call to City Attorney Lappen.	0.40

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		Hours		
3/19/2004	CCAP update regarding rescheduled criminal trial of complainant; correspondence to FPC requesting dismissal.	0.70		
4/26/2004	Review of file; telephone call to FPC; memo to file.	0.20		
5/4/2004	Review document from FPC; review of file; memo to file; correspondence to client.	0.50		
5/25/2004	Telephone call from FPC; review of file.	0.10		
5/28/2004	Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; close file.	0.50		
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	For professional services rendered Additional charges:	11.50	\$1,265.	.00
6/3/2003	MPD Open Records request		23.	25
	Total costs		\$23.	25
	Total amount of this bill		\$1,288.	25

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(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

Balance due

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ERIC MANDEL JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN

BY:

DAVID L. HEARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, MAY 26, 2004.

, с: Attorney Laurie Eggert

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 19, 2004

TO: P.O. CLARENCE PRATT DISTRICT: SOB TEU

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Is this information correct?

YES____NO___

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES > NO

Your signature:

Print your name: CLASENCE PRITT

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

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