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December 5, 2006

To the Honorable Common Council
Of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Resolution relating to the claim of Best Western Inn Towne Hotel
By Don Wassenaar, General Manager
C.I. File No. 06-L-56

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation, with the following recommendation.

Claimant, Best Western Inn Towne Hotel, by its representative, Don Wassenaar, General Manager, 710 North Old World Third Street, Milwaukee, WI 53203 alleges that on July 11, 2006 a City fire hydrant valve broke and caused damages to the claimant's property. They claim damages in the amount of \$15,930.22.

Our investigation reveals that the Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) records indicate that on July 12, 2006 a field investigator was dispatched to 710 North Old World Third Street and confirmed that an 8 inch hydrant valve was leaking at the stem. He tightened the valve and mistakenly thought that stopped the leak.

The MWW received a second report of a leak at this location on July 13, 2006. A distribution crew responded to make repairs which were completed the next day. They determined that the water was seeping through the area where the hydrant valve was inspected the previous day and it was leaking underground into the basement of the Best Western Inn.

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The claimant has agreed to accept, as compromise, \$6,260.49 as full settlement. Because settlement of this matter is deemed expeditious to the City of Milwaukee, we recommend settlement of this claim and have enclosed an appropriate resolution for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure
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