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Grant Langley, City Attorney City Hall, Rm. 800

Dear City Attorney Langley:

As you are aware, the Judiciary and Legislation Committee oversees resolutions to settle the claims of Attorney Laurie Eggert for the defense of various police officers.

Recently, members of this Committee have expressed concern regarding the amount that the city is paying out on a consistent basis for these items and the lack of guidelines or standards for payment of these claims. Other questions have arisen that lead us to believe it may be time to re-examine our policy.

I respectfully request that a representative from the City Attorney's Office attend the next Judiciary and Legislation Committee meeting to discuss this matter. Because of the sensitive nature of this issue, I would also appreciate your opinion as to whether this item may be discussed in closed session. In order to facilitate this, I am introducing a communication file to be heard on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. The Committee is also requesting the presence of David Heard, Executive Director of the Fire and Police Commission.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely

Judiciary and Legislation Committee

cc: JL members

