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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 Paula Tatman
C.I. File No. 06-S-28-10; EC 2282

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Paula Tatman. The claim is in the amount of \$1,018.08 including \$6.08 in disbursements for 9.20 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 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,


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

February 2, 2006

TO: P.O. PAULA TATMAN
DISTRICT: THREE

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 NOVEMBER 9, 2004
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by DEBRA CALMES-WASHINGTON
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES NO

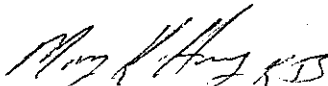
Did you receive legal representation
in this matter?

YES NO

Your signature: Paula R. Tatman

Print your name: PAULA R. TATMAN

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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January 16, 2006

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Debra Calmes-Washington
Against PO Paula Tatman
Complaint No.: 05-02
Date of Incident: November 9, 2004**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officer has retained us to represent her in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent her and, as she was performing the duties of her office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, this claim is hereby made on her behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a traffic stop. 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.

Jen. Cermele

JC/kjs
Attachment
Tatman

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Debra Calmes-Washington
Against PO Paula Tatman
FPC No: 05-02
Date of Incident: November 9, 2004
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
3/24/2005 Conference with client; open file; memo to file; CCAP and municipal court search; correspondence to FPC; MPD Open Records.	1.70
3/31/2005 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
4/28/2005 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file; review of file; check municipal court records.	0.60
5/10/2005 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; memo to file.	0.20
5/12/2005 Telephone call from client.	0.10
5/16/2005 Telephone call from and to client; memo to file.	0.20
5/17/2005 Telephone call from FPC; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.20
5/18/2005 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
5/19/2005 Review documents from MPD open records.	0.20

	<u>Hours</u>
6/16/2005 Telephone call from and to FPC; review of file; memo to file.	0.30
6/20/2005 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; memo to file.	0.20
7/22/2005 Review fax from FPC, telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.20
8/1/2005 Telephone call from FPC; review of file; memo to file.	0.20
8/4/2005 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file.	0.20
8/22/2005 Several telephone calls from client; memo to file; review of file; telephone call to FPC; review of correspondence from FPC; telephone call to client.	0.90
8/30/2005 Review of file.	0.20
9/12/2005 Telephone call from and to FPC; memo to file; review of file.	0.40
9/16/2005 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
10/24/2005 Review document from FPC.	0.10
10/25/2005 Review of file; telephone call to FPC; telephone call to client.	0.30
10/26/2005 Review of file; preparation for and appearance at conciliation; conference with client; memo to file; travel; CCAP and municipal court traffic record reviews.	2.20
11/8/2005 Review notice of dismissal; correspondence to client; close file.	0.50

	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	9.20 \$1,012.00

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Additional charges:

	<u>Amount</u>
5/27/2005 MPD Open Records request	4.08
10/26/2005 Parking	2.00
Total costs	<u>\$6.08</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$1,018.08</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$1,018.08</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

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

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF DEBRA CALMES-WASHINGTON
AGAINST POLICE SERGEANT CHARLES BROWN
AND POLICE OFFICER PAULA TATMAN

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

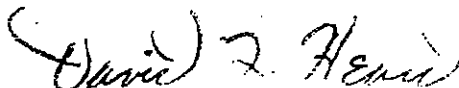
To Officer Paula Tatman:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Debra Calmes-Washington, Complaint No. 05-02, filed with the Board on December 17, 2004, is dismissed because the Complaint has been successfully conciliated, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

LEONARD J. SOBCZAK, CHAIRMAN

BY:



DAVID L. HEARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, NOVEMBER 7, 2005.

c: Attorney Laurie Eggert ✓

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

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF DEBRA CALMES-WASHINGTON
AGAINST POLICE OFFICER PAULA TATMAN

File No. 05-02

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE

I, Debra Calmes-Washington, have had the opportunity to meet and discuss the circumstances of my complaint with Officer Paula Tatman. I am satisfied with the result of such discussion and do not wish to pursue this complaint further. I would hereby request that the matter be dismissed, and I understand that I may not reissue this complaint in the future.

Debra A Calmes-Washington Paula R Tatman
DEBRA CALMES-WASHINGTON PAULA TATMAN

Dated this 26th day of October, 2005.

Witnessed by:

James J. Bowler
Paula R Tatman