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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 Randolph Brusco
C.I. File No. 06-S-371-1; EC 2387

Dear Council Members:

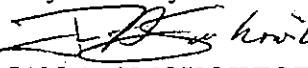
Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Randolph Brusco. The claim is in the amount of \$235.83 including \$4.83 in disbursements for 2.10 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 per hour. We ask that this matter be introduced 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. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,


GRANT F. LANGLEY
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Assistant City Attorney

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Enc.

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2007

TO: P.O. RANDOLPH BRUSO
DISTRICT: FIVE

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney Jonathan Cermele

Attorney Jonathan Cermele 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 23, 2005
- 2) A citizen complaint made by CHRISTOPHER NOVOTNY
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct? YES X NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter? YES X NO

Your signature: PO Randolph Brusco

Print your name: RANDOLPH BRUSO

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

Mary K. Hoerig
MARY K. HOERIG
Deputy Inspector
Professional Performance Division

MKH: kjs

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November 27, 2006

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Christopher Novotny
Against PO Randolph Brusco
Complaint No.: 05-19
Date of Incident: March 23, 2005**

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CITY OF MILWAUKEE
RONALD D. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

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 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,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

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OFFICE OF
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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Attachments
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CERMELE & ASSOCIATES S.C

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

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF CHRISTOPHER NOVOTNY
AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS MARK KRUSCHKE,
DENA MARTINEZ, MELISSA PETTKE, AND
RANDOLPH BRUSO

ORDER OF DISMISSAL


To Officer Randolph Bruso:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Christopher Novotny, Complaint No. 05-19, filed with the Board on April 15, 2006, is dismissed due to the Complainant's passivity, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

LEONARD J. SOBCZAK, CHAIRMAN

BY:


DAVID L. HEARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, NOVEMBER 3, 2006.

c: Attorney Rachel Pings ✓

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Against PO Randolph Bruso
FPC No: 05-19
Date of Incident: March 23, 2005
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
7/22/2005 Receive and review new citizen complaint; open file; review CCAP; telephone call to client (message).	0.50
7/25/2005 Telephone call from PO Bruso; memo to file; MPD Open Records request; MPD PPD request; retrieve PI-21 tape; correspondence to FPC.	1.00
8/8/2005 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
8/11/2005 Receive and review Open Records request.	0.30
11/13/2006 Receive and review Order of Dismissal; correspondence to client; close file.	0.20

	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	2.10 \$231.00

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Additional charges:

	<u>Amount</u>
9/2/2005 MPD Open Records request	4.83
Total costs	<u>\$4.83</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$235.83</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$235.83</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)