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Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Chair  
Judiciary and Legislation Committee  
City Hall – Room 205

Re: Semi-Annual Claims & Litigation Reports

Dear Alderman Hamilton:

Pursuant to your letter of June 9, 2005 and Section 304-7, Milw. Code of Ordinances, ss. 2(f) requesting the submission of semi-annual reports as to the determination and disposition of all claims filed during the preceding period, the following reports are being submitted for the Committee's review. The report *Semi-Annual Report of Claims Closed and Pending from January 1 through June 30, 2014* lists the following information:

Total number of claims pending - 1191  
Total number of claims closed - 325  
Total amount of claims denied - 222  
Total amount of settlements - \$220,190.50

Also, attached is the *Semi-Annual Report of Litigation Closed and Pending from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014* that lists the following information:

Total number of cases pending – 374 (excluding Mortgage Foreclosure Cases)  
Total number of cases closed - 98  
Total number of cases closed without payment – 81 (83%)  
Total number of cases settled - 7  
Total amount of settlements - \$3,820,094.33  
Total amount of settlements against the City - \$3,809,241.00  
Total number of settlements against the City - 6  
Total amount of settlements for the City - \$10,853.33  
Total number of settlements for the City - 1



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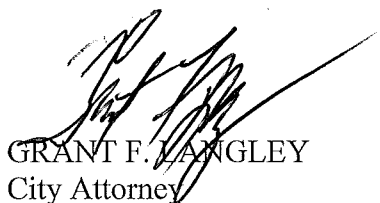
Total number of cases resulting in judgments - 4  
Total amount of judgments - \$6,202.52  
Total amount of judgments against the City - \$4,015.37  
Total number of judgments against the City - 3  
Total amount of judgments for the City - \$2,187.15  
Total number of judgments for the City - 1

Also appended to this Communication are reports from the 2 previous semi-annual periods for comparison. The total number of claims pending during the most recent s-month period is more than 10% lower than either of the previous 2 periods. The proportion of claims closed compared to claims pending (27.2%) has nearly doubled (from 11.8% and 15.5%). The proportion of claims denied has also risen significantly from 2.2% and 1.8% in the prior 2 periods to 18.6% in the first half of 2014.

Review of the last 3 semi-annual reports also reveals a significant increase in the numbers of pending matters in litigation since July 1, 2013: there were 265 cases pending in litigation during the first 6 months of 2013 rising to 378 and 384 cases pending during the 2 subsequent 6-month periods, respectively. The total amount of settlements against the City has also increased from approximately \$461,000 reported for the first half of 2013 to more than \$3,800,000 in the first half of 2014.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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