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April 4, 2005

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 - City Hall

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert, Eggert & Cermele, S.C.

for legal fees for Police Officer Timothy McNair

C.I. File No. 03-S-378; EC 1932

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Timothy McNair. The claim is in the amount of \$578.04 including \$6.04 in disbursements for 5.20 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 a criminal investigation. No criminal charges were brought against the police officer on whose behalf this claim was filed.

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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City Attorney

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ Assistant City Attorney

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September 18, 2003

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

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Timothy McNair

Allegations Regarding Mr. Tilford Lee

Date of Incident: April 5, 2002

Location of Incident: 439 North 29th Street

EC No.: 1932

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, the claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a traffic stop.

The MPD initiated a criminal investigation in which the officer initially declined to give a statement without counsel. When he requested counsel, IAD compelled PO McNair to give a statement concerning the incident after issuing a PI-21. Later, the MPD did not bring criminal charges against the officer. Attached is a copy of the clearance report and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

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Laurie A. Eggert Attorney at Law

JC/LAE/Idl attachment **MCNAIR** 

### EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

Attorneys at Law 1840 North Farwell Avenue Suite 303 Laurie A. Eggert Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Jonathan Cermele (414) 276-8750 Rachel L. Schneider FAX (414) 276-8906 September 18, 2003 Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt Milwaukee City Clerk 800 City Hall 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee WI 53202 RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Mr. Tilford Lee Regarding: PO Timothy McNair Date of Incident: April 5, 2002 Location of Incident: 439 North 29th Street Professional services Hours 4/23/2002 Telephone call from client regarding new criminal investigation: 0.70 open file; memo to file. 4/25/2002 Receive and review memo regarding criminal investigation; 0.80 telephone call to and from PO McNair; memo to file; schedule PI-21 statement. 4/30/2002 Review of file; meeting with client at IAD; attend client's PI-21: 1.40 travel; memo to file. 5/15/2002 Preparation for and appearance at Wells PI-21; conference with 0.70 client; travel; memo to file. 5/16/2002 Review of file. 0.207/23/2002 Telephone calls to and from IAD. 0.40 1/9/2003 Fax to DDA Reddin. 0.10 1/31/2003 Telephone call to and from IAD confirming investigation was 0.40cleared as baseless; correspondence to MPD Open Records. 6/3/2003 Review of correspondence from MPD Open Records: 0.50 correspondence to client; close file. Amount

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Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt	Page	2
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# CLEARANCE REPORT

### INVESTIGATIVE NARRATIVE:

This report was submitted by Detective Karen Dubis, assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit/Internal Affairs Division (CIU/IAD), day shift.

On Friday, July 19, 2002, at 12:30 p.m., I, Det. Karen Dubis, consulted with Deputy District Attorney Jon Reddin in regard to this case. D.D.A. Reddin advised me that he would not issue any criminal charges against Officer Timothy McNair in regard to this incident. Based on the fact that Officer McNair did inventory money in the amount of \$197.00 and that the amount that Mr. Tilford Lee had in his possession may be questionable, this case would not be issued.

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### MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### MEMORANDUM

SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

TO: P.O. TIMOTHY MCNAIR DISTRICT THREE

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of Attorney

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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 APRIL 5, 2002
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by TILFORD LEE
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_\_

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES Y NO\_\_\_\_

Your signature:

Print your name to Time thy A. MCNAIR

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

Steven M. Settingsgaard

Police Commander

Internal Affairs Division

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