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

Re:

Communication from Paul Shemanske, Vice President

on behalf of Brass Light Gallery

C.I. File No.: 02-L-7

## Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation, with the following recommendation:

Claimant, Brass Light Gallery, by its Representative Paul Shemanske, Vice President, P.O. Box 674, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0674 alleges that on March 28, 2001 their parking lot located at 344 East Florida Street was damaged by a water main break. They claim damages in the amount of \$15,822.00.

Our investigation reveals that the Milwaukee Water Works records indicate that a 20-inch water main break occurred in the area on March 28, 2001. Because of the size of the main break, the surrounding area immediately flooded. This made it difficult to access the shut-off valves. As a result, it took several hours to shut-off the main. This caused extensive damage to the claimant's parking lot. The main is located under an easement on claimant's property. As such, the water works has agreed to pay for the restoration costs.

Because settlement of this matter is deemed expeditious to the City of Milwaukee, we recommend payment of this claim in the amount of \$15,822.00 and have attached the appropriate resolution for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

-CRANT/F/LANGLEY City Attorney

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MGT:beg Enc.