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February 23, 2004

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert & Cermele, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officer Barbara Rotramel
C.I. File No. 02-S-391; EC No. 1834

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Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Barbara Rotramel. The claim is in the amount of \$665.21, including \$16.21 in disbursements for 5.90 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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November 14, 2002

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Jesse D. Rowell
Against PO Barbara Rotramel
Complaint No.: 02-11
Date of Incident: February 10, 2002
EC No.: 1834**

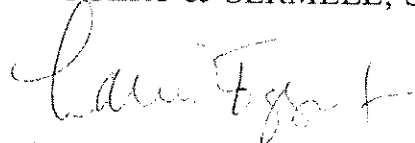
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

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, the claim is hereby made on her behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a battery investigation. 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.



Laurie A. Eggert
Attorney at Law

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Jesse D. Rowell
Against PO Barbara Rotramel
FPC No: 02-11
Date of Incident: February 10, 2002
Location of Incident: 791 North Jackson Street

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
05/16/02 Conference with client; open file; memo to file; correspondence to FPC, MPD Open Records; municipal court record search.	1.70
05/23/02 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
08/26/02 Telephone call from FPC; review of file; memo to file; update municipal court records.	0.70
09/06/02 Conference with FPC regarding re-scheduling; memo to file.	0.30
09/16/02 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file; review of file.	0.30
09/20/02 Telephone call from FPC; review of file; memo to file.	0.20
09/25/02 Review of correspondence from FPC; memo to file.	0.20
10/14/02 Preparation for and appearance at conciliation; conference with client; memo to file; travel.	1.60

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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	<u>Hours</u>	
10/28/02 Review of correspondence from FPC; review documents from MPD Open Records; correspondence to client; close file.	0.80	
		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	5.90	\$649.00
Additional charges:		
10/14/02 Parking		2.00
10/25/02 MPD Open Records request		14.21
Total costs		<u>\$16.21</u>
Total amount of this bill		<u>\$665.21</u>
Balance due		<u><u>\$665.21</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

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ROBERT & CERMELE, S.C.

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

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF JESSE ROWELL
AGAINST POLICE OFFICER BARBARA ROTRAMEL

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

To Officer Barbara Rotramel:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Jesse Rowell, Complaint No. 2002-11, filed with the Board on February 11, 2002 is dismissed because the Complaint has been successfully conciliated, by the,

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS

WOODY WELCH,
CHAIRMAN

BY:


JOSEPH J. CZARNECKI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, OCTOBER 23, 2002.

c: Attorney Laurie Eggert ✓

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 10, 2002

TO: P.O. BARBARA ROTRAMEL
DISTRICT TWO

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney

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 FEBRUARY 10, 2002
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by JESSE ROWELL
- 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: P.O. Barbara Rotramel

Print your name: P.O. BARBARA ROTRAMEL

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

St. Settingsgaard
Steven M. Settingsgaard
Police Commander
Internal Affairs Division

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