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October 2, 2006

To the Honorable Common Council  
Of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Resolution relating to the claim of Maurice Neal, Sr.  
& Maurice Neal, Jr.  
By Attorney Phillip Ramthun  
C.I. File No. 04-L-146-1

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimants, Maurice Neal, Sr., Maurice Neal, Jr. and the Estate of Maurice Neal Sr. by their attorney, Phillip Ramthun, 2645 North Mayfair Road, Suite 230, Milwaukee, WI 53226 allege that Maurice Neal, Sr.'s death was caused by a high speed chase when the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) was chasing him. Maurice Neal, Jr. sustained the loss of society, companionship and monetary support upon the death of his father. They claim damages in the amount of \$295,000.00.

Our investigation reveals the MPD had initially stopped Mr. Neal, Sr. because a police officer had observed him traveling without his headlamps on and weaving in traffic. Mr. Neal, Sr. stopped for the MPD, but while the officer was giving the police dispatcher his location, Mr. Neal, Sr. took off at a high rate of speed. Mr. Neal, Sr. lost control of his vehicle at North 25<sup>th</sup> Street and West Highland Avenue and collided with a tree, resulting in fatal injuries. The medical examiner's report noted Mr. Neal Sr.'s blood alcohol level

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was .26 at the time of his death. The MPD followed standard procedures in this matter, and accordingly we recommend denial of this claim.

Very truly yours,

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MGT:beg  
Enclosure  
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