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April 18, 2008

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Jon Cermele, Cermele & Associates, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officer Tracy Becker
C.I. File No. 07-S-305; EC 2506

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jon Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Tracy Becker. The claim is in the amount of \$353.50 including \$1.50 in disbursements for 3.20 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 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,


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Enc.

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August 23, 2007

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Gordon Buraczynski
Against Detective Tracy Becker
Complaint No.: 06-46
Date of Incident: August 4, 2006**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named detective 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, this claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a burglary.

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,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

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Attachments
BECKER

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2007 AUG 28 AM 11:55
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CITY CLERK

CITY OF MILWAUKEE
2007 AUG 23 11:51
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BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS : CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF GORDON BURACZYNSKI
AGAINST DETECTIVE TRACY BECKER

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

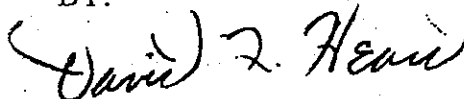
To Detective Tracy Becker:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Gordon Buraczynski, Complaint No. 06-46, filed with the Board on November 29, 2006, is dismissed because there are no remaining issues that could be resolved at a hearing.

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

LEONARD J. SOBCZAK, CHAIRMAN

BY:



DAVID L. HEARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JULY 17, 2007.

c: Attorney Matthew L. Granitz

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Against Det. Tracy Becker
FPC No: 06-46
Date of Incident: August 4, 2006
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
4/3/2007 Office conference with Det. Becker; review citizen complaint; open file; correspondence to FPC.	0.70
5/15/2007 Telephone call from FPC regarding conciliation; calendar same; correspondence to client regarding same.	0.30
5/29/2007 Receive and review correspondence from FPC regarding conciliation scheduling; telephone call to and from client; memo to file.	0.30
6/11/2007 Travel; appear at City Hall for conciliation with client; return travel; correspondence to client.	1.50
6/13/2007 Memo to file regarding conciliation.	0.10
7/19/2007 Receive and review Notice of Dismissal from the City; correspondence to client with same; close file.	0.30
	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	3.20 \$352.00

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Additional charges:

	<u>Amount</u>
6/11/2007 Parking	1.50
Total costs	<u>\$1.50</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$353.50</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$353.50</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)