

# CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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May 2, 2002

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

**Re: Communication from Attorney Kenneth J. Murray for legal fees for  
Police Officer Lisa Johnson**

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Kenneth J. Murray, for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Lisa Johnson. The claim is in the amount of \$234.00 for 2.6 hours of service billed at the rate of \$90 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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

  
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December 2, 1996

City Clerk Ronald D. Leonhardt  
Room 205  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Criminal Investigation Regarding P.O. Lisa Johnson

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 drug investigation and Officer Johnson's possible involvement on May 6, 1996. The District Attorney's office reviewed the investigation and is not charging the officer. The following is an itemization of the time and services rendered.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NATURE OF WORK PERFORMED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
05-06-96	Memo re: conference with client; open file	1.1
05-07-96	Telephone calls from and to Lt. Vahl (2); telephone calls (2) to client	0.3
05-08-96	Meeting with client and Sgts. at MPA; close file	<u>1.2</u>
	TOTAL HOURS	2.6

2.6 hours at \$90.00 per hour = \$ 234.00

TOTAL DUE = \$ 234.00

Sincerely,

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