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

Re:

Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for legal fees for

Police Officer Katherin Skoczek

C.I. File No. 99-L-205

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Katherin Skoczek. The claim is in the amount of \$5,802.00 including \$560.50 in disbursements for 47.65 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 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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., <u>Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County</u>, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

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