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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 Randy Piontkowski

C.I. File No. 07-S-41-7; EC 2414

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jon Cermele for attorney's fees for representing for Police Officer Randy Piontkowski. The claim is in the amount of \$165.00 for 1.50 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/MANGLEY

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ Assistant City Attorney

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

February 15, 2007

TO: P.O. RANDY PIONTKOWSKI

DISTRICT: FOUR

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of

Attorney Jonathan Cermele

Attorney Jonathan Cermele has made a claim with the City, indicating the attached was provided with legal services arising out of one of the following situations:

- An incident occurring on SEPTEMBER 25, 2005. 1)
- 2) A citizen complaint made by MONTEL GREEN
- A police shooting incident occurring on N/A 3)

Is this information correct?

YES NO____

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

Your signature

Print your name?

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

MÁRY K. HOERIG

Deputy Inspector

Professional Performance Division

MKH: kjs

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

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January 26, 2007

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt Milwaukee City Clerk 800 City Hall 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202 2001 FEB - I PH 2: 0

RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Montel Green

Against PO Randy Piontkowski

Complaint No.: 05-49

Date of Incident: September 25, 2005

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officer 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 traffic stop.

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

In Re:

THE CHARGES OF MONTEL GREEN AGAINST POLICE OFFICER RANDY PIONTKOWSKI

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

To Officer Randy Piontkowski:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Montel Green, Complaint No. 05-49, filed with the Board on October 3, 2005, is dismissed because the Complainant failed to appear at the scheduled meeting, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

LEONARD J. SOBCZAK, CHAIRMAN

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BY:

DAVID L. HEARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, DECEMBER 27, 2006.

c: Attorney Rachel Pings ~

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For professional services rendered	1.50	\$165.00
Balance due		\$165.00
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(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)