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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 Officers Ida Rodriguez and Phil Hanvard

C.I. File No. 99-S-559

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Ida Rodriguez and Phil Hanyard. The claim is in the amount of \$1,331.25 including \$11.25 in disbursements for 12.00 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 a criminal investigation. No criminal charges were brought against the Police Officers 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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