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Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Chair  
Judiciary and Legislation Committee  
City Hall – Room 205

Re: Semi-Annual Claims & Litigation Reports

Dear Alderman Hamilton:

Pursuant to your letter of June 9, 2005 and Section 304-7, Milw. Code of Ordinances, ss. 2(f) requesting the submission of semi-annual reports as to the determination and disposition of all claims filed during the preceding period, the following reports are being submitted for the Committee's review. The report *Semi-Annual Report of Claims Closed and Pending from July 1 through December 31, 2014* lists the following information:

Total number of claims pending - 528  
Total number of claims closed - 332  
Total amount of claims denied - 132  
Total amount of settlements - \$274,892.30

Also, attached is the *Semi-Annual Report of Litigation Closed and Pending from July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014* that lists the following information:

Total number of cases pending – 416 (excluding Mortgage Foreclosure Cases)  
Total number of cases closed - 46  
Total number of cases closed without payment – 32 (70%)  
Total number of cases settled - 12  
Total amount of settlements - \$1,521,663.11  
Total amount of settlements against the City - \$1,506,000.00 (9 cases)  
Total amount of settlements for the City - \$15,663.11 (3 cases)

Total number of cases resulting in judgments - 6  
Total amount of judgments - \$967,244.40  
Total amount of judgments against the City - \$940,257.92 (2 judgments)  
Total amount of judgments for the City - \$ 26,986.48 (4 judgments)

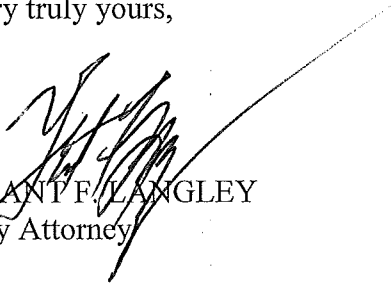
Review of the last four (4) semi-annual reports also shows a significant increase in the numbers of pending matters in litigation since July 1, 2013: there were 265 cases pending in litigation during the first six (6) months of 2013, and 378 and 384 cases pending during the two (2) subsequent six-month periods, respectively.

The number of pending matters at the close of 2014 was 416 representing an increase of 57% in the number of matters pending in litigation over this two-year period.

The total amount of settlements paid by the City has also increased from approximately \$461,000 reported for the first half of 2013 to \$1,506,000 in the last half of 2014. This amount, however, is considerably lower than the total paid in the first half of 2014 of more than \$3.8 million.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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