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March 31, 2014

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 Detectives Robert Rehbein and Britt Kohnert and
Police Officers John Schott and Rodolfo Ayala; EC 2571

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jon Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Detectives Robert Rehbein and Britt Kohnert and Police Officers John Schott and Rodolfo Ayala. The claim is in the amount of \$913.00 for 8.30 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110 per hour. We ask that this matter be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation.

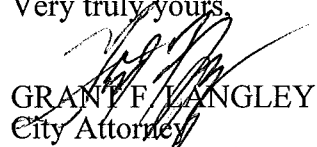
This file was among a number of claims that we reviewed upon submission in 2008. For unknown reasons, we did not receive written confirmation of services from the officers at the time of the review in that year and the matter was then inadvertently closed along with the other claims. Recent review by Attorney Cermele's office uncovered this oversight and we have confirmed from other resources that representation was provided to all these officers.

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 officers on whose behalf this claim was filed.

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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,



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**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of Det.'s Robert Rehbein and Britt Kohnert and
PO's John Schott and Rodolfo Ayala
Allegations Regarding Mr. John Fox
Date of Incident: March 20, 2007
Location of Incident: 1225 West Lincoln Avenue**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Pursuant to Article 58 of the 2007-2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Milwaukee Police Association, the City should request that this claim be placed on the Common Council Committee agenda within 180 days of its receipt.

The above-named police officers have retained us to represent them in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent them and, as they were performing the duties of their office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, this claim is hereby made on their behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved an arrest.

According to correspondence from Acting MPD Captain Leibold, the warrant was refused. As such, no charges were issued against the officers. Attached is a copy of the letter along with status of the CIS Investigatory file, and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

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April 03, 2008

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Mr. John Fox
Regarding: Det.'s Robert Rehbein and Britt Kohnert and PO's John Schott
and Rodolfo Ayala
Date of Incident: March 20, 2007
Location of Incident: 1225 West Lincoln Avenue
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
5/10/2007 Telephone call from Det. Rehbein regarding new criminal investigation; open file; memo to file; telephone call from Det. Kohnert; memo to file.	0.70
5/14/2007 Telephone call from PO Schott; add PO Schott to file; memo to file.	0.50
5/15/2007 Telephone call to and from PPD; review pertinent statute; memo to file.	0.50
5/22/2007 Telephone calls from PPD; telephone call to and from Det. Rehbein; schedule and calendar statement; telephone call to Det. Kohnert; schedule and calendar statement; telephone call to and from PO Schott; schedule and calendar statement; telephone call from PO Ayala; add same to file.	0.60
5/25/2007 Review file as preparation for statements; travel; meeting with PO Schott and Det. Kohnert; attend statements to PPD; return travel.	2.10

	<u>Hours</u>	
6/5/2007 Telephone call from Det. Rehbein; travel to PPD; meeting with Det. Rehbein; attend statement to PPD; return travel.	1.50	
6/6/2007 Telephone call from and to PO Ayala; memo to file; telephone call to and from PPD; travel to PPD; meeting with PO Ayala; attend statement to PPD; return travel.	1.50	
9/10/2007 Review file regarding status.	0.10	
11/28/2007 Telephone call to PPD to confirm investigation was cleared as warrant refused; correspondence to PPD requesting written confirmation of same.	0.20	
3/7/2008 Telephone call to PPD; correspondence to PPD regarding follow-up on previous request for clearance confirmation.	0.20	
3/11/2008 Receive and review correspondence from PPD confirming case cleared as warrant refused; correspondence to clients; close file.	0.40	
	<u>8.30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered		\$913.00
Balance due		<u>\$913.00</u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)