LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE **ITEM 8, FILE # 991438**

JULY 9, 2002 **MARK A. RAMION**

File # 991438 is a resolution to settle the claim of Attorney Steven R. Kohn, Steven R. Kohn law Office, for defense of Police Officer Lamont Hodnett.

Background

This file concerns the request of Attorney Steven R. Kohn for payment of legal fees in representation of Milwaukee Police Officer Lamont Hodnett. Officer Hodnett was criminally charged with first-degree reckless injury while armed during an incident in May 1998. A Milwaukee County jury found the officer not guilty.

Discussion

1. Legal representation was required for Officer Hodnett in light of criminal prosecution and trial.

2. The claim by the Steven R. Kohn Law Office represents 91 hours of service billed at $110 per hour.

3. The City Attorney advises that the Common Council has discretion to reject this claim or to pay it in whole or in part.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this resolution is $10,010, to be paid from the Fire and Police Discipline and Citizen Complaint Special Purpose Account.

2. On July 1, 2002, this SPA had a balance of $96,109.25. Upon approval of this resolution, this SPA will have a balance of $86,099.25.

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