GRANT F. LANGLEYCity Attorney

MIRIAM R. HORWITZ ADAM B. STEPHENS MARY L. SCHANNING JAN A. SMOKOWICZ Deputy City Attorneys



Milwaukee City Hall Suite 800 • 200 East Wells Street • Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-3551 Telephone: 414.286.2601 • TDD: 414.286.2025 • Fax: 414.286.8550

May 31, 2018

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall

Re:

C.I. File No. 1048-2018-736

Communication from Vitali Liberman

Dear Common Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

On December 26, 2017, Milwaukee Water Works received a call from Vitali Liberman, owner of Liberman Realty, regarding a leak in the street at 6815 West Capitol Drive. A field investigator was dispatched to the location and confirmed a break on an 8-inch water main located in the sidewalk at 6815 West Capitol Drive, 55' east of North 69th Street. The necessary repairs were initiated and completed on December 27, 2017.

According to Milwaukee Water Works records, they had not received any notification of a problem at the noted location until they received a call from Mr. Liberman. Nor had they received any calls or complaints regarding their repair activity until Mr. Liberman submitted his claim.

Milwaukee Water Works contends that they responded to the emergency situation at 6815 West Capitol Drive in a timely manner and arrived on site in less than one hour, despite adverse weather conditions. They also followed standard procedures and took appropriate action when notified of a leak in the street.

The property damages sustained at 6815 West Capitol Drive were the direct result of the main break and was not due to any negligence on the City's part. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

SUSAN E. LAPPEN PATRICIA A. FRICKER **HEIDI WICK SPOERL GREGG C. HAGOPIAN ELLEN H. TANGEN** JAY A. UNORA KATHRYN Z. BLOCK **KEVIN P. SULLIVAN** THOMAS D. MILLER **ROBIN A. PEDERSON** JEREMY R. MCKENZIE PETER J. BLOCK **NICHOLAS P. DESIATO JOANNA FRACZEK JENNY YUAN KAIL J. DECKER ALLISON N. FLANAGAN** PATRICK J. LEIGL **HEATHER H. HOUGH** ANDREA J. FOWLER PATRICK J. MCCLAIN **NAOMI E. GEHLING CALVIN V. FERMIN BENJAMIN J. ROOVERS ELLENY B. CHRISTOPOULOS RACHEL S. KENNEDY TYRONE M. ST. JUNIOR** HANNAH R. JAHN SAVEON D. GRENELL **ROSE SIMON-SILVA** JULIE P. WILSON **GREGORY P. KRUSE** Assistant City Attorneys



The Honorable Common Council May 31, 2018 Page 2

Very truly yours,

GRANT FALANGLEY

City Attorney

PATRICIA A. FRICKER Assistant City Attorney

PAF:mal

Enclosure

1048-2018-736:249798