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

Re: Rowsey v. City of Milwaukee, et al.
Case No.: 16-CV-1469

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed is a proposed resolution and fiscal note authorizing payment of a settlement amount regarding the above-referenced matter. We request that the enclosed documents be referred to the appropriate committee for review.

Mr. Rowsey claimed that he was subjected to an unlawful search by former Officer Michael Vagnini, and that other officers observed the unlawful search, but failed to intervene to stop it.

Given the risks associated with such trial, the parties engaged in settlement discussions. Mr. Rowsey has agreed to settle the entire case for a total of \$36,500.00, which includes attorneys' fees and costs.

Because of the unpredictability of a trial, and the City's risk for exposure to not only compensatory damages, but also to punitive damages and additional attorney fees and costs, we recommend that this matter be settled for that amount. Consistent with our recommendation, we have enclosed an appropriate resolution for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


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