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December 12, 2003

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert Law Office, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officer Jorge Suarez
C.I. File No. 01-S-396; ELO No. 1713

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Jorge Suarez. The claim is in the amount of $396.00 for 3.60 hours of service billed at the rate of $110.00 per hour. We ask that this matter be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation.

We have reviewed this claim and advise that in our opinion, the time spent was reasonable. Legal representation was occasioned by the filing of a citizen complaint against the officer with the Fire and Police Commission. The complaint was dismissed by the Commission.

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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

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RONALD D. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

November 7, 2001

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
Milwaukee City Clerk
800 City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Shannon Piojda
Against PO Jorge Suarez
Complaint No.: 01-37
Date of Incident: May 5, 2001
EC No.: 1713

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officer has retained us to represent him in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent him, and as he was performing the duties of his office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, the claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a traffic stop. The Fire and Police Commission dismissed the complaint. Attached is a copy of the dismissal notice and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

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Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

Laurie A. Eggert
Attorney at Law

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FPC No.: 01-37
Date of Incident: May 5, 2001
Location of Incident: 16th and Burnham

Professional services

		Hours	
06/27/01	Telephone call from client; conference with client; open file; memo to file; correspondence to FPC.	1.40	
06/29/01	Telephone call from and to witness; memo to file.	0.20	
07/03/01	Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10	
07/12/01	Telephone call to client.	0.20	
10/01/01	Review of file; research regarding court records; memo to file; correspondence to FPC.	1.10	
10/12/01	Telephone call from Heard.	0.10	
10/24/01	Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; close file.	0.50	
			Amount
	For professional services rendered	3.60	$396.00

	Amount
Balance due	$396.00

(Rate: $110.00 per hour)

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EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C

BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS : CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF SHANNON PIOJDA
AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS EDWARD
CHAIM-MUNIZ AND JORGE SUAREZ

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

To Officer Jorge Suarez:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Shannon Piojda, Complaint No. 2001-37, filed with the Board on May 14, 2001, is dismissed because the Complainant has requested that the Complaint be dismissed, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS

WOODY WELCH,
CHAIRMAN

BY:

JOSEPH V. CZARNEZKI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, OCTOBER 23, 2001.

c: Attorney Laurie Eggert

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 10, 2001

TO: P.O. JORGE SUAREZ
DISTRICT SEVEN

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of Attorney

Attorney LAURIE EGGERT has made a claim with the City, indicating the attached was provided with legal services arising out of one of the following situations:

1) An incident occurring on MAY 5, 2001
2) A citizen's complaint made by SHANNON PIOJDA
3) A police shooting incident occurring on

Is this information correct? YES ✓ NO_____

Did you receive legal representation in this matter? YES ✓ NO_____

Your signature: [signature]

Print your name: Jorge SUAREZ

Upon completion, please return this memorandum to the Internal Affairs Division at the Police Academy (Room 325) as soon as possible.

[signature]
KJS

STEVEN SETTINGSGAARD
POLICE COMMANDER
Internal Affairs Division

DTS:dnp