



**Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

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**Date** January 26, 2009

**APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLING FROM  
HOPKINS LAW OFFICE, P.L.C.**

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2008, by Roll Call No. 08-1102, the City Council of the City of Des Moines approved retention of Pat Hopkins to represent Officer John LePorte in the case Carter v. LePorte, et al.; and

WHEREAS, Hopkins Law Office, P.L.C. has submitted a billing dated January 9, 2009 in the amount of \$3,870.02; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Department has reviewed the billing and recommends payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that it approves the payment of \$3,870.02 to the Hopkins Law Office, P.L.C.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Angela T. Althoff  
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
KIERNAN				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
VLASSIS				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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January 9, 2009

File #: 147-001

Inv #: 1

**Attention:**

**RE:** S. Carter v. John LePorte, et al., 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 action filed in State Court

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	AMOUNT	LAWYER
Jun-16-08	Initial Meeting with J. Leporte	2.50	225.00	PJH
	Review of documents provided by Officer Leporte	1.40	126.00	PJH
Jun-17-08	Research Statute of Limitations	1.40	126.00	PJH
	Casemapped facts into chronology;	2.00	180.00	PJH
	Research on 8th Circuit Excessive Force Case Law	1.30	117.00	PJH
	Call from Attorneys Althoff and Doudelock	0.10	9.00	PJH
	Review of material provided by Mr. Leporte; Letter to Mr. Leporte	0.70	63.00	PJH
Jun-19-08	Review of Documents forwarded by Attorney Althoff; E-mails to Ms. Althoff and Mr. Goudelock; Call to Attorney Michael's Office	1.00	90.00	PJH
Jun-20-08	Call from Attorney Michael; E-mail to Attorney Michael	0.20	18.00	PJH
	Review of documents provided by City Legal Department; E-mail to Attorney Althoff; Call to Mr. Leporte; Letter to Mr. Leporte	0.80	72.00	PJH

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Jun-23-08	Meeting with Mr. Leporte	1.60	144.00	PJH
	E-mail to Attorney Althoff	0.20	18.00	PJH
Jun-24-08	Call to Attorney Althoff; Research requirements of service within a specified period of time; e-mail to Attorney Michael; Call to Clerk of Court; Call to OPS; Call to Attorney Althoff	2.30	207.00	PJH
Jun-25-08	Review of documents provided by City Legal	0.50	45.00	PJH
Jun-27-08	Review of material from attorney Michael; E-mailed materials to Attorney Althoff;	0.50	45.00	PJH
Jun-30-08	Review of Request for Documents; E-mail to Attorney Althoff	0.20	18.00	PJH
	Review of Documents forwarded by Attorney G. Goude-lock	0.30	27.00	PJH
Jul-01-08	Review of Notifications from Federal Court re: Initial Filings regarding removal	0.30	27.00	PJH
	Review and Casemapped Documents from City Legal	0.30	27.00	PJH
Jul-02-08	Draft of Answer and Request for Production; Call to John Leporte ; Draft of Interrogatories to Plaintiff; E-mail to Attorney Althoff; E-mail to client;	3.60	324.00	PJH
Jul-09-08	Review of materials sent by Officer Leporte	0.80	72.00	PJH
Jul-15-08	Telephone call with Attorney Shane Michael's Office; Call to Officer Leporte	0.40	36.00	PJH
Jul-23-08	Review of e-mail , Motion to Dismiss and supporting brief from Attorney Althoff;	0.30	27.00	PJH
Jul-24-08	Review of Notice from District Court; Finalized Answer , Interrogatories and Request for Production; Phone Conference with Mr. Leporte	3.00	270.00	PJH
Jul-25-08	E-mail to All attorneys of record re: discovery; Filing with Federal Court	0.50	45.00	PJH

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Sep-03-08	Review of e-mail and respond to e-mail from Attorney Althoff;	0.10	9.00	PJH
Sep-05-08	Call to Attorney Althoff; Letter to Attorney Michael	0.30	27.00	PJH
Sep-16-08	Review of Officer Crawford's Statement of Compliance	0.30	27.00	PJH
Sep-29-08	Review of Order Dismissing action against Officer Crawford; Review of Order regarding Show Cause for Mr. Michael; Call to Officer Leporte	0.50	45.00	PJH
Sep-30-08	Call to Attorney S. Michael regarding outstanding discovery; Left message on machine;	0.10	9.00	PJH
Oct-01-08	Telephone call with Attorney Althoff; draft of Motion to Compel;	0.80	72.00	PJH
Oct-02-08	Reviewed Motion to Compel and Supporting Affidavit	0.50	45.00	PJH
	Draft of Brief in Support of Motion to Compel as required by LR 7.1	1.30	117.00	PJH
Oct-07-08	Finished and filed Motion to Compel, Affidavit and Brief in Support of Motion ; Call to Attorney's Office	2.70	243.00	PJH
Oct-08-08	To Federal Courthouse for hearing	2.50	225.00	PJH
Oct-09-08	Call from Attorney S. Michael; E-mailed discovery to Attorney Michael	0.50	45.00	PJH
Oct-15-08	Review of Docket Annotation	0.10	9.00	PJH
Oct-17-08	Telephone call with Mr. Leporte; Notes to file	0.60	54.00	PJH
Nov-04-08	Review of Entry of Appearance of Attorney Zane Blessum as attorney of Record	0.20	18.00	PJH
Dec-01-08	Review of Discovery Order; Call to Attorney Bless' Office	0.30	27.00	PJH
Dec-15-08	Returned call to Attorney Althoff; Review of materials provided in response to Interrogatories directed to Plaintiff; Call to John LePorte	1.70	153.00	PJH

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Telephone call with Officer LePorte about case developments; Notes to file;

0.70 63.00

PJH

Dec-17-08

Meeting with Officer LePorte; Notes to File;

3.50 315.00

PJH

Totals

42.90 3,861.00

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Photocopies

6.55

Postage

2.47

Totals

\$9.02

**Total Fee & Disbursements**

\$3,870.02

**Balance Now Due**

\$3,870.02

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