



## Council Communication No. 97-352

### SYNOPSIS —

**Floyd A. Jones, (0-R), Human Rights Director, and Reginald Jackson, Chair and Des Moines Human Rights Commissioner**, to Miami, Florida, from August 1, 1997 to August 8, 1997, to attend the Annual Conference of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies which updates changes in civil and human rights laws and addresses other relative issues. Allows Commission and staff to remain current on issues related to carrying out the charge of the agency. Cost of travel is \$1,675 and \$1,550, respectively.

**Bruce Elrod, (0-N/R), Sergeant**, to Clearwater Beach, Florida, from September 2, 1997 to September 5, 1997, to attend a training conference for public information officers sponsored by the National Information Officers Association which will strengthen the Department's ability to relate to the media. Cost of travel is \$1,482.

### FISCAL IMPACT —

Funding for these trips is provided for in the 1997-98 Operating Budget under Index Code 014514, page 310; and Index Code 107870, page 542, respectively.

The total expended on City travel from July 1, 1997 through July 2, 1997 is \$528.99; the total amount budgeted for City travel is approximately \$370,000.

### RECOMMENDATION —

**Approval.**

### BACKGROUND —

On January 20, 1992, by Roll Call No. 92-214, the City Council approved a revision to the policy for travel authorization requests. Such revision requires trips which exceed three days and \$1,250 cost to be approved by the Council. The number in parenthesis indicates the total number of trips previously authorized for that individual for the current budget year; R represents resident and N/R represents non-resident.