



**Council  
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Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 36

Roll Call No. ~~06-~~

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Submitted by: Richard A. Clark, City Manager

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Submitting out-of-state travel requests for Mark Wessels, Chris Wellman, Robert Schulte, Maurice Cheatem, Debra Christopher, Richard Clark, Frank Cownie, Christopher Coleman and William Stowe.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval for out-of-state travel requests listed below.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$1,663.02 (Stowe); \$1,900 (Coleman); \$1,900 (Cownie); \$1,750 (Clark); \$3,050 (Ferree); \$1,725 (Christopher); \$1,986.75 (Cheatem); \$1,442.76 (Schulte); \$2,945 (Wellman); and \$2,745 (Wessels).

Funding Source: 2005-2006 Operating Budget under:

- POL982100, Federally Forfeited Funds, page 349 (Wessels)
- POL982100, Federally Forfeited Funds page 349 (Wellman)
- CDD049900, Community Development Block Grants, page 351 (Schulte)
- POL982100, Federally Forfeited Funds, page 349 (Cheatem)
- IFT010000, General Fund, page 157 (Christopher)
- CMO010000, General Fund, page 90 (Clark)
- MCC010000, General Fund, page 167 (Cownie)
- MCC010000, General Fund, page 197 (Coleman)
- PWK010100, General Fund, page 227 (Stowe)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**William Stowe, (0-R), Public Works Director**, to New Orleans, Louisiana, from May 14-19, 2006, to attend Restoration 2006 conference sponsored by ICMA, NLC and NACO, that will address post-disaster community and economic redevelopment. It is designed to provide attendees with the insights, strategies, and connections that will be vital to recovery efforts after a catastrophe strikes.

**Christopher Coleman, (0-R), City Council Member**, to Washington D.C., from June 7-9, 2006, to participate in the Annual Greater Des Moines Partnership lobbying trip to speak with our Congressional leaders and discuss the needs of the city.

**Frank Cownie, (3-R), Mayor,** to Washington D.C., from June 7-9, 2006, to participate in the Annual Greater Des Moines Partnership lobbying trip to speak with our Congressional leaders and discuss the needs of the city.

**Richard Clark, (0-R), City Manager,** to Washington D.C., from June 7-9, 2006, to participate in the Annual Greater Des Moines Partnership lobbying trip to speak with our Congressional leaders and discuss the needs of the city. Although the cost of this trip does not require approval under Council policy, Council authorization is requested.

**Debra Christopher, (0-R), Chief Information Officer,** to Rosemont, Illinois, from April 28 to May 2, 2006, to attend the PTI (Public Technology Inc.) Congress for Technology Leadership program. This program will focus on the role that technology plays in emergency management preparation, and will also have a forum that will provide an environment for participants to dialogue and review best practices for dealing with natural and man-made disasters.

**Maurice Cheatem, (0-NR), Client/Server Application Developer,** to Orlando, Florida, from June 11-16, 2006, to attend conference sponsored by Intergraph Public Safety. Cheatem will provide information to Intergraph concerning present and future needs of the City of Des Moines. The conference will provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas regarding the working, capabilities, and uses of the public safety software. There will also be classes focusing on the new release to be coming out and how that will impact our operation.

**Robert Schulte, (0-R), Federal Programs Administrator,** to Hollywood, Florida, from June 21-25, 2006, to attend the National Community Development Association Annual Meeting. The workshop will include innovative approaches to affordable housing, predatory lending, leadership training, HUD legislative update, eminent domain issues, performance measures, professional development, community land trusts and CDBG formula changes.

**Chris Wellman, (0-NR), Senior Police Officer, and Mark Wessels, (0-NR), Senior Police Officer,** to Raton, New Mexico, from September 18-22, 2006, to attend training with Barrett Rifles at Whitting Center. This training will provide the City with two certified Barrett Firearms Armorers and instruction in the long range use of a Barrett rifle.

The amount budgeted for travel in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 is \$664,650. The amount expended for travel in FY2006 as of April 4, 2006 is \$203,075.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: January 20, 1992

Roll Call Number: 92-214

Action: The City Council approved a revision to the policy for travel authorization requests. Such revision requires trips that exceed three days and \$1,250 cost be approved by the Council. The number in parentheses indicates the total number of trips previously authorized for that individual for the current budget year; R represents resident and NR represents non-resident.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

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**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**