



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 24

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-645

Submitted by: Richard A. Clark, City Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

Submitting travel request for Angela Dierenfeld, Sandy Roozeboom and Tom Vlassis.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval for travel requests listed below.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,970 (Dierenfeld); \$1,350 (Roozeboom); \$2,421 (Vlassis)

Funding Source: 2007-2008 Operating Budget under:

- SP324 POL982200 – Police (Dierenfeld)
- SP324 POL982200 – Police (Roozeboom)
- GE001 MCC010000 – Mayor And Council (Vlassis)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Angela Dierenfeld (R-0), Senior Identification Technician, to Largo, FL, from December 2 – 8, 2007 (\$1,970), to attend the “Introduction to the Science of Fingerprint Identification” course being presented by Ron Smith and Associates, Inc., and the International Association for Identification. The course is necessary in Technician Dierenfeld’s preparation for certification as a latent print examiner.

Sandy Roozeboom (NR-0), Senior Police Officer, to Evansville, IN, from November 4 – 10, 2007 (\$1,350), to attend, with her dog, a K-9 training course in order to improve the K-9’s level of obedience.

Tom Vlassis (R-0), City Council Member, to New Orleans, LA, from November 12 – 18, 2007 (\$2,421), to attend, as a representative of the City of Des Moines, the National League of Cities Congress of Cities annual conference. The conference gives local elected officials a chance to share ideas about how to make their communities better for their citizens. This year’s conference will be a unique opportunity to see up close the host city of New Orleans and their accomplishments as they go from disaster to recovery. Delegates will see first hand how a city has dealt with a monumental catastrophe and come back stronger and better than ever.

The amount budgeted for travel in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 is \$293,866. The amount expended for travel in FY 2008 as of October 16, 2007 is \$90,744.

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 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.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE