


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-485	Meeting:	November 4, 2019
	Agenda Item:	36-I	Roll Call:	19-1729
	Submitted by:	Matthew A. Anderson, Deputy City Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

Submitting travel and training for Eleanor Zeff, Li Zhao Mandelbaum and Roger Nowadzky.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval for travel and training request listed below.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$600 (Zeff); \$2,595 (Mandelbaum); \$2,747.47 (Nowadzky)

Funding Source:

- CM021000 – City Manager – Sister Cities (Zeff)
- CM021000 – City Manager – Sister Cities (Mandelbaum)
- CM021000 – City Manager – Sister Cities (Nowadzky)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Eleanor Zeff (R-0) St. Etienne City Chair, to St. Etienne, France from October 15 – October 17, 2019. While in France for personal travel, will meet with St. Etienne leadership in order to energize our sister city relationship with government leadership. Traveler approved to be reimbursed up to \$600 toward hotel and train transportation in St. Etienne. Travel arrangements (hotel, train transportation) may be secured based on the City Manager’s approval.

Li Zhao Mandelbaum (R-0) Chair, Shijiazhuang, China City Committee, to Shijiazhuang, China from November 11 – November 18, 2019. This trip serves to kick-off planning for the 2020 35th anniversary of the Des Moines/Shijiazhuang sister city relationship. Delegation participants will explore bringing Des Moines’ own Baconfest to China, and a possible international collegiate e-sports tournament to a Des Moines college or university with sponsorship from a Chinese e-sport business.

Roger Nowadzky (R-0) Commission Chairperson, to Shijiazhuang, China from November 11 – November 18, 2019. This trip serves to kick-off planning for the 2020 35th anniversary of the Des Moines/Shijiazhuang sister city relationship. Delegation participants will explore bringing Des Moines’ own Baconfest to China, and a possible international collegiate e-sports tournament to a Des Moines college or university with sponsorship from a Chinese e-sport business.

The budget for travel and training in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 is \$845,441. The amount expended for travel and training in FY 2020, as of October 30, 2019, is \$181,222.25.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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