


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-172	Meeting:	May 4, 2026
	Agenda Item:	19-I	Roll Call:	26-0557
	Submitted by:	Matthew A. Anderson, Deputy City Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

Submitting travel and training for Special Envoy – Climate T.M. Franklin Cownie.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommended approval for travel and training request listed below.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,219.40

Funding Source: CM001000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- **T.M. Franklin Cownie, Special Envoy – Climate (R-0)**, to San Francisco, California from April 23-26, 2026 for the Local Governments for Sustainability USA (ICLEI USA) Board Meeting. Since retiring as Mayor of Des Moines, T.M. Franklin Cownie has served as the Special Envoy – Climate. He continues to work with multiple organizations, including ICLEI USA, to keep Des Moines in conversations regarding sustainability and climate adaptation, utilizing these organizations as a way to support and inform the city's ongoing work with ADAPT DSM. City Council is being asked to affirm approval after the fact because timing was such that the arrangements could not be completed prior to the last Council meeting.
- The amended budget for travel and training in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 is \$799,921.00. The amount expended for travel and training as of April 29, 2026 is \$506,444.80.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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