


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-483	Meeting:	November 1, 2021
	Agenda Item:	30	Roll Call:	21-1664
	Submitted by:	Matthew A. Anderson, Deputy City Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

Submitting travel and training for T.M. Franklin Cownie, Roger Nowadzky, Joe Gatto, and Carl Voss.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval for travel and training request listed below.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$250.52 (Cownie); \$1,045.37 (Nowadzky); \$370.55 (Gatto); \$370.55 (Voss)

Funding Source:

- MC180180 – Mayor & Council (Cownie)
- CM021000 – City Manager – Sister Cities Commission (Nowadzky)
- MC180180 – Mayor & Council (Gatto)
- MC180180 – Mayor & Council (Voss)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- T.M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor (R-0), to Glasgow, Scotland from October 30 – November 6, 2021. To attend the UN Climate Change Conference COP26, and to participate in panels and discussions at the conference on behalf of United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability. USCM has agreed to provide financial support for flight, hotel, meals, and local transportation fees. Travel arrangements were secured based on the City's travel policy. City Council is being asked to affirm approval at this City Council meeting. The timing was such that the arrangements could not be completed before the last Council meeting.
- Roger Nowadzky, Chairperson, Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission (R-0), to Pristina, Kosovo from September 24 – October 2, 2021. Iowa Sister Cities had organized an official delegation to Pristina and cities beyond with a general mission of promoting connections of mutual interest. During this trip the goal would have been to build and/or strengthen relationships in culture, education, technology, commerce, and economic development. The trip to Kosovo was canceled due to COVID-19, but not prior to the purchase of an airline ticket. The cost of the ticket will be available for use when this trip is rescheduled in either April 2022 or late June/early July 2022.

- Joe Gatto, Council Member (R-0), to Washington, DC from September 21 – September 23, 2021, to meet with Greater Des Moines Partnership members, Iowa’s Congressional members, and federal agencies, in which the City has ongoing outstanding projects. This trip would have allowed the City to continue to build relationships with other elected officials and educate them on our priorities, so they can effectively impact change and continue to move issues along. The trip was canceled due to COVID-19, but not prior to the purchase of an airline ticket. The cost of the ticket will be available for use when this trip is anticipated to be scheduled in May 2022.
- Carl Voss, Council Member (R-0), to Washington, DC from September 21 – September 23, 2021, to meet with Greater Des Moines Partnership members, Iowa’s Congressional members, and federal agencies, in which the City has ongoing outstanding projects. This trip would have allowed the City to continue to build relationships with other elected officials and educate them on our priorities, so they can effectively impact change and continue to move issues along. The trip was canceled due to COVID-19, but not prior to the purchase of an airline ticket. The cost of the ticket will be available for use when this trip is anticipated to be scheduled in May 2022.
- The budget for travel and training in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 is \$1,074,072. The amount expended for travel and training in FY 2022, as of October 25, 2021, is \$145,417.93.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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