



Legislation Text

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City Council Meeting Date: January 22, 2019

To: City Council
City Administrator

From: Mayor Rhonda Pownell

Approve Costs for Mayor Pownell to attend the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference

Action Requested:

The Northfield City Council approves reimbursement of costs for the registration, lodging, transportation and miscellaneous expenses for Mayor Pownell to attend the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference March 10 - 13, 2019 in the estimated amount of \$2,500.

Summary Report:

The City Council is being asked to approve reimbursement costs for attendance at the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington, DC March 10 - 13, 2019. Information regarding the conferences can be found on the NLC website: <https://www.nlc.org/event/congressional-city-conference>.

In addition to the conference events, I will be attending the National League of Cities Human Development Federal Advocacy Committee meeting on March 10. As noted at the November 13, 2018 City Council Meeting, I had been solicited for consideration to apply for the National League of Cities (NLC) Human Development Committee and have since been appointed to serve on this committee. The Human Development Committee is responsible for developing policy positions and leading NLC's advocacy on issues involving social services, children and learning, poverty and income support, employment and workforce development, equal opportunity, education, Social Security and seniors, individuals with disabilities, public health care, mental health parity, and immigration reform. Most recently, the Committee's work has focused on workforce investment strategies to support local economies, including career and technical education and investments in training, advocating for comprehensive immigration reform including a legislative solution for Dreamers, and working to ensure that federal resources to combat the opioid epidemic make it to the local level.

NLC's Federal Advocacy Committee members include local elected officials and city staff from NLC member cities and towns across the country who are committed to discussing and influencing federal policy that has a direct and profound impact on local government operations.

City Council Motion M2012-022, adopted on February 6, 2012, requires that all City Council expenditures in excess of \$500 in a calendar year are to be brought to the Council for approval. Expenditures to-date are \$139.00.

Financial Impacts:

The estimated conference expenses are \$2,500. The Mayor/Council conference, travel & training budget has

funds to cover the above costs as noted below:

ITEM	AMOUNT
Conferences, travel & training budget	\$23,790
Expenses to-date	\$364
Encumbered to-date	\$0
This Request	\$2,500
Balance	\$20,926