



2024 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference

Item 5.3 – City Council Regular Meeting January 8, 2024

Background

- The National League of Cities (NLC) is an organization with approximately 100 years of experience in providing educational resource programs dedicated to the development of local governments and their leaders.
- NLC advocates for, and protect the interests of, cities, towns and villages by influencing federal policy, strengthening local leadership and driving innovative solutions.
- Approximately 2,700 member cities across the nation.
- In order to expand training opportunities and legislative support opportunities provided by the NLC, the City became a member in 2021.

NLC 2024 Congressional City Conference

- The NLC will be hosting their 2024 Congressional City Conference, March 11 - 13, with Executive Education Preconference Activities March 9-10, in Washington, D.C.
- This would be the City's first time participating in a NLC Conference.
- City policy requires Council approval for all out of state travel.

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- Due to the various concurrent education sessions available during the conference, staff recommends sending at least two (2) Council Members to attend this educational event.
- However, if three or more Council Members attend the conference, we will not have a quorum for the Regular City Council Meeting of March 11, 2024.
- Should the City Council elect to send three or more Council Members, staff will also request that the City Council designate a Special Meeting date to replace the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2024.

Options – Select Participants

- Cost per Council Member is approximately \$5,400, which includes conference registration, hotel, airfare, transportation and meals (*not provided by the conference*). Therefore, the City Council training and travel fund for Fiscal Year 23-24 will require a budget amendment depending on the selected option.

Options Include		Cost & Budget Amendment
1.	Send 3 Council Members	Approx. \$16,200
2.	Send 2 Council Members	Approx. \$10,800
3.	Send 1 Council Member	Approx. \$5,400