



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Information Technology Department

Date August 27, 2012

To: The Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Accept gifts of conference participation and related travel expenses for Chief Information Officer's participation in fall 2012 technology conferences.

Recommendation Accept gifts covering conferences and travel expenses for Otto Doll, Minneapolis CIO, to participate in fall 2012 technology conferences.

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Approved by Paul Aasen _____
City Coordinator

Presenter in Committee Otto Doll

Policy Review Group X Not Applicable

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) X Not Applicable

Prior Related Directives:

Financial Impact: None.

<p>Financial Impact (Check those that apply)</p> <p><u> X </u> No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p> <p><u> </u> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget</p> <p><u> </u> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget</p> <p><u> </u> Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase</p> <p><u> </u> Action requires use of contingency or reserves</p> <p><u> </u> Other financial impact (Explain):</p> <p><u> X </u> Request provided to department's finance contact prior to the Committee Coordinator</p>

Background/Supporting Information

The City's Chief Information Officer, Otto Doll, has been asked to participate in the upcoming technology conferences described below. The invitations include coverage of conference expenses and related lodging, meals and transportation services.

1. Metropolitan Information Exchange (MIX), September 16 – 20, 2012 in Vail, Colorado

Otto Doll is a member of the MIX, a group of senior local government technology executives from a variety of cities and counties throughout the United States. The purpose of the MIX is to promote progress in the Information Technology profession by providing executives of large local government jurisdictions (100,000 residents or more) with the means for learning and exchanging all types of management and information processing matters. The invitation from MIX covers conference costs including lodging and meals for Otto Doll.

2. Unisys North America Exchange Forum, October 8 and 9, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas.

The City contracts with Unisys to provide IT managed services. The Fall Unisys North America Exchange Forum will focus on Unisys's vision into 2013 covering current and future IT challenges and how Unisys services and solutions can enable IT customer's evolution journey. The Forum gives participants the opportunity to present and exchange ideas, challenges and solutions together with peers for added insight. The invitation from Unisys covers costs for conference registration, lodging, meals and ground transportation to and from the airport.

3. Center for Digital Center Government, re:public, November 11 – 13, 2012 in Tucson, Arizona.

re:public is a nonpartisan event bringing together leaders in public service to discuss opportunities in this digital age, and learn new ways to confront and overcome challenges. The program includes the CIO Leadership Group which is a free-form discussion for Chief Information Officers from the large cities and counties, as well as Digital Communities advisory board members. The invitation from the Center for Digital Government covers airfare, retreat expenses, lodging and ground transportation to and from the airport to the event center.