

Item No. 37A, Allocate \$4,000 for Mayor, City Council, and City Treasurer Travel

Motion

At the request of Council Member Ruiz-Raber, it was moved to reconsider Item No. 37A on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Gipson, Council Member Davis-Holmes, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Administrative Services General Manager Acosta distributed and discussed a breakdown of possible reductions by percent to travel budgets for the elected officials, which was prepared by staff at the request of Council Member Ruiz-Raber:

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Council Member Ruiz-Raber felt that reductions based on a percentage was a fair approach and moved to approve a travel budget for the elected officials, including the City Clerk and City Treasurer, as proposed with 25% reduction, which was seconded by Santarina.

Substitute Motion (Not Considered)

Council Member Gipson felt that reductions should be equitable across the board and not create a disparity and offered a substitute motion to allocate \$6,000 for the City Council, City Clerk, and City Treasurer, which was not considered due to lack of a second.

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Administrative Services General Manager Acosta reported on the amount spent on travel thus far by the elected officials from the General Fund, as follows: Mayor Dear, \$5,200; Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, \$550; Council Member Davis-Holmes, \$2,100; Council Member Gipson, \$9,500; City Clerk Kawagoe, \$7,350; and City Treasurer Avilla, \$6,250.

City Clerk Kawagoe clarified that she had a higher level of involvement as compared to City Treasurer Avilla because she was elected to offices; that she had cancelled the City Clerks' Conference and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks' Conference, totaling \$3,000; and that she would go along with the City Council and wanted a letter from the City of Carson explaining that it could not afford to pay her travel, and she would deduct the money from her income taxes and that everyone should do the same. Whereupon, Mayor Dear stated that he would ensure that she would be provided a letter should it become necessary.