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AGENDA REPORT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 4/5/2017

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Council Member Eugene Montanez

SUBJECT:

City Council consideration of approval of Council Member Eugene Montanez travel and other expense reimbursement claim dated March 21, 2017 per City of Corona Administrative Policy No. 01200.001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council approve the attached travel and other expense reimbursement claim dated March 21, 2017 per City of Corona Administrative Policy 01200.001.

ANALYSIS:

Administrative Policy 01200.001 (Travel and Other Expenses Reimbursement Policy) requires all expense reimbursement requests for City Officials to be reported to and approved by the City Council. The attached claim form dated March 21, 2017 in the amount of \$174.79, along with the accompanying mileage log, shall serve as my report and reimbursement claim for the noted expenses in accordance with the Policy.

The Policy indicates that City Officials will be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. With respect to travel, the Policy provides for reimbursement for miles traveled at the I.R.S. approved rate, with supporting documentation provided in accordance with Administrative Services Department requirements. In addition, in the “authorized expenses” section of the Policy, the following items are specifically included as examples of qualified mileage expenses for City Officials:

- Communicating with representatives of regional, state, national and international government on City policy positions. (Policy Item #1)
- Attending educational seminars, conferences, or activities designed to improve

skills and information levels. (Policy Item #2)

- Participating in regional, state, national and international organizations whose activities affect the City's interests. (Policy Item #3)
- Attending events as a representative of the City, including charitable events, that are sponsored, co-sponsored or organized by the City. (Policy Item #4(1))
- Meetings with consultants, professionals, constituents, applicants or other private or governmental entities or agencies, which are necessary for the performance of their position. (Policy Item #5)
- City Officials attending, as an invited representative of the City by a business, ground-breaking, grand opening or other ceremonial events, held in the state and open to the public, for businesses with a facility already located in the City (limit to 10 per business per fiscal year). (Policy Item #7(1))
- City Officials attending, as an invited representative of the City by a regional, state, national or international government agency, ceremonial events held in the state by such government agency. (Policy Item #7(2))
- City Officials attending, as an invited representative of the City by a charity, charitable events held in the City. (Policy Item #7(3))
- City Officials' round-trip commutes (from home to a city facility and back) when attending a meeting of their legislative body or participating in another event or activity for which expenses are reimbursable. (Policy Item #7(4))

I have indicated on the attached mileage log those expenses which clearly fall into one of the above expense categories.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the City's Strategic Plan Goal 6: Improve Communications with Our Community; Objective a: Commit to transparency in all City actions. The recommended action will help achieve these goals by presenting the requested reimbursements with detailed information on each claim.

FISCAL IMPACT:

City Officials' travel and other expenses reimbursements are funded by the City Council's operating budget in the General Fund. Funding for the amount claimed on this report is included in the approved Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action is for expense reimbursement and reporting purposes, and there is no possibility that approving the recommended action will have a significant effect on the environment.

SUBMITTED BY: Eugene Montanez, Council Member