Agenda – Council – December 10, 2014

Report – Executive Policy Committee – December 3, 2014

Item No. 10 Amendment to the Councillors Representation Allowance – Ineligible Expenses

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 3, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That section 5 (Business Meetings & Hospitality) of The Councillors' Representation Allowance (CRA) Fund Policy be amended by replacing:

Business Meeting and Hospitality	

Eligible expense:
• Councillors' expenses for food and beverage (including alcohol), facility rental, venue set-up, audio visual for receptions with constituents, business contacts, representatives of other levels of government, international delegations or visitors
• Meals expenses related to
  • Meetings with City employees, Councillors' staff, other Members of Council or employees of a City agency, board, commission or special purpose body;
  • Meals consumed by Councillors prior to attending evening functions or events; and
  • In town conference/seminar at which meals are not provided and where no per diem may be claimed.
  • Sporting events and concert tickets limited to two per event.
	Ineligible expense:

with:

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• Meals and expenses related to:
  ◦ Meals consumed by Councillors prior to attending evening functions or events; and
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• Non-professional sporting events.
	Ineligible expense:
	• Alcohol, meals and expenses related to
	  ◦ Meetings with City employees, Councillors' staff, other Members of Council or employees of a City agency, board, commission or special purpose body;
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2. That Section 5 (Periodicals & Subscriptions) of the Councillors' Representation Allowance (CRA) Fund Policy be amended by replacing:

Cable Television	
Eligible expense: • Monthly fee for basic cable and news channels for Councillor's Office and home office • Installation charge for cable connection at Councillor's Office • Cable equipment purchase or rental for Councillor's Office	**Ineligible expense:** • Movie/entertainment channel programming.

with:

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and by replacing:

Internet Services	
Eligible expense: • High-speed internet connection for Home Office • Installation costs • Modem rental fees	**Ineligible expense:**

with:

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3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 3, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS a City Hall that Works requires trust in government, establishing priorities and addressing the most challenging issues;

AND WHEREAS it is imperative that elected representatives utilize the resources at their disposal in an efficient, transparent, and appropriate manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

with:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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and submitted the matter to Council.