

FUND BALANCE RESERVE PAYMENT. The Motion carried on a 5/0 Voice vote.

6. CITY COMMISSION REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FY 2013-2014 BUDGET

A. DISCUSSION OF INITIATIVES AND POLICIES

1. DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION SALARIES AND COMMISSION TRAVEL POLICY (SEE BACKUP)

The City Commission discussed the average base salaries of Commissioners and Mayors on a countywide level as presented in the agenda item backup information.

Commissioner Sanders suggested increasing the Travel Allowance for the Mayor and Vice Mayor positions; furthermore, he suggested each Commissioner – including the Mayor and Vice Mayor – should have the option of utilizing its Travel Allowance during the fiscal year: should the Commissioner not spend the full allowance, the remaining funds would then be reimbursed to the respective Commissioner in a similar fashion as what is currently done with their health insurance. Commissioner Sanders further suggested a Cost of Living Increase of 2.5% for the City Commission.

The City Commission discussed Commissioner Sander's recommendation.

Mayor Cooper spoke in opposition of the proposal as it represents an increasing in the City Commission salaries. Mayor Cooper stated that she would support an increase in the travel allowance.

City Manager Miller suggested keeping the Travel Allowance at \$10,000 for each City Commissioner and establishing an additional Travel Overage Account which will be dedicated for use by those Commissioners who are selected to represent the City at the Broward, Florida and National League of Cities and other similar agencies.

Commissioner Julian and Commissioner Lazarow spoke in support of the City Manager's recommendation.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JULIAN, TO KEEP THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR EACH CITY COMMISSIONER; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT WHICH WILL BE DEDICATED FOR USE BY THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE CITY AT THE BROWARD, FLORIDA AND NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND OTHER SIMILAR AGENCIES; TO AUHORIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF ANY UNUSED PORTION OF THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE TO THE RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONER; AND TO FURTHER AUTHORIZE A 2.5% COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR THE CITY COMMISSION. The Motion carried on a 3/2 Roll Call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Julian, Lazarow and Sanders

NAYS: Vice Mayor Lewy and Mayor Cooper

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