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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

1:00 PM

Room N2-220

Council Executive Committee

1. Call to Order

Committee Member Laurie Stringham, Chair
Committee Member Dea Theodore, Vice Chair
Committee Member Suzanne Harrison
Committee Member Aimee Winder Newton

2. Public Comment**3. Approval of Minutes****3.1 Approval of April 23, 2024, Council Executive Committee Meeting Minutes** [24-1958](#)

Attachments: [April 23, 2024, Council Executive Committee Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Harrison, seconded by Vice Chair Theodore, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Agenda Items**4.1 Executive Committee Consideration of a Request to Reimburse Emergency Travel Expenses from the Council Office's Budget.** [24-1957](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 1:00PM, 15 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Committee Member Stringham stated her Senior Policy Advisor, Abby Evans, experienced some travel delays during Hurricane Beryl in Houston, Texas. Ms. Evans' flight was cancelled, and the airlines were not offering accommodations, so she had to find a hotel with electricity. This was unplanned and she asked the Executive Committee if it would be comfortable covering the cost of \$387.

Committee Member Harrison stated she was okay covering the expense because it was an emergency.

Committee Member Harrison moved that the Council Office cover the

expense.

Committee Member Winder Newton asked if there were enough funds in her office budget to cover this. She was concerned about fairness after an elected official reached out to her after seeing this item on the agenda. All elected offices have been running on a tight budget lately.

Mr. David Delquadro, Fiscal Manager, Council Office, stated there was enough money left in Council Member Winder Newton's office budget, but it would leave about \$14. He added that Ms. Evans is working with Delta Airlines to see if they will reimburse her expenses.

Committee Member Winder Newton authorized Mr. Delquadro to take the funds from her budget and if Delta Airlines provided any reimbursement, it would go back into her office budget.

Committee Member Theodore asked if this had happened before to other departments.

Mr. Delquadro stated if an emergency like this happened with an elected official's office, the money would be taken out of the overall budget. Since the budget for the Council Office had already been disbursed among the individual Council members, this was not possible.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated there was a provision in the countywide policy about emergency travel, and it required additional paperwork.

Committee Member Harrison stated she would be willing to split the expense with Council Member Winder Newton.

Committee Member Stringham stated she would abstain from voting to avoid a conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Committee Member Harrison, seconded by Committee Member Winder Newton, that the expense be split between her and Council Member Winder Newton's office budgets. If Delta Airlines provided a reimbursement, that would be returned to the office budgets. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stringham abstained from voting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE