

9. Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Community & Economic Development Department); request to allocate funds from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (\$1,728).



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

THRU: Joan Junkala-Brown, Deputy City Manager

DATE: September 19, 2024

RE: Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Community & Economic Development Department); request to allocate funds from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (\$1,728).

SUMMARY:

The following two (2) travel requests were not included in the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 travel and training spreadsheet for the Community & Economic Development (CED) Department; therefore, the Department is requesting that funds be allocated from undesignated fund balance toward the FY 2025 Training & Travel Budget for the Economic Development Division (001-3410-552-4001 and 5501). Due to the deadline to register, any fees prior to the start of FY 2025 will be charged to the Travel prepaid account 001-0000-155-1001.

The request for travel aligns with City Council's recent consensus during the Economic Development Council Workshop held on August 22, 2024 to allow economic development staff to attend additional conferences, trade shows, and other events beyond Florida markets to better promote and attract key industries to Palm Bay. Attending these events will foster invaluable networking opportunities and provide City exposure to companies within those targeted markets.

The CED Department is requesting Council's consideration for Economic Development Manager, Danielle Crotts, and Economic Development Specialist, Robert McKinzie, to travel overnight to attend the FABTECH 2024 Conference and Expo in Orlando, FL October 15th-16, 2024. This conference is being held at the Orange County Convention Center located at 9800 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819. Show floor admission to the exhibitor hall is complimentary and will provide a convenient 'one-stop shop' venue where staff can market Palm Bay as "Open for Business" amongst world-class suppliers and networking with leaders in the manufacturing and fabrication industry. The exhibitor floor will include over 1,500 companies comprised of a variety of advanced manufacturing experts from the U.S. and around the world. FABTECH is North America's largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and manufacturing event – and offers multiple

days of exhibits, conference programs and networking opportunities and is highly regarded as the industry's leading forum. Hotel accommodations are requested, one (1) night for Economic Development Manager, Danielle Crotts, and one (1) night for Economic Development Specialist, Robert McKinzie, for a total cost of \$546. Meal & Incidentals for Danielle & Robert will be a total of \$182. The total estimated cost of travel for both employees is \$728.

Additionally, CED is requesting consideration for Danielle and Robert to travel overnight to attend the SpaceCom Global Commercial Space Conference and Exposition & Space Congress 2025 in Orlando, FL from January 28 - 30, 2025. This conference is also being held at the Orange County Convention Center located at 9800 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819. Staff is requesting to attend the event's 3-Day Expo Only which costs \$0.00 and includes: 3-Day Access to the Expo, SpaceCom Keynotes, General Sessions & TINA Talks, & 1 Ticket to Commercial Space Week Welcome Reception. The Expo will showcase commercial, defense and spaceport industries and allow staff to gain newfound perspectives, late-breaking industry insights from the most powerful speakers in space as well as offer crucial networking and special events to obtain key contacts for those industries looking to expand or relocate. Speakers are high-ranking, topic experts that come from various agencies, progressive organizations, defense, national government, prime contractors, and beyond, and includes formalized sessions, high-profile keynote presentations, dynamic round-table discussions, and breakout sessions. Hotel accommodations are requested, two (2) nights for Economic Development Manager, Danielle Crotts, and two (2) nights for Economic Development Specialist, Robert McKinzie, for a total cost of \$680. Meal & Incidentals for Danielle & Robert will be a total of \$320. The total estimated cost of travel for both employees is \$1,000.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Community & Economic Development

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total cost of combined travels is estimated at \$1,728. Staff is requesting an allocation of undesignated fund balance to the FY 2025 CED Travel and Training Accounts # 001-3410-552-40-01 & 55-01.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to 1) allocate General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,728 as provided above for Fiscal Year 2025, and 2) approve travel and funding request as mentioned above for the CED Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FABTECH Packet

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Legislative Memorandum

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2. SpaceCom Packet



Your reservation for the FABTECH 2024 | [Access your reservation online »](#)



FABTECH 2024
Oct 15 - Oct 17, 2024
Orange County Convention Center • Orlando, FL

Danielle Crofts,

Thank you for booking with onPeak, the official hotel and travel partner of FABTECH 2024.

onPeak We continuously monitor
BEST RATE rates. If ours get lower, yours
pledge automatically gets lower.

Hotel Reservation Info



Rosen Shingle Creek
★★★★★
9939 Universal Blvd
Orlando, FL 32819

Shuttle service between the hotel and the event is provided.

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- Valet Parking: \$40

Rates subject to change.

Contact Details

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(312) 527-7300 International
FABTECH@onpeak.com

Your Account

Email Address
danielle.crofts@palmbayflorida.org

Password

onPeak Group ID:
3994790

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Booking Incentives

•10% Discount in Hotel Spa Services

Hotel Policies

Attendee/Exhibitor - Standard Room

Guarantee Policy:

Please provide a valid credit card to hold your reservation. Credit card MUST expire after the date of the event. Approximately 30 days prior to start of event, the HOTEL, NOT ONPEAK will charge your credit card a deposit equal to one night's room charge plus tax. First night's room and tax is also payable by check. Please make checks payable to onPeak. Reservation(s) not guaranteed are subject to cancellation.

Cancellation Policy:

Reservations must be cancelled by 3:00 pm Local Hotel Time - 5 days prior to arrival to avoid a cancellation fee of one nights' room rate plus tax.

Changes Policy:

If you need to make any changes or cancellations to your reservation on or before 09/30/2024, make your changes online or call (866) 220-9664. Changes or cancellations to your reservation after this date must be made directly with Rosen Shingle Creek at 1-407-996-9939. All changes are based on availability.

Special Policy:

An early departure fee of one night's room and tax may apply if hotel is not notified of an early departure prior to or at check in. **Failure to check-in on your scheduled arrival date will result in a no-show charge of one night's room and tax.**

Reservations

2 Reservations (2 Room Nights)
\$259.00 USD | average nightly rate

Nightly Breakdown

How to Manage Hotel Reservations for your Group

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Total Reservations	2
Rosen Shingle Creek	2

Payment Information

NOTE: Your credit card is being used as a guarantee only at this time. Your card will be charged by the hotel(s) directly. Please review all hotel policies related to this reservation.

Payment: Danielle Crotts's VISA (Ending in 6169)

Rosen Shingle Creek

Standard Room - Single Occupancy

2 Reservations (2 Room Nights)	\$518.00
Taxes & Fees	\$64.76
Estimated Total	\$582.76
Guarantee*	\$582.76
Amount charged to credit card today	\$0.00

Prices are in USD.

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- See all up-to-date reservation details.
- View and edit room assignments and check-in/check-out dates.
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Excellent



Good



Okay



Poor



Unacceptable

* By providing a credit card, you guarantee you'll meet the hotel policies of your reservation. If for some reason you don't meet the policies, you may be charged a financial penalty in the amount of the payment guarantee. For more info, please refer to your hotel's specific policies.

From: [Robert McKinzie](#)
To: [Danielle Crotts](#)
Subject: Fwd: Registration Confirmation - FABTECH 2024
Date: Monday, September 9, 2024 6:26:45 PM

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From: FABTECH 2024 <eventconfirmation@events.cdsreg.com>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 1:15:56 PM
To: Robert McKinzie <Robert.McKinzie@palmbayflorida.org>
Subject: Registration Confirmation - FABTECH 2024

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Dear Robert McKinzie:

Thank you for registering to attend FABTECH 2024, to be held Tuesday, October 15 – Thursday, October 17 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. This email is your confirmation and serves as your invoice/receipt.

Invite or register your colleagues and friends to join you at FABTECH 2024!

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Important Registration Information



Badge Information

Badges will NOT be mailed. Scan your QR code at Registration when you arrive at the event and your badge will be printed for you.



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Official hotels near the show have been specially selected for your stay, provided at exclusive discounted rates. By booking in the official housing block you receive the lowest rates available over the show dates.



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- Add Conference Sessions to your registration
- Invite your colleagues
- Print a receipt or resend a confirmation
- Book a hotel room



Event Schedule

Visit <https://www.fabtechexpo.com> for complete event information.

Event Location

Orange County Convention Center
9800 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
<https://www.occc.net>



Contact Us

Please do not hesitate to contact the FABTECH 2024 Team for any reason.
We look forward to hearing from you!

- [508-743-8544](tel:508-743-8544) (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm ET)
- Email: FABTECH@xpressreg.net



Registration Information

Badge Number: 224619
Name: Robert McKinzie
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City: Palm Bay
State/Province: FL
Zip/Postal Code: 32907
Country: United States
Phone: 3214097187
Email: robert.mckinzie@palmbayflorida.org

Registered Individuals / Items Purchased

Badge Name

224619 Robert McKinzie

FABx TECH TALKS

LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE: Advanced Manufacturing

KEYNOTE: Peggy Whitson, Historic NASA Astronaut

LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE: Attracting and Keeping Next Generation Employees

KEYNOTE: Titan Gilroy, TITANS of CNC

LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE: 2024 State of the Industry

Exhibits Only

Account Status

Total Due:

Amount Paid:

Balance Due: \$0

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You have agreed to FABTECH's Terms & Conditions listed below and [HERE](#).

- **FABTECH is a Business Event.** No one under the age of 16 will be admitted.
- **Method of Payment:** Payments must be made in US Dollars. SME accepts VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. Payment must be received prior to the program date. To make any other form of payment, please contact Customer Care by emailing FABTECH@xpressreg.net.
- **Consent for Use of Photographic Images:** Registration and attendance at, or participation in FABTECH 2024, constitutes an agreement by the registrant to permit show management's use and distribution (both now and in the future) of the registrant's image or voice in photographs, videos, and other electronic reproductions of such events. Picture taking of any kind is strictly forbidden on the show floor. (This includes but is not limited to, cell phones, iPhones, cameras, computers, digital cameras, or any other type of photographic equipment.)

- **Solicitation Information:** FABTECH 2024 brings together qualified exhibitors and attendees. Unauthorized solicitation (suit-casing/outboarding) of or marketing to exhibiting companies is strictly prohibited. Selling activities and distribution of literature, samples and marketing materials are permitted only from within the booth space of officially contracted exhibitors.
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- **Disabled Persons Accommodations:** FABTECH 2024 is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities so they may fully participate. Call Customer Service at 800-733-3976 at least two weeks prior to the event to arrange. Please call the hotel and/or event facility to inquire.
- **Cancellations:** Cancellations and refund requests (for paid conference registrations) must be made in writing to ATTN: FABTECH 2024 Conference Cancellation at FABTECH@xpressreg.net no later than September 13, 2024, to receive a full refund minus a \$50 administrative fee. Cancellations received after this date are non-refundable.
- **Exhibits Only registration is non-refundable.**

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Danielle Crofts

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Registration Information

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 Address 2:
 City: Palm Bay
 State/Province: FL
 Zip/Postal Code: 32907
 Country: United States
 Phone: 3214097187
 Email: danielle.crotts@palmbayflorida.org

Registered Individuals / Items Purchased

Badge	Name
224620	Danielle Crotts
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	LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE: Advanced Manufacturing
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U.S. General Services Administration

FY 2024 Per Diem Rates for Orlando, Florida

Meals & Incidental Expenses (M&IE) rates and breakdown

Primary Destination	County	M&IE Total	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidental Expenses	First & Last Day of Travel
Orlando	Orange	\$69	\$16	\$17	\$31	\$5	\$51.75

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15	✓	✓	✓
11.25	✓	✓	✓



Select Your Registration Type

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SpaceCom Rates	Early Bird (until Oct. 31)	Advanced (until Jan. 27)	Onsite
Industry Professional	\$765	\$975	\$1165
Government	\$235	\$445	\$655
Academia	\$235	\$235	\$235
Expo-Only	FREE	FREE	FREE
SpaceCom PLUS Rates	Early Bird (until Oct. 31)	Advanced (until Jan. 27)	Onsite
Industry Professional	\$1045	\$1255	\$1465
Government	\$415	\$555	\$765
Academia	\$415	\$415	\$415

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Registration Questions

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Room 1: (GRP)Run Of House

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Last Name *		Phone *
Mobile phone		Email Address *

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Country / Region *	
Address 1 *	Address 2
City *	Zip / Postal Code *

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RESERVATION DETAILS

Special Requests

Your Cart: 2 Items

Total \$772.68

Including taxes and fees

ROOM 1

{GRP}Run Of House \$340.00

Commercial Space Week - Government Block

Special Code Applied

2 NIGHTS STAY

Taxes and Fees ~~\$46.34~~

DETAILS

Tue, Jan 28, 2025 - Thu, Jan 30, 2025

1 Adult

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ROOM 2

{GRP}Run Of House \$340.00

Commercial Space Week - Government Block

Special Code Applied

2 NIGHTS STAY

Taxes and Fees ~~\$46.34~~

DETAILS

Tue, Jan 28, 2025 - Thu, Jan 30, 2025

1 Adult

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Total

Including taxes and fees

~~\$772.68~~

\$680
w/out taxes



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29	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	✓	✓		✓

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