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Item #30

AN ORDINANCE 99908

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,444.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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WHEREAS, founded in 1924, the National League of Cities ("NLC") is the country's largest and most representative municipal organization advocating for its members in Washington, D.C. and the organization stresses the importance of continuing a strong local-federal partnership; and

WHEREAS, the NLC focuses on public finance as a key area for NLC-sponsored research and it monitors and analyzes the changing fiscal conditions of America's cities, issuing two national surveys of cities and an analysis of the impact of state budget deficits on city finances; and

WHEREAS, the City has been a member of the NLC since 1961 and as such, elected officials and City staff have had the opportunity to participate in the Leadership Training Institute and the NLC's annual Congress of Cities and local elected officials also serve on a number of NLC committees which provides them with an opportunity to shape the priorities, policies and advocacy positions of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the NLC has taken a leadership role in federal legislation aimed at continued funding for local homeland security programs, transportation, clean water, clean air, affordable housing and public safety initiatives, is currently developing a position statement on the streamlined sales tax agreement and has petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Federal Communications Commission concerning the regulatory classification of cable modem services; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Payment to the National League of Cities for membership dues in the amount of \$28,444.00 for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 is hereby authorized and approved.

SECTION 2. Funds in the amount of \$28,444.00 are authorized to be encumbered in Cost Center 8002430001, General Ledger 5203050 entitled "Membership Dues", Fund Number 11001000 entitled "General Fund" and made payable to the National League of Cities when a purchase order is issued.

SECTION 3. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance of the City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific cost centers, general ledgers and fund numbers as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of October, 2004.

M A Y O R
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:

Leticia M. ...
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jim Zertuche
for City Attorney

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EDWARD D. GARZA Mayor			

CONSENT AGENDA

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
EXTERNAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager

COPIES: J. Rolando Bono, Interim City Manager; Peter Zaroni, Office of Management & Budget Director; File

SUBJECT: Authorizing payment of membership dues to the National League of Cities

DATE: October 21, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

This ordinance authorizes payment of the City of San Antonio's annual membership dues to the National League of Cities in the amount of \$28,444 for the period beginning October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1924, the National League of Cities (NLC) is the oldest, largest, and most representative municipal organization advocating for its members in Washington D.C. through legislative, administrative, and judicial processes. Stressing the importance of continuing a strong local-federal partnership, NLC works on a number of fronts to strengthen its national voice on federal issues of vital importance to cities. NLC also focuses on public finance as a key area for NLC-sponsored research. The organization monitors and analyzes the changing fiscal conditions of America's cities, issuing two national surveys of cities and an analysis of the impact of state budget deficits on city finances. The City of San Antonio has been a member of NLC since 1961.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Membership in the NLC gives our community's elected officials the opportunity to participate in the Leadership Training Institute, which promotes excellence in municipal leadership through seminars at its Leadership Summit and at annual conferences. At the Leagues' annual Congress of Cities, approximately 3,000 city leaders from across the United States gather for workshops, networking, information-sharing and the election of officers. This conference also includes meetings of NLC constituency groups, which provide leadership and reflect the diverse interests and backgrounds of the organization's members. Local elected officials also serve on a number of NLC committees and have an opportunity to shape the priorities, policies and advocacy positions of the organization. Currently, Mayor Ed Garza is a member of the NLC Advisory

Council. Councilman Art Hall serves on the Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental Relations Steering Committee and Councilman Chip Haass is a member of the Human Development Steering Committee.

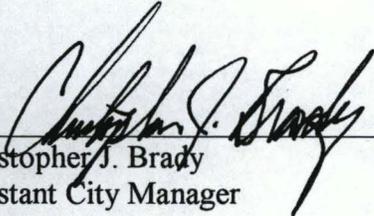
NLC has also taken a leadership role in federal legislation aimed at continued funding for local homeland security programs, transportation, clean water, clean air, affordable housing and public safety initiatives. NLC is also currently developing a position statement on the streamlined sales tax agreement and has petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Federal Communications Commission concerning the regulatory classification of cable modem services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Membership dues for the NLC are calculated according to population and based on 2000 Census data. Funds in the amount of \$28,444 have been budgeted in the FY 2004-2005 General Fund for payment of these dues. This amount remains consistent with last year's amount. However, the NLC board of directors voted earlier this year to increase membership dues by 4% for all cities for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

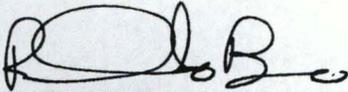
COORDINATION

This item was coordinated with the Office of Management & Budget.



Christopher J. Brady
Assistant City Manager

Approved by:



J. Rolando Bono
Interim City Manager

AN ORDINANCE

99909

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES TO THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE IN THE AMOUNT \$45,251.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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WHEREAS, founded in 1913, the Texas Municipal League ("TML") exists solely to provide services to Texas cities and represent the interests of member cities before legislative, administrative and judicial processes at both the state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the TML services provided to member cities include direct assistance on legislative matters before the Texas Legislature, monthly legislative updates and research on specialized city concerns and the City has been a member of the organization since 1934; and

WHEREAS, during the 78th Legislative Session, the TML assisted the City in reviewing over 1,350 municipally related bills and, more importantly, the TML helped defeat 350 pieces of legislation that were deemed detrimental to Texas cities and during the Special Session on school finance called earlier this year, the TML was instrumental in identifying the potential harm that such reform could have on Texas cities; and

WHEREAS, the TML offers training through numerous workshops on land use, telecommunications, franchising, annexation and land development, grant writing, open government, employment law and youth programs, as well as the Annual Conference and Exhibition and the Annual Institute of the Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners and publications such as *Texas Town and City*, *TML Legislative Update*, *Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers in Home Rule Cities* and the *Texas City Officials Directory and Buyers Guide* offer member cities excellent means of communication and serve as valuable tools in alerting cities of important governmental or private sector actions or proposed actions, which may affect city operations; and

WHEREAS, the TML promotes constructive and cooperative relationships among cities and between the TML and other levels of governments, councils of governments, the National League of Cities, educational institutions, and the private sector and the TML provides any additional services or information which individual members may request that are consistent with a member cities' common interests and the TML's resources; and

WHEREAS, membership in the TML also allows elected and top appointed officials of the City the opportunity to serve on numerous committees and directly impact agenda and policy development; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Payment to the Texas Municipal League for membership dues in the amount of \$45,251.00 for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 is hereby authorized and approved.

SECTION 2. Funds in the amount of \$45,251.00 are authorized to be encumbered in Cost Center 8002430001, General Ledger 5203050 entitled "Membership Dues", Fund Number 11001000 entitled "General Fund" and made payable to the Texas Municipal League when a purchase order is issued.

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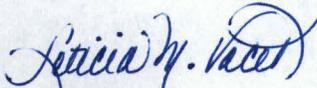
SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of October, 2004.



M A Y O R
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for City Attorney

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager

COPIES: J. Rolando Bono, Interim City Manager; Peter Zaroni, Office of Management & Budget Director; File

SUBJECT: Authorizing payment of membership dues to the Texas Municipal League

DATE: October 21, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND

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Services provided by TML to member cities include direct assistance on legislative matters before the Texas Legislature, monthly legislative updates, as well as research on specialized city concerns. TML also works closely with the National League of Cities (NLC) on federal issues affecting municipal governments.

TML offers training through numerous workshops as well as the Annual Conference and Exhibition and the Annual Institute of the Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners to facilitate the study and exchange of information on relevant municipal government issues. Publications such as *Texas Town and City*, *TML Legislative Update*, *Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers in Home Rule Cities* and the *Texas City Officials Directory and Buyers Guide*, offer member cities an excellent means of communication and serve as a valuable tool in alerting cities of important governmental or private sector actions or proposed actions, which may affect city operations.

Additionally, TML promotes constructive and cooperative relationships among cities and between the League and other levels of governments, councils of governments, the National League of Cities, educational institutions, and the private sector. TML provides, in a timely

manner, any additional services or information which individual members may request, consistent with a member cities' common interests and the League's resources.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The City of San Antonio has been a member of the Texas Municipal League since 1934. During the 78th Legislative Session, state lawmakers filed approximately 5,800 bills. TML assisted the City in reviewing over 1,350 municipally-related bills. More importantly, TML helped defeat 350 pieces of legislation that were deemed detrimental to Texas cities. During the Special Session on school finance called earlier this year, TML was instrumental in highlighting how reform could potentially hurt cities.

TML staff provides legal and technical information on all aspects of city governance and operations. Two conferences – the Municipal Conference & Exhibition and the Annual Institute of the Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners – offer elected officials and City staff enhanced knowledge and skills each year. Training workshops are also offered throughout the year on land use, telecommunications franchising, annexation and land development, grant writing, open government, employment law and youth programs.

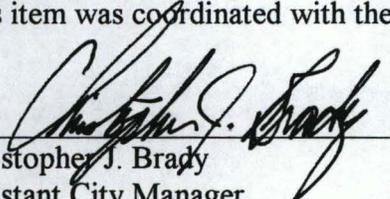
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FISCAL IMPACT

Funds in the amount of \$45,251, has been budgeted in the City's FY 2004-2005 General Fund. This is the same amount as last year's dues. Dues are based on San Antonio's population, according to 2000 Census data.

COORDINATION

This item was coordinated with the Office of Management & Budget.



Christopher J. Brady
Assistant City Manager

Approved by:



J. Rolando Bono
Interim City Manager