



Request for Council Action

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Tim Murray, City Administrator
MEETING DATE: February 25, 2020
SUBJECT: Resolution 2020-033 Approve Travel to Faribault's Sister-City of Würzburg, Germany and Associated Expenditures

Background:

The City (specifically the Mayor) received an invitation from our Sister City, Würzburg, Germany to attend the annual Mozart Festival held there, along with participation in other planned activities. Our two cities have maintained a 70-year long sister-city relationship with delegations from both cities having visited one another over the years. The City of Faribault has not sent a representative to Würzburg since 2015, at which time Mayor John Jasinski and City Administrator Brian Anderson represented the City.

Mayor Kevin Voracek would like to represent the City of Faribault by attending the Mozart Festival and other scheduled events. The dates of travel are May 26 through June 2, 2020 with an estimated cost of \$1,884. Expenses include approximately \$1,099 for airfare, up to \$385 for seven days per diem, and additional minor expenses not anticipated to exceed \$400. Lodging is being provided by the City of Würzburg.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2020-033

Attachments:

- Resolution 2020-033
- Invitation from Lord Mayor of Würzburg
- Page from the City's Public Purchase Expenditure Policy

CITY OF FARIBAULT

RESOLUTION #2020-033

APPROVE TRAVEL TO FARIBAULT'S SISTER-CITY OF WÜRZBURG, GERMANY AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Faribault ("City Council") understands that all expenditures of public funds by the City of Faribault ("City") can only be made for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Supreme Court has stated that a public expenditure fulfills a public purpose when:

- (a) the expenditure benefits the community as a whole;
- (b) the purpose of the expenditure is directly related to a governmental function; and
- (c) the purpose of the expenditure primarily benefits the public interest, not a private interest; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 412.221, Subdivision 32 gives cities the authority to expend funds for the good order of the city, to prevent crime, to benefit trade and commerce, and to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dorothy Beebe was the motivating force behind relief action for the city of Würzburg, Germany following World War II. Mrs. Beebe called upon her hometown of Faribault, Minnesota to assist with the relief action and eventually the City adopted the city of Würzburg, Germany in 1949; and

WHEREAS, the City and the City of Würzburg, Germany have maintained a 70-year sister-city relationship with delegations from both cities having visited one another over the years; and

WHEREAS, the City has not sent a representative to Würzburg since 2015 at which time former Mayor John Jasinski and former City Administrator Brian Anderson represented the City; and

WHEREAS, this year, Lord Mayor Schuchardt of Würzburg, Germany extended an invitation to Mayor Kevin F. Voracek and a guest to visit Würzburg in May of 2020 to attend the Mozart Festival and participate in other scheduled activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the invitation from the Lord Mayor of Würzburg, Germany and finds that accepting the invitation and incurring the expenditures related to travel to Würzburg, Germany benefits the community as a whole because:

- (a) it promotes and fosters continuation of long-standing relationships, tradition and international goodwill;
- (b) it is directly related to the governmental functions of trade and commerce and the fostering of such governmental functions;
- (c) it is directly related to tourism, promotion and marketing for the City;
- (d) it is directly related to developing opportunities for economic development for the City including international goodwill and marketing connections and the development of trade opportunities for City businesses, and development of tourism and further exchange opportunities between the City and Würzburg through invitations, promotion, marketing and advertising for City events such as Heritage Days, etc.; and
- (e) it is determined by the City Council that it primarily benefits the overall public interest because of the collective findings set forth in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the dates of travel are May 26 through June 2, 2020 and the approximate cost is \$1,884. Expenses will include approximately \$1,099 for airfare, up to \$385 for seven days per diem, and additional minor expenses not anticipated to exceed \$400; and

WHEREAS, the City's adopted Public Purchase Expenditure Policy authorizes the expenditure of public funds for international, cultural, and economic development programs, including Sister Cities programs, or their equivalent, and official travel related to said events.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARIBAULT, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The recitals set forth in this Resolution are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution.
2. The City Council has considered the invitation from the Lord Mayor of Würzburg, Germany and finds that accepting the invitation and incurring the expenditures related to travel to Würzburg, Germany benefits the community as a whole because:
 - (a) it promotes and fosters continuation of long-standing

- relationships, tradition and international goodwill;
 - (b) it is directly related to the governmental functions of trade and commerce and the fostering of such governmental functions;
 - (c) it is directly related to tourism, promotion and marketing for the City;
 - (d) it is directly related to developing opportunities for economic development for the City including international goodwill and marketing connections and the development of trade opportunities for City businesses, and development of tourism and further exchange opportunities between the City and Würzburg through invitations, promotion, marketing and advertising for City events such as Heritage Days, etc.; and
 - (e) it is determined by the City Council that it primarily benefits the overall public interest because of the collective findings set forth in this Resolution.
- 3. The City Council approves the request for out-of-state travel for Mayor Kevin F. Voracek to visit Faribault's sister-city of Würzburg, Germany from May 26 through June 2, 2020.
- 4. The City Council concludes as follows:
 - (a) Paying for the Mayor to travel to Würzburg, Germany, benefits the community as a whole;
 - (b) The expenditure of funds for such a trip is directly related to a governmental function; and
 - (c) The purpose of the expenditure primarily benefits the public interest, not a private interest.
- 5. Based on the above findings and conclusions, the City Council determines that using public money for the Mayor to travel to Würzburg, Germany is a lawful expenditure of public funds and is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.221, Subd. 32.
- 6. The amount of such public expenditure approved in this Resolution shall not exceed \$1,884.00.
- 7. Upon returning from his trip, the Mayor shall report to the City Council with the benefits derived to the City from the trip.
- 8. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions and to execute all appropriate documents to effectuate the actions contemplated by this Resolution.

9. The Mayor and City Administrator, staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all additional steps and actions necessary or convenient in order to accomplish the intent of this resolution.

Date Adopted: February 25, 2020

Faribault City Council

Kevin F. Voracek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Timothy C. Murray, City Administrator



DER OBERBÜRGERMEISTER DER STADT WÜRZBURG

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Mayor Kevin Voracek
City Hall
208 First Avenue N.W.
Faribault MN 55021-5180
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Würzburg, 17 December 2019

"Where words fail, music speaks."
(Hans Christian Andersen)

Dear Mayor Voracek,

Inviting the representatives of Würzburg's Sister Cities to the opening of the reknown Mozart Festival has become a good tradition. I therefore take great pleasure in asking you to be our guest for next year's Mozart Festival in May 2020.

Please give us the honour of your presence at the opening of the Mozart Festival on May, 29. The Opening Concert will be followed by the City of Würzburg's Festive Reception in the Garden Hall of the Prince Bishops' Palace.

In the course of your visit we will invite you to meet and exchange with the representatives of our sister cities. It will also allow us to bring our sister cities together, to talk about different ongoing and planned projects as well as common goals.

We would be happy to welcome you in Würzburg from 28 to 31 May 2020. You are most welcome to bring along one more person. Accommodation and programme will be provided by the City of Würzburg.

We are very much looking forward to receiving your confirmation until the end of February 2020. Please contact our international office by phone at 0049 931 372702 or send an e-mail to katja.schroeder@stadt.wuerzburg.de.

With kind regards from Würzburg

Christian Schuchardt

D. Membership, Dues and Contributions

The City Council has determined that the City will fund memberships and dues (individual or organization) in professional organizations, and local social and community organizations when the purpose is to promote, advertise, improve or develop the City's resources and advantages that advance the City's efforts in improving economic development, civic, educational and governmental efficiency but such expenditures shall not have as their primary purpose the personal interest or gain of an individual employee.

Monetary contributions to civic organizations must be approved by the City Council during the annual budget process and/or by City resolution. Monetary contributions provided by the City must be for programs that serve our citizens and are deemed to meet the public purpose guidelines.

E. International, Cultural, and Economic Development Programs

The City Council has determined that funds may be expensed for the purpose of advertising the City and its resources and advantages. Sister Cities programs, or their equivalent, are expressly authorized by this provision. Funds appropriated pursuant to this authority may be allocated for activities such as preparation or advertising materials, official travel to related events, and monuments memorializing participation in such events. Funds appropriated pursuant to this authority may further be used in any manner that the City Administrator deems appropriate for the purpose of advancing the City's interests with respect to international, cultural, or economic development activities.

F. Community Events, Festivals, and Celebrations

The City Council authorizes the allocation and expenditure of funds for the purpose of hosting or participating in community events, festivals, or celebrations. The City shall not expend any funds unless it has been determined, by the City Administrator, that participation in such event shall positively advertise the City.

Appropriation of Funds

The cost of the authorized public purpose expenditures will be included in the City's annual budget and approved by the Council as part of the overall budget approval process which includes public notification and opportunity for public input regarding budgeted expenditures.

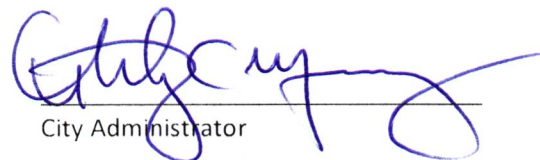
THIS POLICY SPECIFICALLY REPEALS AND REPLACES PRIOR CITY POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDA RELATIVE TO PUBLIC PURPOSE EXPENDITURES AND PURCHASING POLICIES.

Approved:



Mayor

November 12, 2019



City Administrator