

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 7, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

FROM: Kenneth Fields, City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution 2014-05, Cell Phone Allowance for the Mayor

SYNOPSIS: The City Commission will consider the adoption of Resolution 2014-05, which will provide a cell phone allowance to the mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation is for the City Commission to adopt Resolution 2014-05, providing for a cell phone allowance to the Mayor at a bi-weekly amount of \$17.50.

BACKGROUND

The City Charter amendments adopted in April 2012 expanded the duties of the mayor and have caused an increase in the mayor's personal cell phone expenses. As a result of these additional expenses on the City's behalf, the City Manager is recommending that a cell phone allowance of \$17.50 bi-weekly be provided to the mayor, which is consistent with the amount the City provides other staff members who use their personal phones for City business. Providing a cell phone allowance is more effective than providing a City-paid phone as there is no need to track and pursue reimbursement on personal calls made and the Mayor will not have to publish a new contact number.

OTHER OPTIONS

Do not approve Resolution 2014-05 as proposed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cell phone allowance will cost \$455 annually.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2014-05

RESOLUTION 2014-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE RELATED TO THE DUTIES OF THE MAYOR AS SPECIFIED IN THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES

WHEREAS, the duties of the Mayor were expanded through an amendment to the City Charter approved by the electorate in 2012; and

WHEREAS, these expanded duties have led to a significant increase in the Mayor's personal cell phone expenses related to the performance of the duties as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the public to provide an allowance to the Mayor to defray the increased cell phone expenses associated with the performance of the Mayor's duties as set forth in the City's Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA:

1. A cell phone allowance shall be provided to the Mayor in the amount of \$17.50 bi-weekly.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Florida this _____ day of March 2014.

Eugene L. Fultz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk