

WHEREAS, Chapter III, Section 4(e) of the Dallas City Charter provides in part:

If any city councilmember, including the mayor, misses more than 10 percent of the total number of regular meetings held by the city council during any compensation year, then the city councilmember's compensation ... for that year will be reduced proportionately by the number of meetings missed.... Meetings missed by a city councilmember while he or she is on official business of the city and at the direction of the city council will not be counted towards the percentage of meetings missed for which compensation reduction is required... but will be counted as though the member had attended the meetings that are missed while so engaged in city business; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.11(b) of the City Council Rules of Procedure provides that an absence by a councilmember for (1) attending a meeting or conference of a professional organization or association of municipalities or municipal officers, (2) testifying at a legislative hearing at the request of the mayor, the city council, the chair of the council's legislative affairs committee or the city manager, or (3) attending a meeting of a board, commission, or committee to which the councilmember has been appointed by the mayor or the city council, will automatically be deemed to be for "official city business at the direction of the city council" and will not be counted against a city councilmember for purposes of determining the councilmember's annual compensation; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.11 (c) of the City Council Rules of Procedure provides that in addition to those absences automatically considered to be on "official city business at the direction of the city council," under Section 4.11(b) above, the city council may by resolution designate whenever a councilmember's absence is for official city business and not counted as a missed meeting for purposes of determining the councilmember's annual compensation under Chapter III, Section 4 of the Dallas City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Tennell Atkins and Councilmember Angela Hunt participated in events as noted in **Exhibit A**, attached, which required them to miss city council committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, the purpose for participating in these various meetings required Councilmember Tennell Atkins and Councilmember Angela Hunt to miss city council committee meetings as noted in **Exhibit A** attached; **Now, Therefore**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF DALLAS

SECTION 1. That, in accordance with Chapter III, Section 4(e) of the Dallas City Charter and Section 4.11(c) of the City Council Rules of Procedure, the purpose for Councilmember Tennell Atkins and Councilmember Angela Hunt being absent from city council committee meetings as noted in **Exhibit A** attached, is hereby deemed to be for "official city business" and any absences will not be counted against Councilmember Tennell Atkins and Councilmember Angela Hunt in determining their annual compensation under Chapter III, Section 4 of the Dallas City Charter.

SECTION 2. That, in accordance with Section 4.11 of the City Council Rules of Procedure, the City Secretary shall maintain a record of these absences so that such absences will not count against Councilmember Tennell Atkins and Councilmember Angela Hunt in determining their annual compensation under Chapter III, Section 4 of the Dallas City Charter.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the Charter of the City of Dallas and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED BY
CITY COUNCIL

JUN 22 2011


City Secretary

EXHIBIT A
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S)
TRIPS – REQUEST ABSENT ON OFFICIAL CITY BUSINESS

COUNCILMEMBER	TRIP/EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	PURPOSE	MEETING(S) MISSED	STATUS
Tennell Atkins	Meeting with constituent	Council District	05/16/11	Meeting with constituent in District	Housing Council Committee – 05/16/11	Complete
Angela Hunt	Tour of Dallas with Officials of League of American Bicyclists	Dallas, Texas	05/23/11	Touring Dallas with President and Vice President of League of American Bicyclists	Budget, Finance and Audit Council Committee – 05/23/11	Complete

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