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Council Action and Executive Summary

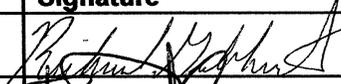
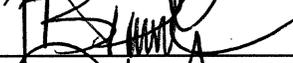
Item # 4 Ordinance/Resolution# 11-164 Council District:

For Meeting of February 7, 2011
 (Adoption Date)

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES TO RENEW ITS MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,952.00 FROM MARCH 1, 2011 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2012.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION: Authorization to renew membership and payment of annual membership dues.

Drafter and Staff Contact: Robert Garza 		Department: Administration		Phone: 541-2076	
Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Department Director		541-2076	Budget		541-2107
Other			Assistant City Manager		541-2271
Legal		541-2128	City Manager		541-2076

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The National League of Cities (NLC) was established in 1924 and is the oldest, largest and most represented organization serving local governments. NLC serves as an advocate for its members in Washington in the legislation, administrative, and judicial processes which affect them; develops and pursues a national municipal policy that meets present and future needs of the nation's cities and the people who live in them; provides training, technical assistance and information to municipal officials to help them improve the quality of local government; and undertakes research and analysis on issues of importance to the nation's cities and town.

The City of Las Cruces has participated in the NLC for several years and desires to continue its membership. The membership provides the opportunity to tap the experience and ability of municipal leaders nationwide to get the information and answers necessary to make sound decisions and to become active in shaping policies that will determine the success of our community in the future. NLC sponsors various conferences which are attended by members of council who bring back valuable information.

Membership dues are scaled according to population. Las Cruces' dues are set at \$5,952.00 based on population data received of 74,267. The 2000 Census data found Las Cruces to be in the 70,0001 to 80,000 range.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
2. National League of Cities Invoice Number 31932 - Exhibit "A".

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the (# and Fund Name) Fund.		
Does this action create any revenue?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: (Fund #) in the amount of \$ _____ for FY _____.
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
General Fund Council Dues	10100030-724400	\$5,952	\$5,955	\$3	N/A

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes" and approve the Resolution to continue the City's participation in the National League of Cities.
2. Vote "No" to discontinue the City's participation in the National League of Cities.
3. Table the Resolution to a date specific to provide time to gather more information.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-164

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The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces desires to continue membership in the National League of Cities (NLC); and

WHEREAS, the NLC provides elected officials the opportunity to tap the experience and ability of municipal leaders nationwide, to get the information and answers necessary to make sound decisions for the success of our communities in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces has participated in this organization for several years; attending various conferences sponsored by NLC and bringing back valuable information; and

WHEREAS, the dues are set according to population.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City of Las Cruces shall continue its membership to the National League of Cities.

(II)

THAT the City of Las Cruces shall submit membership dues in the amount

of \$5,952.00 and continue its membership from March 1, 2011 to February 28, 2012.

(III)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2011.

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

VOTE:
Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Connor: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Thomas: _____

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney



Second Renewal Notice

Membership Renewal Notice

Printed: 1/5/2011

{Renewal Information}

Bill To:

3180

Renewal Notice: 31932

Terrence R. Moore - City Manager
 City of Las Cruces
 PO Box 20000
 Las Cruces, NM 88004-9002

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Note: A municipality must be a current member of its State League to be a member of NLC.

Membership Type	Population	Begin Date	End Date
DMC / NLC/State League-Dues	74,267	03/01/2011	02/28/2012

Voluntary Contributions

Legal Defense Fund contribution: suggested (5% of annual dues)	OR Other LDF contribution: _____
Total with suggested contribution: \$6,249.60	Total Payment: _____

Total: \$5,952.00
 Adjustments: \$0.00
 Payment/Allowance: \$0.00
Amount Due: \$5,952.00

Joined: 05/01/1974

Is your Municipality taking advantage of their NLC Membership ?

NLC LEGAL DEFENSE FUND: In December 2002, the NLC board of directors authorized the creation of an NLC Legal Defense Fund. This fund will be supported in part by voluntary contributions from NLC members. The fund will cover fees for carefully selected litigation on behalf of municipalities where a court decision or regulatory ruling—either favorable or unfavorable—could have a significant impact.

The NLC board suggests that member cities make an annual contribution to of an amount equal to five (5) percent of their annual dues which is included in your invoice--voluntary contributions of any size are welcome. Funds collected will accumulate in an interest-bearing account. A committee of local government legal experts will oversee the fund's operations and select the cases on which NLC will intervene. If you have any questions, please contact Lars Etkorn at etkorn@nlc.org. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important initiative.

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO:
 (include this stub with payment)

MEMBERSHIP LOCKBOX 4047
 National League of Cities
 PO Box 17425
 Baltimore, MD 21298-8220

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Customer #: 3180 Renewal Notice: 31932
 Amount Due: \$5,952.00
Payment:
 Check # _____
 Visa MasterCard
 Card # _____ Exp: _____

 Print Name as it appears on Card

 Authorized Signature

The Amount shown above is the amount of your city's annual dues for membership in the National League of Cities. It includes the cost of an annual subscription to Nation's Cities Weekly newspaper for eligible elected officials from your city. Questions or Corrections? Please contact the NLC Member Services Department at (202) 626-3100.