

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Dennis Reeves, Director of Public Works
Through:
Date: October 9, 2012
Subject: Donated Registration for Public Works Employees
American Public Works Association Fall Conference
October 24-26, Ocean Springs

REQUEST:

This item consists of a request to the City Council to approve up to three employees from the Public Works Department to attend the 2012 American Public Works Association (APWA) Fall Conference in Ocean Springs on October 24-26, 2012.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Gautier currently has four (4) active memberships in the APWA. This association promotes the continuing education and training of Public Works employees by hosting “Lunch and Learn” meetings with local vendor’s and contractor’s presenting new technologies and procedures related to the day to day activities of Public Works. One such meeting was held in Gautier not long ago at one of our local restaurants, with approximately 25 participants. The APWA also fosters camaraderie with other Cities and Counties along the Gulf Coast, which is a valuable asset to have when assistance is needed in emergency situations.

DISCUSSION:

Because of recent budget constraints, the City of Gautier is not in a financial position to pay the registration fee for our members to attend the Fall Conference.

A local engineering firm has offered to allow two employees to use spots they had already paid for but cannot fill due to scheduling conflicts.

Two more contractors have also offered to allow their unfilled spots to be used if available.

These positions have already been purchased by these sponsors, and may go unfilled. There are no registrations being purchased to accommodate any employee of the City of Gautier.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attendance of up to three employees of the Public Works Department for attendance at some or all of the events associated with this Conference.

ATTACHMENT(S):

2012 Fall Conference Agenda