



## OIG report critical of Sanitation Director Veronica White's travel expenses

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NEW ORLEANS -- The Office of Inspector General issued a report Wednesday critical of travel costs by Sanitation Director Veronica White, citing missing receipts, lack of documentation and what it calls unreasonable business expenses.

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The office also took issue with having the ticket of a non-city employee who was accompanying White on a business trip charged to a city credit card. While city officials said the person reimbursed the city, the inspector general's office said the practice of putting non-city employees on a city credit card should be discontinued.

Of the \$27,131 in White's travel expenses that the inspector general's office reviewed, 14 percent, or \$3,902, were without receipts according to the office. \$867 counted as policy violations.

Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said the audit raises questions about White's expenses, including several cases where the city reimbursed her for travel, meals, parking and other items without a receipt, or while she was also receiving a per diem. He said the expenses were "neither reasonable nor necessary," and the city should update its policy to prevent future incidents.

In a response to the report, Chief Administrative Officer Brenda Hatfield said the inspector general's office only looked at credit card charges found in the Finance Department, not in the Sanitation Department, where she said the documentation such as missing receipts and canceled checks were located. The city said the

protocol has changed, and all of the documentation will be filed in the Sanitation Department from now on.

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