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On October 1, 2004, City Council enacted a 6-Month Pilot Program enabling hybrid vehicles to park at on-street and off-street parking meters in the City without depositing coins as long as they comply with any posted time limits and parking restrictions (Council File 04-1362). This program is an extension of the free parking at City parking meters program for Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) and Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (SULEVs) that are designated as "Clean Air Vehicles" by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Mayor and City Council supported this initiative in an effort to promote ownership of fuel-efficient vehicles and demonstrate environmental leadership. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently preparing a report analyzing the future cost and revenue impacts of extending the hybrid program on a permanent basis. However, it is unlikely that DOT and City Council will have sufficient time to fully evaluate the hybrid program by the 6-Month Pilot Program expiration date of March 31, 2005.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the 6-Month Pilot Program enabling hybrid vehicles to park for free at City parking meters be extended to a new termination date of May 31, 2005, so that this program can continue while its long-term financial impacts are under evaluation.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to report to Transportation Committee how it has explained this program extension to its staff, to ensure that meter-enforcement personnel are aware that they should not ticket hybrid vehicles that are parked at City parking meters and are in compliance of posted time limits through May 31, 2005.

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