

# TRANSPORTATION

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## MOTION

The City Administrative Officer has recently released updated financial information for the remainder of 2007-08 and overall projections for 2008-09. As the City's revenues continue to stay flat or decrease and expenditures continue to grow, the budget gap continues to become larger and the City must cut expenditures to balance the budget. Expenditure reductions are often in direct conflict with the City's customer-service goals, and reductions in certain areas must be taken to maintain service levels in other areas.


One example of this conflict is the City's provision of parking validations. The City currently spends approximately \$500,000 in parking validations annually. While it is very important for City departments to be customer-service oriented and one can argue that parking validations make it easier for citizens to do business, parking validations are not a requirement. Various departments use parking validations, especially in leased facilities. At this time when the City is facing decisions between layoffs or expenditures, it would be helpful to know how much City departments and commissions pay for parking validations and how they fund this cost.

At this time, these funds can be better spent providing direct service to customers rather than for parking validations.

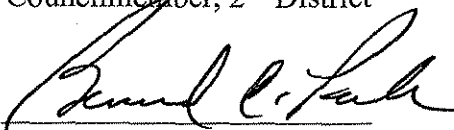
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request that the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst report back to the Council on the following items in 30 days:

1. The amount of money that every department and commission is budgeted for and spends annually on parking validations;
2. The source of funds used to purchase parking validations; and
3. Direct the appropriate departments and commissions to cease further expenditures for parking validations and direct those funds back to the originating fund to cover other expenditures.

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