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MOTION ON NOTICE

6. External Audit Review

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Councillor Kerry Jang

WHEREAS Council is committed to minimizing the property tax burden on residents and businesses by maximizing the efficiency of the City's operations without compromising necessary public services;

AND WHEREAS the recent economic downturn has challenged the City's finances and magnified the need to find lasting efficiencies and cost savings;

AND WHEREAS the City Manager is implementing temporary cost savings measures to balance the 2009 operating budget, which should ultimately be replaced with sustainable permanent efficiencies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Manager issue a request for proposal for external audit resources to assist with a comprehensive review of the businesses in all City departments and Boards, as well as Easy Park and the PNE. The review would include:

1. An examination of savings or shared service improvement opportunities in the City's provision of internal services, including I&T, human resources, legal services, accounts payable, purchasing, time entry, payroll, security, building maintenance, yards, and other services.
2. An examination of City reserves and the five City funds to identify and report possible changes of process and structure to produce efficiencies, opportunities or cost reductions.
3. An examination of City activities to identify those not mandated by legislation, no longer a priority, of questionable efficacy, or otherwise a candidate for reduction or elimination.
4. Any other change in business practices that could produce efficiencies or cost reductions.

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