

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

08-0545R(a)

REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATION REVISE BUDGET BALANCING PLAN TO PRESERVE FULL TIME CITY POSITIONS BY REALLOCATING THE REMAINING 2008 AND 2009 HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

BY PRESIDENT REINERT, COUNCILOR CUNEO AND COUNCILOR ANDERSON:

WHEREAS, the council acknowledges the seriousness of the 2008 budget operating deficit and the projected 2009 deficit, and acknowledges its responsibility to work constructively with the administration to balance the budget; and

WHEREAS, the council acknowledges the efforts of the administration to balance the budget; and

WHEREAS, the council acknowledges the need to constantly review and improve the operations of city government; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 194 fewer employees than in 1999 (1,002 in 1999, 808 in 2008) and the council agrees with the administration that the city is already short-staffed; and

WHEREAS, the council believes the seriousness of the budget and the proposed cuts warrants a reprioritization of city initiatives; and

WHEREAS, public life, which includes such areas as libraries, parks and public recreation, are important components of city infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the council requests the administration reconsider its plan to close libraries and to lay off library and parks and recreation employees in consideration of additional fiscal resources.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the council requests that the administration transfer all of the 2008 housing investment fund which has not already been spent to the general fund to be used to maintain city staffing, with a priority on restoring cuts to public life infrastructure programs (libraries and parks and recreation).

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the council requests that the administration transfer the monies budgeted to the 2009 housing investment fund to the general

fund in 2009 to maintain city staffing, with an emphasis on public life infrastructure programs.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to request that the administration review and reconsider its budget balancing plans as they affect the city's library and parks and recreation systems and that it transfer the remaining monies in the housing investment fund for 2008 and all of the housing investment fund for 2009 to the general fund to be used to avoid such closings and lay offs affecting areas of public life infrastructure, including libraries, parks and recreation.