

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 19, 2005

TO: Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor Tom Bates

SUBJECT: Alternative Language for Item #33, Referral to Budget Process

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council request the " Save the Safety Net Coalition" to provide the appropriate commissions (i.e. Human Welfare, Homeless, Parks and Recreation, and Housing Advisory Commission) for review with a short list of priority allocations if additional funds are available at the mid-year budget review.

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the FY 2006 budget approval, the City Council approved the Mayor's budget amendments, including a list of potential funding restorations to be examined at the mid-year budget review in December. The Council directed all appropriate funding restorations to be reviewed by our commissions prior to any final decision.

In addition, the Council agreed to examine a possible \$225,000 in unallocated funding for the city's "safety net" programs at the mid-year review. Council Members Spring and Worthington have suggested that this additional funding be referred to the Commissions now for their review as well as the list of specific allocations contained in the Mayor's budget.

This item makes a small adjustment to that referral by asking the commissions to identify two or three priority allocations if additional resources are available at the mid-year. This will provide the Council with important information about unmet community needs without setting up a specific budget target and the expectations that go with it.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** None at this time, potential expenditures at the mid-year review.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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