



## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Jeff Knodel, Deputy CFO  
Financial and Administrative Services Department

DATE: July 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Ratification Item – Purchase of Hybrid Vehicles

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On Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> the City received notification from Ford Motor of a July 18<sup>th</sup> deadline for governmental fleet buyers to place orders for Ford Escape hybrid vehicles for delivery through the end of calendar year 2009. The Escape model is a small gas-electric hybrid SUV that is economical to operate as compared to a full-sized SUV. The City currently operates 75 Escapes and has experienced good operational results from them.

In order to meet the July 18<sup>th</sup> deadline, the City placed an order for 20 Escape hybrids; 8 remaining to be purchased in FY 08 and 12 planned for FY09. The total cost is approximately \$532,000. The vehicle order detail is as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>
Austin Water Utility		7
Watershed Protection-Enterprise		2
Watershed Protection-Gen Fund	5	
Fire	1	3
Health	2	

This item will be brought forward to City Council in August to request approval of this ratification item

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