



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

On Wednesday, July 9th the City received notification from Ford Motor of a July 18th 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 18th 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

xc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
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