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Jim Kalb, Mayor
Trent Williams, Auditor
Honorable Council Members
728 Second Street
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Re: **Reported Revenue Shortfall for 2009 Operating Budget**

The Auditor reported at the July 27, 2009 that the Mayor was provided updated numbers regarding General Fund revenues, Enterprise Fund revenues, and stated that *"so far it is not looking very good."* The Auditor stated he would finalize the numbers (revenue) and give them to the Mayor for his consideration. Within the August 10, 2009 Council packet the Auditor supplied a revised General Fund Revenue Summary dated July 30, 2009 which projected an estimated revenue shortfall of \$1,012,000. The Mayor reported having met and discussed the revenue shortfall with his department heads and advised Council that *"necessary cuts will be made to finish the year in the black."*

The July (Month 7) monthly expense report printed August 11, 2009, supplied within the August 24th Council packet, indicates \$6,686,533.81 had been expended of a projected \$12,173,466.90 General Fund revenue. The Auditor has revised (7/30/09) his revenue projection to \$11,042,300. Please provide Council the proposed administrative actions required to finish this year in the black.

Keep in mind the 2010 Operating Budget per Section 48 of the City Charter states that *"on or before the fifteenth of November in each year the Mayor shall prepare and submit to the Council a budget presenting a financial plan for conducting affairs of the City for the ensuing fiscal year."* I have no doubt the 2010 fiscal year will require coordinated comprehensive planning in advance to meet our future challenges.

If you should have any questions or comments contact me.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Advocate and Representative on City Council

cc: Michael Jones, Solicitor
Jo Ann Aeh, Clerk (Record)