



City of Placerville MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 11, 2006

TO: City Council

FROM: John Driscoll, City Manager/City Attorney

SUBJECT: **AGREEMENT WITH ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
FOR LEASED PARKING**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with St. Patrick's Church of Placerville for leased parking spaces.

DISCUSSION

When City services were located at the former City Hall, parking for City vehicles and City employees was located directly behind the building (stacked parking) and along the north side of the parking lot adjacent to Hangtown Creek.. With the move of City Hall to 3101 Center Street, some downtown merchants have expressed concern that City Hall employees would utilize the parking structure, thereby reducing the available downtown parking.

In order to alleviate those fears, City Hall employees have continued to utilize the parking behind the former City Hall building, as well as the old railroad right-of-way primarily west of Center Street. With the commencement of the Highway 50 OPS Project, parking in the old railroad right-of-way will soon be eliminated. Also, the Council has directed that staff prepare a Request for Proposals seeking proposals to either purchase or lease the former City Hall building. As a result, that parking will also become unavailable.

There is an obvious need to find appropriate parking for City Hall employees that does not directly impact the limited available downtown parking. In discussing the renewal of the agreement with St. Patrick's Church for additional parking for the Aquatic Center, staff learned that the Church had available approximately 30 more parking spaces that could be leased to the City. Staff has negotiated the proposed agreement with St. Patrick's for the lease of those 30 additional spaces.

The proposed lease rate of \$20.00 per space is less than what many other private parking lots are charging around the City. The proposed 30 spaces are sufficient to accommodate the personnel at City Hall, including occasional temporary help employees. While the parking is not located directly adjacent to the new City Hall, it is certainly within reasonable walking distance from the building.

The proposed lease agreement will help alleviate some of the downtown parking problems by removing 30 vehicles from the immediate downtown area. The concept of City Hall personnel parking in the St. Patrick's lot has met with approval from many of the PDA members.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the lease parking will be \$600.00 per month, and that cost will be prorated against the budget of each department located in City Hall. As the cost is relatively minimal this fiscal year, it can be absorbed by each department's operating budget for this fiscal year and the cost will be programmed into next year's operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed for fiscal impact:

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Finance Director