

The vote to hire 5 new employees without a plan in place to pay for them was so disappointing to me. Many of my fellow residents and I feel this vote was fiscally injudicious. In reality, I expected a more responsible action for spending money from you all. And now Council is facing the dilemma of how to pay for this vote. One could have voted to hire none or could have voted for adding one police person each year, one. Or maybe two a year.

It seems to me that adding a surcharge to my meter is an easy fix-it requires little thought and innovation. Rather than adding another surcharge or tax to pay for the police personnel, I am in favor of adding parking meters to city owned lots. Why would I be amicable to such a different proposal? There really are reasons! It provides revenue for the police, moves us forward on an issue that is part of ECAP and forward on items identified in the transportation plan.