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There has been a surge of threats and attempted shake-downs of patrons at parking lots. Just yesterday and today two City employees were accosted and threatened at parking lots in the Civic Center as they were coming to work. We need to implement some emergency security measures to address this problem. Additionally, if it is happening in parking lots near the Civic Center, it is reasonable to assume that this behavior is happening at public parking lots (both City-owned and commercial) throughout the City. This could endanger both commercial patrons and tourists who are visiting our city.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, the Personnel Department, the Department of General Services and the Department of Transportation be directed to report on the problem of security at public parking lots (both City-owned and commercial). The issues to be addressed should include the following:

1. What temporary security measures can be put in place to address the current surge of threats and crimes at parking lots.
2. What temporary actions can be taken, including suspension of City employee parking rules and protocols to address the current parking crisis so that City employees who are required to come to work can have safe parking available to them.
3. What actions can the Department of General Services take to implement a readily accessible City employee parking accommodation policy in the nearby City lots, including parking in the City Hall mall.
4. The feasibility of installing panic buttons or other emergency call devices and City owned parking lots and requiring similar devices to be installed at all commercial parking lots City-wide in order to address the security needs of all parking patrons and especially of parking patrons who are tourists to the city, both domestic and international.

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