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Mayor Coleman's 2008 Budget Proposal Makes Tough Choices, Moves Saint Paul Forward

***Coleman Budget Proposal Provides Roadmap to Structural Balance by 2010, Provides
Better Service at a Better Price, and Invests in City's Future***

(Saint Paul) - Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman proposed his 2008 budget today before a capacity crowd at the Minnesota History Center. The Mayor's highly anticipated budget focuses on providing a roadmap to structural balance by 2010 through new investments and service improvements.

"This budget proposal will continue to take us down the path of becoming the Most Livable City in America. After months of consultation with the City Council, business leaders, City employees, and the community, my budget proposal is another step to bringing the City's budget to structural balance by 2010, providing better service at a better price, and making key investments in Saint Paul's future," Coleman said.

The Mayor's budget also accounts for the possibility of a widely anticipated special legislative session after Labor Day. The 2008 budget proposal lays out two plans - one based on the possibility of restored LGA through a special session, and one if the State fails to act.

"We are going to have to make some tough choices to close a \$17 million budget deficit while maintaining the high level of service our residents have come to expect. After dealing with more than \$100 million dollars in LGA cuts, I continue to call on the Governor to call a special session that provides real property tax relief for Saint Paul families," Coleman said.

For More Information on the Mayor's 2008 Budget Proposal visit: www.stpaul.gov

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