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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-71, regarding a report on improving lighting in the Riverside neighborhood, please be advised of the following:

On July 22, 2003, the Riverside Neighborhood Association held a meeting at the Callendar Street Community Center to discuss Community Policing and other neighborhood concerns. In addition to the Police Department, staff of the Public Works and Electrical Departments were present and participated in a neighborhood walk of the area following the meeting to review the exterior lighting.

During the neighborhood walk, it was determined that some of the lighting issues in the area were caused by tree foliage covering the lights and that other lights had blown-out bulbs. The Department of Public Works has commenced pruning of trees on several neighborhood streets including Howard and Hew Streets, portions of Putman and Western Avenue as well as at Hoyt Field. Pruning will be completed by August 8, 2003.

With reference to the other lights noted, they have been reported by the Electrical Department to NStar for repair. The City Electrician will be patrolling this neighborhood over the next several weeks to identify other lights that need repair and do an assessment of the area to determine if all street lighting is adequate.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #24

Transmitting communication from
Robert W. Healy, City Manager,
relative to **Awaiting Report Item
Number 03-71**, regarding a report on
improving lighting in the Riverside
neighborhood.

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