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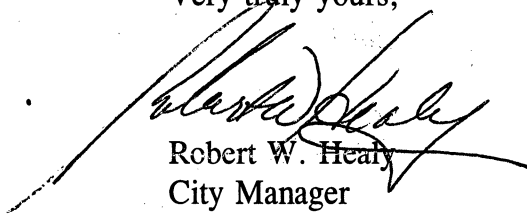
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To the Honorable, the City Council:

The residents of Harwell Homes would like to improve the conditions of a play area or tot-lot that is situated in front of the main entrance to the property. Despite some suggestion that the tot-lot might be on City property, our research indicates that the area is in fact on privately owned land belonging to Harwell Homes, Inc. The Deputy City Manager, Richard C. Rossi, met with representatives of Harwell Homes and explained that it would be possible, nonetheless, for the City to improve and maintain the tot-lot if the property were leased to the City on a long-term basis for a nominal rent. Mr. Rossi explained that if this were accomplished the tot-lot would need to be available as a public tot-lot open to the general public. The representatives of Harwell Homes indicated that they are interested in such a proposal and I have asked the Law Department to draft the necessary legal documents to create a long-term lease of the property. I believe this proposal is advantageous to the City and to the residents of Harwell Homes. I will advise the Council of further developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Consent Agenda #20

5-331

Regarding the City leasing the tot-lot
area situated in front of Harwell Homes
in order to improve and maintain the
space.

In City Council June 2, 1997

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