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May 3, 1999

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report # 99 – 59 regarding the status of renovations to Russell Field, please be advised of the following:

The City Manager's FY2000 Submitted Budget includes \$3,850,000 to fund improvements to Russell Field: \$3,520,000 in bond proceeds, and an anticipated \$330,000 grant from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Division of Conservation Services. Improvements include the construction of a new field house, regrading of the football and soccer fields, field lighting, irrigation system improvements, construction of a new tot lot and community garden, and landscaping and parking improvements.

As you know, the City is in the final stages of environmental testing on the site. Once a method for remediation is determined, it will become a part of construction planning. In addition, during design and construction, the City will utilize the services of a Licensed Site Professional (LSP); the LSP will oversee cleanup efforts, advise on construction practices/soil management, and insure compliance with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection regulations and standards.

We will begin the process of architect/landscape architect selection in May, 1999. We hope to have the community process and construction documents completed and out to bid by June, 2000. As discussed during the Public Investment Fund budget hearing, if improvements to the facility need to be phased, the construction of the building will be in phase one.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Consent Agenda #9

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Relative to AW Rpt. #99-59,
regarding a report on the status
of renovations to Russell Field.

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