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To The Honorable, The City Council:

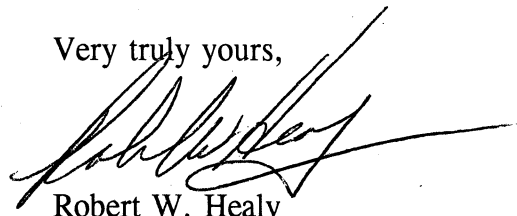
In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 16, regarding the possibility of using graffiti protectant on new utility boxes, Public Works Commissioner Ralph Dunphy reports the following:

Public Works and their graffiti removal contractor are presently using "spray bombs" on most painted surfaces such as traffic control boxes, mail boxes, etc. This is a new coat of paint sprayed over the graffiti that will match the original color paint. At the present time this is the quickest and most cost effective removal for this type of surface.

Using graffiti protectant on painted surfaces such as utility boxes and traffic signal boxes is not effective. Graffiti protectant surfaces must still be power washed to remove graffiti. When this happens, the paint finish is automatically dulled and requires another new coat of paint. The graffiti protectant must also be re-applied after each power wash. This is time consuming and not cost effective. Where graffiti protectant is useful is on brick buildings and signs, location where we are exploring use.

Public Works will continue its efforts to remove graffiti in a timely manner.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #2

Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
Sixteen, regarding the possibility of
using graffiti protectant on new
utility boxes.

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