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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: Jeffrey Nutting, Public Works Coordinator
Date: May 2, 1991
Subject: Council Order #32, dated 4/22/91
Re: Central Square Cleanup Plan

Dear Mr. Healy:

The current Central Square Cleanup Plan includes the following:

- A) The street sweeper - sweeps Central Square
7 days per week - between 4 pm and 8 am
from April 1 - November 30, weather permitting.
- B) A three person work crew with 2 vacuums are
assigned Monday - Friday 7 am - 3 pm and
6 am - 10 am on Saturday and Sunday
from April 1 - November 30, and weather
permitting, in the winter.
- C) The litter baskets are picked up once in the
morning and once between 1 pm - 2 pm, Monday
thru Friday and once in the morning on
Saturday and Sunday year round.
- D) A rubbish truck services Central Square
Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 4 pm - 7 pm
year round.

The program was established to provide for the maximum effort of litter control and avoid creating problems with vehicle and pedestrian traffic.



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Increasing the litter control beyond 3 pm Monday-Friday and in the afternoon on Saturday and Sunday carries a substantial increase in costs to the taxpayer. A three person crew has a minimum hourly cost of \$43.68, and would require employees to work a 12-hour work day on a regular basis.

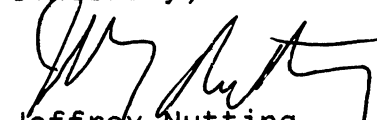
The weekend crew requires a 4 hour minimum payment which could cost a minimum of \$175.00 per day.

The potential cost for a late cleaning on a daily basis for one year would be approximately \$78,653. It would also force mandatory overtime on city employees to the point that productivity could decline.

I would suggest that the business community has better resouces available to handle the litter problem in the late afternoon and can do it at a much lower cost.

If you have any questions on this matter please call.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Nutting
Public Works Coordinator

cc: William Frazier, Supervisor of Sanitation
Josephine Greene, Highway Foreman/Litter



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May 13, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 24, regarding a cleanup plan for Central Square, please find attached a response from Public Works Coordinator Jeffrey Nutting, concerning this issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 3

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Awaiting Report Item Number 24, regarding a
Cleanup Plan for Central Square.

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In City Council,

May 13, 1991

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