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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 26, regarding a report on what procedures the City is taking to prepare for the year 2000 relative to computer technology, please be advised of the following:

As you are aware, the City has been approaching the year 2000 (Y2K) technology issues from a variety of directions. First, regarding systems that run on the City's mainframe, (primarily financial), we have completed 65% of the total Y2K conversion plan utilizing both in-house staff and consultant resources with a projected completion date of June 30, 1999 for editing, testing and implementation of all Y2K compliant software. As a parallel, we have examined hardware and operating systems for Y2K issues and plan to implement any required upgrades by July of 1999.

Secondly, a Y2K audit has been underway in the public safety area under the coordination of George Fosque of the Emergency Communications Department. The audit not yet completed, has identified several issues that need to be addressed both now where funds are available and possibly in the FY00 capital budget.

Finally, all departments have been advised of their responsibility to contact vendors of specialized software/hardware systems in use to ensure Y2K compliance. Y2K issues will be addressed once again at a department head meeting on November 24, 1998 and a review effort under the direction of Finance Director Jim Maloney, MIS Director Lisa Brown and Emergency Communications Director George Fosque will continue.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Relative to AW #26, regarding a
report on what procedures the City
is taking to prepare for the year
2000 concerning computer technology.

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