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To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 28 regarding maintenance and replacement schedules for Police Cruisers, please be advised that since 1984 the City has had the first regular replacement schedule for cruisers in recent history.

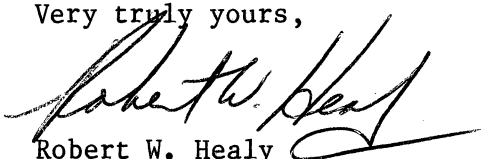
The plan calls for the purchase or lease of seven cruisers per year with a fleet of 21 marked vehicles. This replaces the fleet every three years.

Additionally, the City has made available a full-time mechanic and space for preventative maintenance of Police vehicles only. This preventative maintenance program allows the seven cars per year replacement schedule to be absolutely workable. Also, collision insurance is now carried on cruisers so that the problem of a cruiser being totalled and no money in the budget for replacement has been resolved.

Currently, there are bids out for this year's seven black and whites, and also five replacement unmarked cars, with an estimated delivery date of November.

Thus, the replacement schedule established in 1984 has been followed and the condition of the fleet is good. As in any large fleet operation, one remaining problem is to be solved, encouraging careful attention to the care and operation of the vehicle.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 28 on
maintenance & replacement of Police cruisers.

In City Council,

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