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October 23, 1989

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 55, regarding the Lexington Avenue Fire Station and the Central Fire Station, please be advised as follows:

As the City Council is aware, the City's 5 year capital plan is an orderly process presented each year at budget time. The Capital Investment Committee receives, reviews & recommends to the City Manager projects that have been submitted by department heads. As always, in times of scarce resources, there are more requests for projects than can be financially supported.

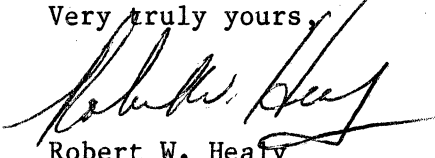
The Council is aware that for the first time in over half a century major renovations to fire stations has been recommended and approved. Engine 6 (River Street) has been completed and Engine 4 (Porter Square) will be renovated this fiscal year.

Central Headquarters will be designed this fiscal year and work commencing in FY 1991. A total of \$1.1 million has been allocated for this work, although it is my belief that additional funds may be required once design work is completed.

During the last six years, approximately \$5,000,000 in City funds have been allocated for Capital Improvements to the Fire Department. If the Fire Chief feels that Lexington Avenue is a priority for his Capital Budget requests, he may submit it for review but in any event, funding would not be available until FY 1992 at the earliest. Repairs of a priority nature will be performed in house.

Again, I reiterate that more funds have been allocated for capital projects in the last 8 years than ever before. However, there are still more needs than funds.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda # 3

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Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
55, regarding renovation of fire station
on Lexington Avenue and repair and paint-
ing of window casings at the Central Fire
Station.

In City Council,

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