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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Bruce Moe, Finance Director
Gwen Eng, General Services Manager

DATE: January 16, 2007

SUBJECT: Ratification of Payment to Trigger the Digger for Demolition Services for Fire Damaged Building in Downtown Manhattan Beach in the Amount of \$29,700. (Insurance Proceeds to Reimburse City.)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council ratify the purchase of demolition services from Trigger the Digger in the amount of \$29,700.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The total cost of these services is \$29,700 and has been paid out of the Public Works Department's budget. This is not a budgeted cost in FY 2006-2007; however, this will be fully reimbursed by the property owner's insurance company.

DISCUSSION:

On November 28, 2006, the City experienced a five-alarm fire in downtown Manhattan Beach which destroyed five businesses. Building officials declared the building unsafe and consequently it was razed and the debris removed. In addition, clearing the debris aided with the fire investigation.

Public Works staff met with the property owner's insurance representative and was given authorization to proceed with demolition and that all costs associated with this incident would be fully reimbursed. Because the total purchase exceeded the formal bid limit of \$20,000, staff is now seeking Council ratification for this expenditure.