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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Bruce Moe, Finance Director
Neil Miller, Public Works Director
Gwen Eng, General Services Manager

DATE: February 7, 2006

SUBJECT: Authorize the Purchase of a Budgeted Pavement Marking Grinder for Public Works from SASE Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$23,593.59

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council: a) waive formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.140 (Waivers) and b) award a purchase order to SASE Company, Inc. in the amount of \$23,593.59.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The original budget for this purchase was \$20,415. The actual cost of the equipment totals \$23,593.59. Sufficient funds are available in the FY 2005-2006 Public Works Department operating budget to cover the \$3,179 shortfall, with no additional appropriation required.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works Department (Street Maintenance Division) performs a number of on-going traffic road-stripping modifications throughout the City. These modifications require removal of existing pavement markings and the application of new markings. The Street Maintenance Division currently has no means of removing road markings except for center lines. The existing pavement grinder is not designed to remove markings, and leaves deep scars in the pavement, which have to be filled with asphalt after they are removed. This is inefficient and costly. As a result, funds for a new marking/grinder device were budgeted in FY 2005-2006.

Staff researched various manufacturers and dealers that could potentially meet our needs and only one, SASE Company, Inc., has the equipment that will meet our requirements. The equipment is specifically designed to remove markings without pavement damage and will attach to our existing Bobcat skid-steer-loader. The only alternative is to contract out for sandblasting, which is extremely messy and requires extensive traffic control and disruption to traffic flow. This device will allow staff to eliminate all "ghosting" of pavement markings and legends, as well as clean up paint spills in traffic lanes.

This piece of equipment is unique and is only available through SASE Company, Inc., which is a direct sales company and does not sell through distributors or other resellers. As a result, competitive bidding is not possible. As a result, we recommend awarding an order to SASE Company, Inc., for the purchase of a pavement marking grinder. If this purchase is approved, the new equipment will arrive in

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approximately 30 days.