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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: David N. Carmany, City Manager

FROM: Bruce Moe, Finance Director
Jim Arndt, Public Works Director
Gwen Eng, General Services Manager

DATE: October 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Consideration of Ratification of Emergency Sewer Repair Expenses from Vaughan's Industrial Repair in the Amount of \$23,501.20

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council: a) waive formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.120 Emergency Procurement and b) ratify the expense for work performed by Vaughan's Industrial Repair in the amount of \$23,501.20 for rebuilding the sewer lift station at City Hall.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Sufficient funds are available in the Public Works Sewer Maintenance budget for this repair.

DISCUSSION:

The City operates two sewage ejector lift pumps at City Hall – one on the north end, and one on the south end. These pumps lift sewage from the lower levels of City Hall up to the main sewer line that ultimately leads to the sewage treatment plant. These pumps have been in continuous operation for approximately 25 years. Recently, there was a problem with the pumps whereby one failed and the other was operating at 50 percent efficiency, which resulted in sewage backup. The consequences of these types of failures are health issues for employees and the general public; therefore staff proceeded to have both pumps repaired on an emergency basis.

Staff determined that these column style pumps were best serviced by a vendor that specializes in this type of product. Our past experience with this vendor has been good and they have always performed well and at a reasonable cost. In order to minimize disruption to City Hall operations, the repairs were staged and performed over four weekends. Due to the immediate repair needs, staff proceeded with the purchase of parts and labor for repairs to the lift station, and is now seeking Council ratification for the expenses. Sufficient funds are available in the Sewer Maintenance Fund to effect the purchase.