

City Council Communication 97-570

December 8, 1997 Agenda

Subject:

Application for FEMA Reimbursement

Submitted by:

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Synopsis —

Following declaration of disaster by the president, FEMA is prepared to reimburse the City for expenses incurred with regard to overtime, equipment costs, contractor costs, and other miscellaneous unbudgeted expenses associated with the snowstorm of October 26, 1997.

Fiscal Impact —

N/A

Recommendation —

Recommend Marshall Grabau be designated as the City's authorized representative and Robyn Ellert as the alternate to negotiate reimbursement with FEMA.

Background —

On October 26, 1997, the City of Des Moines experienced severe snowstorm-related tree damage. Due to the extent of the damage, local, county, and state representatives worked collectively to seek a federal disaster declaration. Based on that request, President Clinton declared the situation a disaster and, in turn, qualified the City for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement of personnel overtime, equipment, and contractor costs. In preparation for making application for reimbursement, the City is required to designate an authorized representative to coordinate with FEMA representatives. Due to his previous experience in handling FEMA reimbursement matters, it is recommended that Budget Analyst Marshall Grabau be designated as the City representative, with Robyn Ellert of the City Manager's Office as the alternate.