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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

### City Manager's Office

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Agenda Date: May 9, 2005  
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Roll Call No.:

Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Director, Community Development

#### SUBJECT—

Board-Up Contract

#### SYNOPSIS—

The contract between the City of Des Moines and Newell Enterprises for the board-ups of vacant and abandoned houses has expired. The City received only one bid for this service. The Bid was from Roger Thompson, AAA Metro Board-up Corp., 2000-9<sup>th</sup> St. Des Moines, IA.

#### FISCAL IMPACT—

The current contract calls for a board-up charge of \$24.50 per opening. In fiscal year 2004 our board up costs were \$28,000. The current bid is for \$35.00 per opening, a 43% increase. Staff estimates that our future board-up expenditures per year will be approximately \$40,000 per year.

#### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

#### BACKGROUND—

Mr. Thompson is the only person that bid on this contract. Mr. Thompson has no experience in this type of business and therefore no track record by which staff can evaluate his potential as a contractor, however, he has a long history as a neighborhood activist and has partnered with the City in numerous neighborhood efforts. It is an interest in neighborhoods and specifically

neighborhood appearance that has caused him to bid this contract. Staff is confident in his ability to deliver this service.