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Submitted by: William G. Stowe, Assistant City
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AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of payment to Thorpe Water Development Company for contract services for emergency repair of sanitary sewer main at 2911 Capitol.

SYNOPSIS:

An emergency sanitary sewer repair required contracted dewatering services that exceeded \$25,000 due to extenuating circumstances. The repair is now completed and service has been restored. Payment to the contractor in the amount of \$28,500 is recommended.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$28,500.00

Funding Source: 2005-06 Operating Budget: Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund EN101 PWK 071001, page 287.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On February 9, 2006, a sanitary sewer collapsed at 2911 Capitol, affecting sewer service for 23 homes on Capitol between East 29th and East 30th. When Public Works crews removed the pavement and started to excavate the site, it became apparent that dewatering would be necessary due to a high water table in the area. Due to the emergency nature of this repair, a contractor was required to respond as soon as possible as Public Works crews were working around the clock performing bypass pumping operations to maintain service until permanent repairs could be completed.

Three bids for drilling wells and installing City-owned well points (dewatering pumps) were solicited from area contractors. Thorpe Water Development was the only respondent who could begin work within a reasonable timeframe.

Therefore, Thorpe Water Development was retained to drill two wells, to install two well points owned by the Public Works Department, and close the wells at a total cost of \$15,000. Subsequently, it was found that the City's well points were too large. As a result, it was necessary to rent well points from Thorpe Water Development. The rental price, as noted on the original bid, was \$1,500 per day for two pumps. These pumps were utilized for nine days for a total of \$13,500. Consequently, the dewatering

operation associated with this sanitary sewer repair totaled \$28,500, which exceeded the \$25,000 threshold, requiring City Council approval.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

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BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

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ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE