



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2022-0120

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Sara Roediger, Director Planning and Economic Development

DATE: March 21, 2022

SUBJECT: Design, Fabrication, and Installation for Sculptures at Avon/Dequindre Roundabouts

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize a contract/blanket purchase order for the design, fabrication, and installation of sculptures at the Avon/Dequindre Roundabouts in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 to Ivan Iller Studios, St. Johns, Michigan and further authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

As a part of the Avon Road and Dequindre Road projects, that are being constructed by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), the City of Rochester Hills wishes to enhance the design of the two roundabouts included in the respective projects through the use of landscaping and sculptures to continue the placemaking efforts along this section of Avon Road. The sculptural features will represent various forms of wild life that are common to the Rochester Hills area in the proposed western roundabout and pay homage to the Yates Cider Mill with an apple tree on the proposed eastern roundabout.

The City's Purchasing Division issued a Request for Proposal utilizing the MITN system, along with doing research to find companies that performed the type of services being sought to ensure the City was reaching the appropriate market in order to obtain competitive proposals. The City received two (2) proposal responses. The proposal responses were reviewed by a committee consisting of staff from DPS/Engineering, Planning and Economic Development, Parks and Natural Resources and the Mayor's office. Based on the committee's review of the responses received, it was determined to conduct interviews with both firms to learn more about past work experience, their proposed sketches for what the envisioned for this project, and questions regarding pricing and ability to meet project deadlines and coordinate with other agencies that are constructing the roundabouts. At the conclusion of the interviews, the committee met to discuss a recommendation for award, which was a difficult decision as both vendors were found to be qualified to perform the work, but based on the vision and own adaption of what the City identified as its intent and what is was looking for from the sculptures to pay tribute to the area, Ivan Iller Studios was deemed to be the best value for the City based on past projects performed, approach to this project, and their passion and excitement for the project. Based on these factors award is recommended to Ivan Iller Studios as the best value vendor for completion of this project.

Ivan Iler Studios is a Michigan based artist, who uses all local materials to construct their sculptures. They are inspired by science and nature and specialize in creating life-like sculptures of animals. Please see the attached Ivan Iler Studios Select Works or visit their website at www.ivanilerstudios.com to see examples of their work.

Both proposed sculptures will be made with stainless steel and bronze, making them able to withstand the weather and need little maintenance. The westernmost roundabout sculpture will be installed this summer, and the easternmost roundabout in the summer of 2023, in conjunction with the construction of each roundabout. Computerized 3-D renderings of the proposed sculptures will be presented at the City Council meeting.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Ivan Iller Studios
 918 E. State Street
 St. Johns, MI 48879

Reason for Selection:

Best Value

Method of Purchase:

Contract/Blanket Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2022 Adopted Budget. In addition to being included as part of the original construction budget, the City will also be utilizing private funds provided to the City as part of the required public benefit from the Redwood PUD development. \$100,000 was provided to the City to install improvements to the immediate area of the Avon and Dequindre intersection. A future budget amendment will be forthcoming to recognize the \$100,000 in revenue for this project from the Redwood PUD, as public/private partnership, to offset the budgeted cost to Major Roads.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Major Road	452.970000	MR-13C: Avon / Dequindre / 23 Mile Project	\$340,000	\$300,000	\$40,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize a contract/blanket purchase order for the design, fabrication, and installation of sculptures at the Avon/Dequindre Roundabouts in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00 to Ivan Iller Studios, St. Johns, Michigan and further authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Procurement Manager		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A