



**City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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**Legislative File No:** 2008-0212

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Roger H. Rousse, DPS Director; Ext. 2497  
**DATE:** May 12, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Austin Drive Extension Proposal for Early Preliminary Engineering Services  
City File #E00-026

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**REQUEST:**

City Council is asked to approve the proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. to provide Early Engineering Preliminary Engineering design services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$32,430.00 and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

**REASON FOR PURCHASE:**

Devondale Road north of Auburn is a dead-end road approximately 3,200 feet long that has both residential and industrial uses present. As seen on the attached drawing, the first 2,000 feet ± shown in blue is zoned and developed as R4 residential and the northerly 1,200 feet shown in green is I1 industrial.

The extension of Austin Avenue west to connect to Devondale Road has been suggested as a desirable project for many years for different reasons. Connection of Austin to Devondale could provide a second access for emergency services and reduce the dead-end road length. A more direct access to the M-59 and Crooks interchange would result from the connection for the businesses along the north end of Devondale. The business traffic along Devondale in front of the existing residential homes would be decreased. A direct road access to Crooks Road would benefit the existing vacant or underutilized industrial property and give an incentive to future development for the benefit of the City tax base.

One major reason that the Austin Avenue extension project has not previously occurred is that Rochester Hills has expected that right-of-way dedication occur by the major property owner along the proposed road alignment. Past years have come close but eventually failed to produce a dedication of the road proposed Austin Avenue right-of-way along with an acceptable development on the parcel remainder. Two parcels that total approximately 10 acres (1.0 and 8.8 acres respectively) provide the majority of the needed road right-of-way for extending Austin Avenue to Devondale.

It now appears that a workable plan is emerging that has the support of the Rochester Hills Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), City administration and the property owner of the two parcels totaling approximately 10 acres that will be traversed by the Austin Avenue extension road alignment. A company now having control over the 10 acres is proposing to construct a large industrial building, and although payment for the road right-of-way will occur, other development incentives exist to move this project forward. It also appears that existing business property owners along Devondale Road support the project to permit paving of Devondale Road fronting the industrially zoned properties.

**PROCESS:**

**Vendor Name and Address:**

Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.  
2001 Centerpoint Parkway, Suite 109  
Pontiac, Michigan 48341

**Reason for Selection:**

Quality-Based Selection

**Method of Purchase:**

Blanket Purchase Order Continuing Service Agreement

**BUDGET:**

The Austin Avenue Extension project is included in the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Plan as MR-10. Engineering design for this project is listed as 100% City share and an estimated total of \$100,000. The engineering and right-of-way acquisition for this project is budgeted in the LDFA plan and also the 2008 City budget. A separate budget amount is included for right-of-way acquisition and will be brought to Council if and when right-of-way acquisition is needed.

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Department Account No</b>	<b>Account No. Description</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
LDFA	970.000	Capital Outlay - Constuction	\$100,000.00	\$32,430.00	\$67,570.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council approve the proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. to provide Early Engineering Preliminary Engineering design services for the extension of Austin Avenue in a not-to-exceed amount of \$32,430.00 and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

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**RESOLUTION**

**NEXT AGENDA ITEM**

**RETURN TO AGENDA**

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
<b>Department Review</b>		
<b>Department Director</b>		
<b>Budget Content: Finance Director</b>		
<b>Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement</b>		
<b>Mayor</b>		
<b>City Council Liaison</b>		

Attachments: HRC EPE Services proposal dated April 8, 2008 (4 pages)  
 GIS drawing showing the roadways, parcels and zoning schematic

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