



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2017-0236

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Tina Barton, City Clerk
DATE: May 5, 2017
SUBJECT: Purchase Authorization for Additional Election Equipment

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize the purchase of additional election tabulators, accessible voting devices (AVD's), and high speed AV tabulators for an amount not to exceed \$267,694.45 from Hart InterCivic located at 15500 Wells Port Dr, Austin, TX 78728. This amount includes six additional tabulators at \$5,000 each, two additional accessible voting devices at \$4,500 each, and four high speed AV tabulators at \$62,065 each. Additionally, we receive a credit of \$3,913.11 which is the difference in the number of tabulators allocated for AV's and the cost of the high speed tabulators.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

A team of Michigan Bureau of Elections staff, local election officials and purchasing agents from the Secretary of State's Office and the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget reviewed the proposals and equipment before recommending approval of a contract with three vendors. Elections staff sought extensive feedback about the systems from local election officials and advocates for Michigan voters with disabilities. Each County Clerk was tasked with picking their vendor or choice for all CVT's in their county. Oakland County chose Hart InterCivic.

The new equipment will be paid for with \$30 million in federal Help America Vote Act money that the Secretary of State's Office has saved for more than a decade, and with \$10 million approved by the Legislature with the support of Gov. Snyder. The tabulators are funded at one per precinct, the accessible voting devices (AVD) at one per polling location and AV tabulators at one per every 3,000 absentee ballots returned in November 2016. The formula used for allocating absentee tabulators is a state formula. The state had \$40,000,000 to spend. After all of the precinct tabulators, AVD's and software were purchased, the state had enough dollars left over to fund at the 1 per 3,000 rate. Initially, additional tabulators will cost \$5,000 per tabulator. After this initial order, the state contract price of \$5,500 will be in effect. Additional AVD's are being purchased at \$4,500 per unit. The entire cost of the initial equipment (not including additional back-up machines or high speed tabulators) purchase and hardware/software maintenance was covered by grant dollars. No local match was required. We are requesting six additional tabulators, two additional accessible voting devices, and four high speed tabulators – one for each district. We are anticipating that these machines will be used for at least ten years. It is very possible that no reason absentee voting could pass during that time. We currently process over 13,000 absentees in a presidential election. That number continues to rise. Based on our selection of high speed machines, our state allocated AV tabulators will be credited to offset the cost.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Hart InterCivic
15500 Wells Port Dr
Austin, TX 78728

Reason for Selection:

County Selection

Method of Purchase:

Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2017 Adopted Budget.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Capital Improvement Fund	420.977000	Capital Equipment	\$390,000.00	267,694.45	\$122,305.55

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize issuance of a purchase order for the purchase of additional election tabulators, accessible voting devices (AVD's), and high speed AV tabulators for an amount not to exceed \$267,694.45 from Hart InterCivic located at 15500 Wells Port Dr, Austin, TX 78728.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		