



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0036

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ken Elwert, Director Parks and Natural Resources
Kelly McBride, Parks Manager

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Avondale Park Playground Renovation

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize a contract/blanket purchase order for the renovation of Avondale Park Playground to Play Environments Design, Holland, Michigan in the amount of \$367,197.96 with a 5% contingency in the amount of \$18,359.90 for a total project amount of \$385,557.86 and further authorizes the Procurement Manager to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

The Procurement Division contacted the Michigan representatives of the five playground manufacturers awarded Omnia national cooperative contracts for playground equipment to provide proposals for the Avondale Park Playground Renovation. A site visit was held, and three of the five representatives attended. The City received three proposals that were determined to be responsive and responsible. Each proposer provided options for both synthetic turf and pour-in-place rubber; however, the evaluation committee—comprised of Parks staff—elected to utilize the turf option to maximize impact safety and the long-term aesthetic harmony of the park.

The evaluation committee ranked Play Environments Design as the highest-scoring vendor based on their competitive cost, superior equipment selection, and innovative use of space. The committee concluded that their proposal represented the best overall value for the City. Consequently, following a period of negotiation, the firm submitted a best and final offer (BAFO) that further optimized project costs and equipment specifications.

Avondale is an 18.5-acre neighborhood park that provides recreational access to the Southwest portion of the city. We have completed other recent (2024-2025) upgrades to the park such as new basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts, renovated the ball field, repaved the parking lot, and provided a trail connection into the adjacent Auburn Green Space. The current playground is split into two sites, one of which is the oldest playground set in the city (20+ years). The current playground requires frequent maintenance because of its age and when a component breaks it is difficult, and in some cases impossible, to procure a replacement part. Furthermore, the existing layout lacks the necessary features for inclusive, accessible play.

The proposed design will consolidate the playground into a single, cohesive site. By relocating the equipment further from the parking lot, road, and the ball diamond's foul ball area, the city will significantly enhance visitor safety. The new playscape will feature a large main structure for ages 5–12, two dedicated structures for ages 2–5, swings, and integrated musical and sensory activities. The entire surface will consist of high-performance turf, ensuring the site meets or exceeds Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for

ground-level accessibility. This project directly aligns with the Parks and Natural Resources Master Plan goal of providing high-quality outdoor spaces through the maintenance or replacement of existing facilities, ensuring a premier play experience for decades to come.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Play Environments Design
563 College Avenue
Holland, MI 48423

Reason for Selection:

Best Value

Method of Purchase:

Contract/Blanket Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2026 Adopted Budget

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Facilities	631.977000	PK-17A: Playground Upgrades	\$420,000.00	\$385,557.86	\$34,442.14

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize a contract/blanket purchase order for the Avondale Park Playground Renovation to Play Environments Design, Holland, Michigan in the amount of \$367,197.96 with a 5% contingency in the amount of \$18,359.90 for a total project amount of \$385,557.86 and further authorizes the Procurement Manager 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