



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0164

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Sara Roediger, Planning and Economic Development Director
Ken Elwert, CPRE, Parks and Natural Resources Director

DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of the Lease Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and THE 1505 AUBURN ROAD LLC

REQUEST:

The City requests City Council approval of the attached Lease Agreement between the City and THE 1505 AUBURN ROAD LLC., Rochester Hills, Michigan to obtain the right to use the east wall of the building located at 1505 E Auburn Rd. for the installation of an art graphic and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

In 2024, we unveiled the [Art on Auburn 2](#) program, building on the success of the original Art on Auburn project. One of the pieces of art that was submitted in the Art on Auburn 2 competition did not meet the specific requirements for Art on Auburn 2 (limited colors, circle shape), however the judges (representatives from the Mayor's office, PNR, PED & PCCA) felt it perfectly matched what the park was trying to portray, with a calming water theme and family values. Because the park abuts a vacant wall, staff was looking for a way to make the wall a feature as it is a perfect backdrop to the park. The cost to install this piece was included in the application for the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for \$756,695 which was approved by City Council on October 20, 2025.

As such, the City, has worked with the property owner immediately west of the Brooklands Plaza to obtain the right to use the east wall of 1505 E Auburn Rd. for an art installation.

Additionally, if the lease is approved, the City will issue a stipend payment in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000 to the artist (Karen Childs) for right to use the artwork. The City will then seek competitive quotes to contract with a firm to turn the artwork into a graphic material that can be applied to the side of the building in an amount estimated not to exceed \$8,000.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

THE 1505 AUBURN ROAD, LLC
1505 E. Auburn Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Reason for Selection:

Lease Agreement

Method of Purchase:

Agreement/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
General Fund	401.801000	PED - Professional Services	\$45,000	\$10,000	\$35,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council approve the attached Lease Agreement between the City and THE 1505 AUBURN ROAD LLC., Rochester Hills, Michigan to obtain the right to use the east wall of the building located at 1505 E Auburn Rd. for the installation of an art graphic and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the 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