



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0095

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

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

DATE: March 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Playground Parts

REQUEST:

The Parks and Natural Resources Department budgets and purchases various playground equipment parts and repair supplies each year to maintain the City's playground systems. For the 2026 through 2028 budget years, it is requested that City Council approve a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the Department to purchase budgeted playground parts and supplies from various playground manufacturers, state contracts, and other supply sources that may become available throughout the term. The best cost and equipment compatibility will be researched and determined at the time of purchase and will comply with the City's Purchasing Ordinance and purchasing policies. By utilizing various manufacturer-specific sources, state contracts, and national cooperative contracts at the time of purchase, the Department can maximize its budget dollars, ensure equipment safety compliance, and obtain the best value for the City through December 31, 2028.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

The City's Parks and Natural Resources Department inspects and maintains playground equipment across the City, of varying make, model and types. To ensure the continued safety of residents and the longevity of these assets, the City requires a streamlined process for procuring repair parts. Because much of the City's playground equipment is proprietary, critical components and specialized safety features must be replaced with exact matches from the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) to maintain structural integrity, safety certifications, and existing warranties. Furthermore, establishing this blanket purchase order allows the City to respond quickly to safety hazards or vandalism, reducing equipment downtime and ensuring playgrounds remain open for community use. While specialized parts require manufacturer-specific sourcing, this authorization also provides the flexibility to utilize the lowest-cost vendors for standardized, non-proprietary items such as common hardware or swing seats. This approach ensures that all repairs meet required safety standards while also allowing the City to pursue the most fiscally responsible pricing available.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Vendors that are on state/national cooperative contract (Midstates Recreation, Playcraft, Penchura, Play Environments, etc.)

Reason for Selection:

Selection for each purchase will be based on evaluation of the vendor's available items (proprietary, non-proprietary, warranty purchase requirement, etc.) on state and national cooperative contracts and other

supply sources that will provide the best cost at the time of purchase and are in compliance with the City's Purchasing Ordinance and purchasing policies.

Method of Purchase:

Blanket Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2026 Adopted Budget and the FY 2027-2028 Projected Budgets

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	3-year Budget Amount	3-year Cost	Remaining Budget
General Fund	756.931000	Parks - Maintenance	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council approve a project budget/blanket purchase order to purchase various playground equipment parts and repair supplies each year to maintain the City's playground systems in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 through December 31, 2028.

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