



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0163

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 Artist Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and Karen Childs Elder

REQUEST:

It is requested that City Council authorize the approval of the attached Artist Agreement with Karen Childs Elder to obtain the right to use an original work of art for an art installation and for a stipend in the amount of \$2,000 to be paid and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

As part of the [Art on Auburn 2](#) program, the City received an artwork submission that the administration felt would be an ideal image to be installed on the east wall of 1505 E Auburn Rd., facing the newly expanded Brooklands Plaza. The serene image encapsulates the calming environment the administration was looking to portray at this location. As such, the City, in partnership with the Paint Creek Center for the Arts ([PCCA](#)) have worked with artist to obtain the right to use the work in this location for a nominal stipend.

This Agreement and payment of the stipend will provide the City with the rights to own, reprint, and have the artwork reproduced on a graphic material for a future application on the side of the 1505 E. Auburn building.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Karen Childs Elder
407 Pine Street
Rochester, MI 48307

Reason for Selection:

Commissioned Artwork

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	\$35,000	\$2,000	\$33,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the approval of the attached Artist Agreement with Karen Childs Elder to obtain the right to use an original work of art for an art installation and for a stipend in the amount of \$2,000 to be paid 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