

Memorandum



Date: October 21, 2026

To: Buchanan City Commission

From: Mike Baker, Public Services Director

Subject: Purchase of Decorative Globes for Downtown Streetlights

Background

Staff is requesting approval for the purchase of twenty (20) replacement decorative light globes for the refurbished light poles installed as part of the streetscape improvement project.

During the refurbishment process, the existing globes were removed from the original light poles. At that time, due to years of exposure to weather and aging, the globes had become brittle and were in poor condition. As they were removed, many of the globes cracked or broke and were determined to be unsuitable for reinstallation. As the original manufacturer of the poles were no long making the same light, staff researched numerous suppliers to find a suitable replacement to match the remaining existing and new globes.

The replacement globes are the same style and specification as those installed on the new light poles during the project completed last year. Using the same globes will ensure consistency in appearance throughout the project area and maintain the intended design aesthetic.

The purchase of these replacement globes will allow the refurbished light poles to be fully restored and returned to service with a uniform appearance matching the newly installed poles.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of \$37,557.80 to purchase 20 decorative globes from Michigan Lighting Systems of Grand Rapids to complete the lighting portion of the downtown project. The money is available as part of \$200,000 that was included in the FY26/27 budget to complete the downtown infrastructure project.