



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	August 3 rd , 2026
MEETING TYPE:	City Council
SUBMITTED BY:	Wanda Randle
AGENDA CAPTION:	Discuss and consider authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Professional Service Agreement with TurningArt not to exceed \$182,000.00 Presented by: Wanda Randle Director of Community Services

Background Information

When the City Council envisioned our new City Hall, the goal was never simply to construct a building—it was to create a place that reflects the heart of our community. Together, Council and residents envisioned a civic space that would inspire pride, celebrate our shared identity, and truly belong to the people of Hutchins.

Through our partnership with TurningArt, that vision became a reality. Nearly 2,000 square feet of custom exterior mosaics, a monumental public sculpture, and a thoughtfully curated interior art collection transformed City Hall into more than a municipal facility—it became a vibrant expression of Hutchins' history, culture, and aspirations.

The impact extends far beyond aesthetics. This initiative created meaningful paid opportunities for local artists, strengthened the connection between residents and their civic spaces, and established a lasting landmark that will welcome and inspire generations to come. Today, City Hall stands as a powerful symbol of Hutchins' pride, resilience, and promise for the future.

Building on Our Success

We now have the opportunity to build upon this successful foundation. As Hutchins prepares to open its new Recreation Center, Library, and Active Aging Space, we are asking the City Council to authorize the continuation of our partnership with TurningArt. By extending the artistic vision established at City Hall, we can create a cohesive visual identity that unites our civic spaces and reinforces the character of our community.

The Vision

Through custom mosaics and site-specific wall installations thoughtfully designed for these high-traffic public spaces, we will:

- Celebrate the values that define Hutchins, including lifelong learning, recreation, wellness, and community connection.

- Honor the people who have shaped our city, with special recognition of the invaluable contributions of our older adults.
- Create continuity by extending the artistic legacy established at City Hall throughout our newest civic facilities.
- Strengthen Hutchins' identity by creating welcoming, inspiring public spaces that residents recognize with pride and visitors remember.

TurningArt will oversee every phase of the project—from artistic concept and community collaboration through fabrication and installation—ensuring each piece is thoughtfully integrated into its environment. The result will be a unified collection of public art that enriches the visitor experience, reflects the spirit of Hutchins, and reinforces our commitment to creating civic spaces that inspire connection, belonging, and community pride for generations to come.

Configuration Options

Council has four thoughtfully designed options to consider, each offering different levels of coverage and customization:

Configuration A - Full Coverage Mosaics

- 3 Interior Mosaics, 719 Sq Ft
- Maximum visual impact throughout the facilities

Configuration B - Partial Coverage Mosaics

- 3 Interior Mosaics, 496 Sq Ft
- Strategic placement in key gathering areas

Configuration C - Partial Coverage Mosaics & Custom Commission

- 2 Interior Mosaics, 268 Sq Ft
- 1 2D/3D Custom Commission, approx 60 Sq Ft
- Balanced approach with a signature statement piece

Configuration D - Full Coverage Mosaics & Custom Commission

- 2 Interior Mosaics, 403 Sq Ft
- 1 2D/3D Custom Commission, approx 60 Sq Ft
- Comprehensive coverage with a unique focal point

The Ask

We respectfully request Council's approval to continue our partnership with TurningArt and select the configuration that best serves our community's vision—investing in public art that doesn't just decorate our spaces, but defines them, connects them, and makes them unmistakably ours.

Budget Implications

\$182,000 from the City's Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) fund for public art installations. Under Texas state law, HOT revenue may be used for projects that directly enhance and promote tourism, including **art in public places** that attract visitors, strengthen cultural offerings, and support community identity. These installations will contribute to Hutchins' tourism appeal and align with allowable HOT expenditures.

Operational Impact

NA

Legal Review

Legal will review based on Councils Decision

Staff Recommendation

We recommend moving forward with this initiative to enhance the public experience at the new Recreation Center/Library and to solidify Hutchins' identity through artistic expression

Supporting Documentation and Attachments

Staff report

Turning Art Proposal