

Downtown Development Authority of City of Madison Heights

Memorandum

Date: February 13, 2026
To: Downtown Development Authority Board Members
From: Giles Tucker, Community Development Director
Subject: Clock Tower Repair and Component Replacement

On January 15th MHDDA meeting a cost proposal provided by Verdin Company, the company that we originally purchased the tower from, was included for discussion on the desired scope of repair work the board felt was necessary for the clock tower. The quote provided pricing for the replacement of the clock mechanism and chime system and provided pricing for additional services. The pricing ranged from \$17,505 to \$38,298 depending on what optional additions the board decided to include.

It was concluded at this meeting that while keeping the traditional clock face style was important, it was not necessary to include a digital chime system. The attached quote from Verdin includes a new Master Clock Controller and replacement of each of the minute impulse timepieces of the clock for a total of \$14,390. Staff have also reached out to a competitor of Verdin, Lumichron to provide a comparable quote given that the DDA board does not want to include an audio component in the clock but does not have pricing at the time of creating this memo.

Staff Recommended Action

Suitable clock tower companies for this repair/replacement project are somewhat limited. It is recommended that the DDA board authorize the DDA Director to gather quotes and select the lowest and best responsible company, provided that total cost is below \$15,000, in compliance with the City's purchase policy.