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<b>Committee:</b> Finance Committee	<b>Date:</b> 2023-06-06
<b>Common Council Item Number:</b> Art Contract, ID#23-7040	<b>Date:</b> 2023-06-13
<b>Submitted By:</b> Robin Grams	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Gina Kozlik
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Joseph P. Ciarro	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running
<b>Subject:</b> Finance Committee- Take action on the contract for the City of Waukesha's 125th Anniversary art piece, which is a sculpture purchased for \$23,000 from Paul Bobrowitz	

**Details:**

At the May 2, 2023 Public Art Committee meeting, the board voted in favor of purchasing a steel and concrete sculpture from artist Paul Bobrowitz in the amount of \$23,000. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent out to local artists to submit their projects, in which the sculpture by Paul Bobrowitz was selected. The price includes the purchase of the art piece and installation at City Hall. The piece is approximately 14' high, and 5.5' wide, with a diameter of 6'. It is painted stainless steel and will be placed on a concrete slab. The art piece is called "Directions" to represent the city's forefathers, residents, and present day elected and appointed officials who are continuing with guidance in the growth of Waukesha. After discussion with the Department of Public Works, the sculpture will be placed in a flower bed outside City Hall.

The City of Waukesha raised \$8,000 to purchase an art piece to represent the City of Waukesha's 125th Anniversary. Those funds were put into the City of Waukesha Public Art Project Fund. The City also has \$15,000 in 2023 CDBG funds which were designated for the purchase of an art piece to be placed outside of City Hall. Those totals were combined to create \$23,000 for the purchase and installation of the 125th Anniversary art piece.

**Options & Alternatives:**

The Public Art Committee has recommended the acceptance of the 125th Anniversary art piece using CDBG Funds and the City of Waukesha Public Art Project Fund. The Finance Committee may make changes to the allocations if they feel they are warranted

**Financial Remarks:**

The City will use \$15,000 in 2023 CDBG funds and \$8,000 from the City of Waukesha Public Art Project Fund

**Executive Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the contract for the 125th Anniversary art piece in the amount of \$23,000 from artist Paul Bobrowitz.