



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Big Island Water Works

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To: Eric Wobser, City Manager

From: Aaron M. Klein, P.E.

Date: November 30, 2021

Subject: **Commission Agenda Item – Ohio EPA License to Operate Fee for BIWW CY 2022**

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION: Legislation authorizing payment to the Ohio EPA for the annual licensing fee to operate Big Island Water Works for the calendar year 2022.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In accordance with Ohio Law (Ohio Revised Code 6109.21), public water systems in Ohio must obtain a License to Operate from the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). Fees are determined by the number of service connections within the City and fee schedule set by Ohio EPA.

For calendar year 2022, the City of Sandusky is required to pay a license renewal fee for Big Island Water Works in the amount of \$12,180.00. The fee has remained unchanged since 2014.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The total amount of \$12,180.00 shall be paid with Water funds and has been appropriated in the O & M Budget for 2021.

ACTION REQUESTED: It is recommended that the proposed payment of the license to operate fee with the Ohio EPA be approved and the necessary legislation be passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to expend funds appropriated in the O & M budget for 2021 and to make payment prior to the December 31, 2021 due date.

I concur with this recommendation:

Eric Wobser
City Manager

cc: C. Myers, Commission Clerk; M. Reeder, Finance Director; B. Heil, Law Director

CERTIFICATE OF FUNDS

In the Matter of: Ohio EPA license

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the moneys required to meet the obligations of the City of Sandusky under the foregoing Contract have been lawfully appropriated for such purposes and are in the treasury of the City of Sandusky or are in the process of collection to an appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrances. This certificate is given compliance with Sections 5705.41 and 5705.44, Ohio Revised Code.

Account # 612-5230-53000

By: _____



Michelle Reeder

Finance Director

Dated: 12/8/2021

ORDINANCE NO. 21-189

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT TO THE STATE OF OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE TO OPERATE A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the City of Sandusky as an operator of a public water system is required to pay a licensing fee on an annual basis to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §6109.21; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the annual licensing fee for calendar year 2022 is \$12,180.00 and will be paid with Water Funds which have been appropriated in the Operation & Maintenance (O&M) budget for 2021; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to expend the funds appropriated in the 2021 budget and to make payment for the annual licensing fee to operate a public water system prior to the due date of December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Department of Public Works, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission hereby authorizes and directs the Finance Director to make payment to the Treasurer of the State of Ohio as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in an amount **not to exceed** Twelve Thousand One Hundred Eighty and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,180.00) for the renewal of the license to operate a public water system for the calendar year 2022.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

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Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

CATHLEEN A. MYERS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: December 13, 2021