

ORDINANCE NO. 20-154

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWENTY SIX (26) JRV ELECTRONIC VALIDATORS FROM MASABI, LTD. OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FOR THE EZFARE MOBILE TICKETING VALIDATOR PROJECT FOR THE SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted bylaws of the NEORide Regional Council of Governments and approved the City's Membership into NEORide, a regional council of governments consisting of sixteen (16) transit agencies across Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan, by Ordinance No. 19-138, passed on August 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2019, NEORide launched EZfare, a mobile ticketing platform developed by Masabi Ltd., that the Sandusky Transit System has been using since June of 2020; and

WHEREAS, EZfare allows riders to purchase bus fares and passes on their mobile phones and currently the tickets are validated by visual inspection by the bus drivers and this EZfare Mobile Ticketing Validator Project will provide for the purchase and installation of twenty six (26) mobile ticketing validators in transit buses to provide for electronic validation as well as warranty and training; and

WHEREAS, this City Commission authorized the filing of a grant application with the Ohio Department of Transportation for State FY2021 Ohio Transit Partnership Program Grant funds for the Sandusky Transit System by Resolution No. 018-20R, passed on May 26, 2020, and subsequently was awarded funds which included \$54,216.00 for the purchase of EZfare validators; and

WHEREAS, Masabi, Ltd. developed EZfare and is the sole source provider for the validators necessary for electronic ticket validation; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the purchase and installation of twenty six (26) JRV Electronic Validators, including warranty and training, is \$67,770.00 of which \$54,216.00 will be paid with funds awarded from the Ohio Department of Transportation through the FY2021 Ohio Transit Partnership Program Grant and the remaining balance of \$13,554.00 will initially be paid by the City and reimbursed with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding through the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA); and

WHEREAS, approval is being requested in companion legislation to enter into an Agreement with Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) for financial assistance for the EZfare Mobile Ticketing Validator Project for the Sandusky Transit System; 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 to allow the validators to be purchased and complete the project so the funds can be expended and reimbursed in a timely manner in accordance with the grant programs; 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 Sandusky Transit System, 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 City Manager and/or Finance Director to expend funds for the purchase and installation of Twenty Six (26) JRV Electronic Validators, including warranty and training, from Masabi Ltd. of New York, New York, for the EZfare Mobile Ticketing Validator Project for the Sandusky Transit System, at an amount **not to exceed** Sixty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and 00/100 Dollars (\$67,770.00), pursuant to and in accordance with the terms provided by Stark Area Regional Transit Authority and the Ohio Department of Transportation relating to the EZfare Mobile Ticketing Validator Project and the FY2021 Ohio Transit Partnership Program Grant.

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.

Section 3. This 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.

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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:

MCKENZIE E. SPRIGGS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: October 26, 2020