

ORDINANCE NO. 23-091

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THROUGH THE OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY ARMOR PROGRAM AND TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (OJP), BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) THROUGH THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE TEN (10) LEVEL IIIA SOFT PANEL BALLISTIC VESTS AND EXTERNAL CARRIERS FROM LUCKY STONE OF HURON, OHIO, FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Police Department annually applies to the Office of the Attorney General and the U.S. Department of Justice for grant funds for the replacement of ballistic vests for the Police Department and has received notification of awarded funds; and

WHEREAS, ballistic vests are replaced on a yearly basis and the Police Department desires to replace nine (9) ballistic vests that are nearing the end of their recommended life of five (5) years and purchase one (1) for a new hire; and

WHEREAS, Lucky Stone of Huron, Ohio, is the only local provider of ballistic vests and has been supplying vests to the Police Department for many years; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the new ballistic vests and external carriers is \$11,450.00 of which 75% will be paid with funds awarded from the Office of the Attorney General and 50% of one (1) vest will be paid with funds awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice and the required local matches will be paid with funds from the Police Department's operating budget; 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 ratify the submission of the grant applications and replace the ballistic vests that are nearing the end of their useful life at the earliest opportunity; 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 Police Department, 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 approves and ratifies the submission of grant applications for financial assistance to the Office of the Attorney General through the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program and to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice

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Assistance (BJA) through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program for the Sandusky Police Department, copies of which are on file in the Sandusky Police Department, and authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute any grant agreements and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application and agreement.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to purchase ten (10) Level IIIA Soft Panel Ballistic Vests and External Carriers for the Police Department from Lucky Stone of Huron, Ohio, at an amount **not to exceed** Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$11,450.00).

Section 3. 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 4. 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.

Section 5. 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: April 10, 2023

