

## ORDINANCE NO. 23-114

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) CRADLEPOINT MOBILE ROUTERS AND SUBSCRIPTION LICENSES FROM INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, THROUGH THE EQUALIS GROUP COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.**

**WHEREAS**, Equalis Group is a cooperative purchasing organization that provides contracts competitively solicited by public agencies for a wide array of products and services and establishes master agreements through rigorous and transparent competitive solicitations conducted in accordance with public procurement guidelines to ensure compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, as a member of the Equalis Group Cooperative Purchasing Program (Member ID EG-0007642) desires to purchase mobile routers that have been competitively bid and made available through the membership from Insight Public Sector of Tempe, Arizona; and

**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**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission authorized the expenditure of funds for the purchase and installation of JRV electronic validators from Masabi, Ltd. Of New York, New York for the EZfare Mobile Ticketing Validator Project for the Sandusky Transit System by Ordinance No. 20-154, passed on October 26, 2020, to be installed in transit buses for electronic validation; and

**WHEREAS**, the electronic validators were recently purchased and delivered and it is now necessary to purchase mobile routers to power and provide internet bandwidth to the electronic platform for the mobile ticket purchasing capabilities and electronic stat tracking of ridership data; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost for the eight (8) Cradlepoint Mobile Routers with a 5-year license subscription to NETCloud Essentials Advance Pro and 24/7 technical support is \$17,800.00 and will be paid with funds awarded from the Ohio Department of Transportation through the FY2021 Ohio Transit Partnership Program Grant; and

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**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 Cradlepoint Mobile Routers to be immediately purchased so the funds can be expended and reimbursed in a timely manner in accordance with the grant program; 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 of Eight (8) Cradlepoint Mobile Routes and subscription licenses through the Equalis Group Cooperative Purchasing Program from Insight Public Sector of Tempe, Arizona, Contract # 4400006644, for the EZfare Mobile Ticketing Platform for the Sandusky Transit System, at an amount **not to exceed** Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$17,800.00), pursuant to and in accordance with 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.



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RICHARD R. BRADY  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

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CATHLEEN A. MYERS  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: May 22, 2023