

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-060**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM FOR OHIO COMMUNITIES GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO EXPEND THE FUNDS CONSISTENT WITH THE GRANT AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) allocated \$13,295,590 in funds to the State of Ohio and of these funds, \$8,000,000 will be used to provide energy efficiency upgrades across the State of Ohio to help local governments realize energy savings in their facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the IIJA Energy Efficiency Program for Ohio Communities (EEPOC) is being administered by the Ohio Department of Development (Development), Office of Energy and Environment (OEE); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission approved a Letter of Intent with Ameresco Inc. of Worthington, Ohio, for services relating to securing an Energy Efficient Program for Ohio Communities Grant through the Department of Development for energy conservation and facility improvement measures for certain City buildings by Ordinance No. 23-204, passed on October 9, 2023, and subsequently the City was awarded grant funds in the amount of \$250,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, approval is being requested in companion legislation to enter into an agreement with Ameresco Inc. of Worthington, Ohio, for services to complete the LED Lighting Upgrade Project in accordance with the State Energy Program Grant Agreement; 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 execute and return the grant agreement to the Ohio Department of Development within 30 days as requested; 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 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 authorizes and directs the City Manager and/or Finance Director to accept grant funds from the Ohio Department of Development through the Energy Efficiency Program for Ohio Communities grant for energy conservation and facility improvements measures, in the amount of

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Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00).

Section 2. This City Commission authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute any grant agreement between the City of Sandusky and the Ohio Department of Development in relation to the acceptance of the grant funds and to lawfully expend the funds consistent with the grant agreement.

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 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 5. That for 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: March 11, 2024