

RESOLUTION NO. 033-20R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) FOR PORTIONS OF THE SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY INCLUDED IN THE LANDING PROJECT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) dedicates funds annually through the Highway Safety Improvement Program to provide for highway safety treatments or corrective activity designed to alleviate safety problems or potentially hazardous situations; and

WHEREAS, the Sandusky Bay Pathway is a coastal trail that stretches along the waterfront from the east corporation limit to the west corporation limit with several other on-street and off-street trails networking City roads and the City-wide park system; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission approved agreements for professional design services with Environmental Design Group, LLC, of Akron, Ohio, for conceptual design and final designs for The Landing Project by Ordinance No. 17-058, passed on March 13, 2017, and Ordinance No. 18-127, passed on June 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for financial funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for the completion of three (3) sections of the Sandusky Bay Pathway which will connect Cedar Point Drive to the Cedar Point Sports Center and the sections are as follows:

1. The Pipe Creek and Old Railroad Connector - this portion runs between Cedar Point Drive and Cleveland Road and spans Pipe Creek, runs along the old railroad bed, and connects to Cleveland Road at Bayshore Drive;
2. The US-6 Sidepath - this portion runs along the north side of Cleveland Road between Bayshore Drive and Hemminger Ditch (just east of Knight's Inn) and is within the US-6 right of way;
3. Hemminger Trail, Boardwalk and Bridge - this portion includes a combination boardwalk and bridge to span Hemminger Ditch ending at the Cedar Point Sports Center.

WHEREAS, the City is requesting grant funds in the amount of \$6,145,913.67 and the matching share is \$1,084,573.00 which will be paid with proceeds from the Cleveland Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF); and

WHEREAS, Environmental Design Group, LLC, will be applying preparing the grant for the City and the cost for preparation is not to exceed \$10,000.00 and is included in professional design services agreement with Environmental Design Group, LLC, for The Landing Project; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to submit the application to the Ohio Department of Transportation which is due in September; and

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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 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 **Resolution** 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 RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and file a grant application on behalf of the City of Sandusky with the Ohio Department of Transportation for financial assistance through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for the portions of the Sandusky Bay Pathway included in The Landing Project and to execute any contracts or agreements on behalf of the City and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application should they be awarded.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution 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 City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution 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 Resolution 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: August 24, 2020

