

RESOLUTION NO. 025-24R

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR THE CITY TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED FREEDOM'S ECHO: SANDUSKY'S UNDERGROUND RAILROAD LEGACY SIGNAGE PROJECT; APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF COST THEREOF; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR AND RECEIVE BIDS IN RELATION THERETO; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (also known as America 250-Ohio) made funds available for grants to non-profit, educational, and local governmental organizations to support educational and commemorative programming about the 250th anniversary of the independence and founding of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission approved the submission of a grant application to Ohio Humanities through the America 250-Ohio Grant Program to support educational commemorative programming relating to the 250th Anniversary by Resolution No. 049-23R, passed on November 13, 2023, and the City was awarded funds in the amount of \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant program is to draw attention to the achievements, struggles, honors, innovations, and significance of all people in Ohio since before its founding to the present day and the City's rich history and the role it played as a last stop on the Underground Railroad aligns with this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom's Echo: Sandusky's Underground Railroad Legacy Signage project involves the creation of interactive exhibits utilizing wayfinding interpretive signage to enhance the Underground Railroad guided walking tour, showcasing historical sites and stories of Sanduskians who played a vital role in the Underground Railroad and includes the use of QR codes to link audio files narrated by current Sandusky residents providing a deeper, more immersive experience for touring participants; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of project is \$39,200.00 and will be paid entirely with awarded funds through Ohio Humanities through the America 250-Ohio Grant Program; 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 bid and award the project and complete prior to the completion date of December 31, 2024, and prior to the grant closing date of February 28, 2025; 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 **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**

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The specifications and estimates of cost as prepared by the Director of Public Works and submitted to this City Commission, and which are now on file in the offices of the Director of Public Works and the Clerk of the City Commission, for the proposed Freedom's Echo: Sandusky's Underground Railroad Legacy Signage Project, be and the same hereby are approved by this City Commission.

Section 2. This City Commission hereby declares it necessary to proceed with the proposed Freedom's Echo: Sandusky's Underground Railroad Legacy Signage Project at the earliest possible time.

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized and directed to advertise for and to receive bids in relation to the proposed Freedom's Echo: Sandusky's Underground Railroad Legacy Signage Project as required by law.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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:

CATHLEEN A. MYERS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: May 13, 2024