AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR A GRANT WRITER FOR BILATERAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, with the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, municipalities are eligible to compete for additional funding; and

WHEREAS, the City invited proposals from qualified firms for consultant and managing services to respond to the expected influx of competitive, discretionary transportation, stormwater, and water resources grant programs to increase its success rate with funding opportunities from the Bilateral Infrastructure Grants (BIL); and

WHEREAS, that the Administration and the City Engineer reviewed said proposals and recommended the firms of HDR Engineering, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Council coming now to consider said proposal has determined that the proposal submitted by the firm of HDR Engineering, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio to be the best responsive proposal and is acceptable to this Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

<u>Section No. 1:</u> That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio, for consultant and grant writing services.

Section No. 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

<u>Section No. 3:</u> This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being the necessity of retaining grant writing services to facilitate the filing of all suitable grant applications in a timely manner in order to receive every available grant for improvements to the City's infrastructure, thus for the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

/s/ Martin E. O'Donnell PASSED: 7/11/2022

President of Council

POSTED: 7/15/2022 APPROVED: 7/12/2022

/s/Gregory J. Zilka Mayor ATTEST: /s/Valerie E. Rosmarin

Clerk of Council