

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANT FOR THE AVON LAKE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Economic Development Administration offers financial support through grant opportunities to help communities capitalized on economic development strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for a grant to develop an Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan, due to the closure of the NRG Energy coal-fired power plant, to help provide a strategy that will include employment geography and sector analysis and review zoning and land use designations; and

WHEREAS, the strategy developed will provide recommendations for local leaders, as they attempt to diversify the local and regional economy to become more resilient, that will lead to capitalization of new opportunities and job creation in the region; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Economic Development Administration awarded the City a matching grant of \$75,000.

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

Section No. 1: That the Council of the City of Avon Lake hereby accepts the U.S. Economic Development Administration grant in the sum of \$75,000 with a corresponding match from the City of \$75,000.

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

Section No. 3: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being necessary to accept grant funding to begin developing an economic strategy plan, thus for the preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the City. Therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 3/11/2024

/s/ Martin E. O'Donnell
President of Council

POSTED: 3/15/2024

APPROVED: 3/12/2024

ATTEST: /s/ Valerie E. Rosmarin
Clerk of Council

/s/ Mark A. Spaetzel
Mayor