

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTRY FOR AN URBAN CANOPY RESTORATION GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE HUDSON PARKS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Cities are eligible for USDA Forest Service funding awarded through the Ohio Department of Natural Services Division of Forestry to address critical need to restore and improve urban forests; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry will award USDA Forest Service Funding for the purchase and planting of trees on land owned or controlled by local governments; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the program is to restore the community tree canopy with large-stature trees and promote species diversity; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Springs Parks suffered significant tree loss and tree damage during a severe thunderstorm on June 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Hudson Parks are working with the Friends of Hudson Parks on an invasive species management program; and

WHEREAS, a healthy tree canopy is crucial to this program and to the overall biodiversity of Hudson Springs Park; and

WHEREAS, The Hudson Park could receive \$8,000.00 in funding with an \$8,000.00 match from the City if awarded.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Hudson, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is hereby authorized to apply to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry for an Urban Canopy Restoration Grant.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that 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 3: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Hudson by reason of the need to authorize the above payment that is now due and owing; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its passage provided it receives the affirmative vote of five members of Council except that six affirmative votes shall be required if all members are present; otherwise it shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 22-127 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2022.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council