

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR A PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS LOAN FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS AS PART OF THE NORTH OVIATT STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (“OEPA”) administers the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) to provide specialized assistance to public and private applicants of Ohio communities for planning, design, and construction of projects to protect or improve the quality of water resources, including projects that address human health and failing drinking water infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 21-19, passed on March 2, 2021, this Council authorized the City Manager to advertise for competitive bids and enter into a contract for the North Oviatt Street Waterline Replacement project to replace the existing 100-year-old water main from East Streetsboro Street to Aurora Street and the water services within the right-of-way between the main line and the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, staff will bring a future Resolution to Council for permission to bid and enter into a separate contract for private replacement work related to the subject project located between the right-of-way and the residences; and

WHEREAS, the OEPA could provide Principal Forgiveness Loan funding of approximately Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to pay for public and private portions of identified lead service connections for the subject project, and the amount awarded would not require repayment to the OEPA; and

WHEREAS, the OEPA could also provide a WSRLA Loan at a below-market interest rate in the amount of Five Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$570,000.00) for the subject project; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends submission of an application to the OEPA for said purposes by early April 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Hudson, County of Summit and State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute and file an application with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for Principal Forgiveness Loan funding and a WSRLA Loan and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance under the loan program as set forth in the recitals of this Resolution.

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 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: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City, and for the further reason that the City needs to timely submit its application to be eligible to qualify for the loan for the replacement of lead service lines; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council, except that six (6) affirmative votes shall be required if all members are present at the meeting at which it is passed; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

Craig A. Shubert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 21-29 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2021.

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council