

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND TO SIGN THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION FORM ALL RELATIVE TO THE JANSSEN SETTLEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson, Ohio (herein “Municipality”) is a municipal entity formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted, and the Council of the City of Hudson has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., OrthoMcNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (collectively the “Settling Distributors” or “Janssen”) to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement with the Settling Distributors (the “Proposed Settlement”);,

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 is authorized to execute the Participation Agreement for the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement with Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., OrthoMcNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (“Settling Distributors” or “Janssen”) pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.

Section 2. The City Manager is further authorized to accept the Proposed Settlement on behalf of the City of Hudson, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council 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.

Section 4: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the Hudson, and for the further reason to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio; 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. 21-148 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2021.

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council