

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE HINES HILL ROAD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City has recently been awarded state and federal grant funding for the construction of a bridge on Hines Hill Road that will eliminate the at-grade railroad crossing, improving safety and access for residents, emergency services, and school buses (“the Hines Hill Road Grade Separation Project”); and

WHEREAS, the approximate \$16.5 million project, which includes design work, will result in an overpass over the railway; and

WHEREAS, the Hines Hill Road Grade Separation Project aims to reduce interruptions from blocked crossings, enhance emergency response times, and connect the City’s northwest quadrant to the downtown area via multi-purpose paths; and

WHEREAS, the City administration is recommending a Preliminary Engineering agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) and Norfolk Southern Railway Company for review of project plans, preparation of cost estimates, review of cost estimates, site surveys, assessments, studies, and administrative costs, at an estimated cost of \$50,000; and,

WHEREAS, this professional services agreement is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

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

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation and the Norfolk Southern Railway Company in connection with the Hines Hill Road Grade Separation Project. The City Manager, the City Solicitor, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and proper actions to implement the terms of this Resolution and said contracts and/or agreements.

Section 2. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 3. 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 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the timely submission of the necessary paperwork in order to complete this project, to promote highway safety and/or immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the community and shall, therefore, be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, provided it receives an affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of the Council for its enactment if seven (7) are present, or an affirmative vote of at least five (5) members if only five (5) or six (6) 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: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-120 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2025.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council