

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-29

Introduced by: Joel Hagy

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,000,000 TO PAY COSTS RELATING TO THE CONAGRA NEW STONE REVETMENT PROJECT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 165.01 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING OR PRESERVING JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE CITY AND ITS RESIDENTS AND THE STATE OF OHIO; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE FOR THAT PURPOSE OF CERTAIN NONTAX REVENUES; ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT OR FUND OF THE CITY; APPROVING RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by virtue of the laws of the State of Ohio, including, without limitation, Section 13 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and Chapter 165 of the Ohio Revised Code (the "Act"), among other things, to (i) issue bonds to acquire, construct, equip, or improve a "project" as defined in Section 165.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, for the purpose of creating or preserving jobs and employment opportunities and improving the economic welfare of the City and its residents and of the State of Ohio, (ii) secure such bonds by a pledge of nontax revenues, as provided herein; and (iii) to pass this Ordinance and enter into related agreements, upon the terms and conditions provided herein; and

WHEREAS, to create and preserve jobs and employment opportunities, the City has determined to issue its special obligation nontax revenue bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to the Act to provide funds necessary to pay the costs of the construction, reconstruction, reinforcement and installation of a seawall along certain portions of shoreline in the City in and around the ConAgra development project including appurtenances thereto and related site improvements (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to issue the Bonds described in Section 2 to provide funds sufficient for that purpose, including the payment of expenses properly allocable to the issuance of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Huron, County of Erie, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation. In addition to the words and terms elsewhere defined in this Ordinance, unless the context or use clearly indicates another or different meaning or intent:

"Authorized Denominations" means (subject to any limitations in Section 3) the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

"Bond proceedings" means, collectively, this Ordinance, the Certificate of Award, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement and such other proceedings of the City, including the Bonds, that provide collectively for, among other things, the rights of holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds.

"Bond Register" means all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Bonds as provided in Section 5.

"Bond Registrar" means the bank or trust company appointed pursuant to Section 4 as the initial authenticating agent, bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Bonds under the Bond

Registrar Agreement and until a successor Bond Registrar shall have become such pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Registrar Agreement and, thereafter, "Bond Registrar" shall mean the successor Bond Registrar.

"Bond Registrar Agreement" means the Bond Registrar Agreement between the City and the Bond Registrar, as it may be modified from the form on file with the Clerk of Council and signed by the City Manager and the Fiscal Officer in accordance with Section 4.

"Bond Retirement Fund" means the Bond Retirement Fund established pursuant to Section 7.

"Bonds" means, collectively, the Serial Bonds and the Term Bonds, each as is designated as such in the Certificate of Award.

"Book entry form" or "book entry system" means a form or system under which (a) the ownership of book entry interests in Bonds and the principal of and interest on the Bonds may be transferred only through a book entry and (b) physical Bond certificates in fully registered form are issued by the City only to a Depository or its nominee as registered owner, with the Bonds "immobilized" in the custody of the Depository or its agent. The book entry maintained by others than the City is the record that identifies the owners of book entry interests in those Bonds and that principal and interest.

"Certificate of Award" means the certificate authorized by Section 6(a), to be signed by the Fiscal Officer, setting forth and determining those terms or other matters pertaining to the Bonds and their issuance, sale and delivery as this Ordinance requires or authorizes to be set forth or determined therein.

"Closing Date" means the date of physical delivery of, and payment of the purchase price for, the Bonds.

"Continuing Disclosure Agreement" means the agreement authorized by Section 6(c), to be substantially in the form on file with the Clerk of Council, made by the City for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds in accordance with the Rule.

"Debt charges" means the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

"Depository" means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, with its Participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership of book entry interests in Bonds or the principal of and interest on Bonds, and to effect transfers of Bonds, in book entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company).

"Fiscal Officer" means the Director of Finance of the City.

"Interest Payment Dates" means, unless otherwise determined by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award, June 1 and December 1 of each year that the Bonds are outstanding, commencing June 1, 2027.

"Nontax Revenues" means all money of the City that is not money raised by taxation, to the extent available for deposit in the Bond Retirement Fund as provided in this Ordinance, including, but not

limited to the following: (a) grants from the United States of America and the State of Ohio; (b) payments in lieu of taxes now or hereafter authorized by State statute to the extent not pledged to pay debt charges on other City indebtedness; (c) fines and forfeitures that are deposited in the City's General Fund; (d) fees deposited in the City's General Fund from properly imposed licenses and permits; (e) investment earnings on the City's General Fund and that are credited to the City's General Fund; (f) investment earnings on other funds of the City that are credited to the City's General Fund; (g) proceeds from the sale of assets that are deposited in the City's General Fund; (h) rental income that is deposited in the City's General Fund; (i) gifts and donations; and (j) Project Revenues.

"Original Purchaser" means the original purchaser of the Bonds designated by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award.

"Parity Obligations" means any bonds, notes or other obligations of or guaranties by the City payable from Nontax Revenues on a parity with or prior to the Bonds.

"Participant" means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book entry system and includes securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations.

"Pledged Nontax Revenues" means (i) Project Revenues, (ii) proceeds of the Bonds otherwise to be available to pay debt charges on the Bonds, (iii) all money in the Bond Retirement Fund and (iv) all income and profit from the investment of the foregoing money.

"Principal Payment Dates" means, unless otherwise determined by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award, December 1 in each of the years from and including 2027 to and including 2046; provided that the first Principal Payment Date may be deferred up to one year and the last Principal Payment Date may be advanced or deferred by such number of years as determined by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award in such manner as to be in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the City, as determined by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award in such manner as to be in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the City.

"Project Revenues" means any revenues, repayments, and moneys derived from the sale of all or a portion of the Property.

"Rule" means Rule 15c2-12 prescribed by the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Serial Bonds" means those Bonds designated as such and maturing on the dates set forth in the Certificate of Award, bearing interest payable on each Interest Payment Date and not subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

"Term Bonds" means those Bonds designated as such and maturing on the date or dates set forth in the Certificate of Award, bearing interest payable on each Interest Payment Date and subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

The captions and headings in this Ordinance are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof. Reference to a Section means a section of this Ordinance unless otherwise indicated.

Section 2. Determinations by City Council; Authorized Principal Amount and Purpose; Application of Proceeds. This City Council finds and determines that:

(a) The Project is a "project" as defined in the Act and is consistent with the purposes of Section 13, Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution and the utilization of the Project is in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and will benefit the people of the City and of the State by creating and preserving jobs and employment opportunities and improving the economic welfare of the people of the City and of the State.

(b) It is necessary and in the best interest of the City to issue bonds of the City in the maximum principal amount of \$4,000,000 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of the Project. The Bonds shall be designated "Special Obligation Nontax Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 (Federally Taxable)", or as otherwise designated by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award.

The aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued shall not exceed \$4,000,000 and shall be issued in an amount determined by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award to be the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required to be issued, taking into account any premium above or discount from the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at which they are sold to the Original Purchaser, in order to effect the purpose for which the Bonds are to be issued, including the payment of any expenses properly allocable to the issuance of the Bonds.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds (except any premium and accrued interest) shall be paid into the proper fund or funds, and those proceeds are appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Bonds are being issued. Any portion of those proceeds representing premium and accrued interest (after the payment of costs of issuance) shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

Section 3. Denominations; Dating; Principal and Interest Payment and Redemption Provisions. The Bonds shall be issued in one lot and only as fully registered bonds, in the Authorized Denominations, but in no case as to a particular maturity date exceeding the principal amount maturing on that date. The Bonds shall be dated as provided in the Certificate of Award, provided that their dated date shall not be more than 60 days prior to the Closing Date.

(a) **Interest Rates and Interest Payment Dates.** The Bonds shall bear interest at the rate or rates per year (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 30-day months) as shall be determined by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable at such rate or rates on the Interest Payment Dates until the principal amount has been paid or provided for. The Bonds shall bear interest from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for or, if no interest has been paid or provided for, from their date.

(b) **Principal Payment Schedule.** The Bonds shall mature or be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (as hereinafter defined and described) on the Principal Payment Dates in principal amounts as shall be determined by the Fiscal Officer, subject to subsection (c) of this Section, in the Certificate of Award, consistent with the Fiscal Officer's determination of the best interest of and financial advantages to the City.

Consistent with the foregoing and in accordance with the Fiscal Officer's determination of the best interest of and financial advantages to the City, the Fiscal Officer shall specify in the Certificate of Award (i) the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued as Serial Bonds, the Principal Payment Dates on which those Bonds shall be stated to mature and the principal amount thereof that shall be stated to mature on each such Principal Payment Date, and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued as Term Bonds, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which those Bonds shall be stated to mature, the principal amount thereof that shall be stated to mature on each such Principal Payment Date, the Principal Payment Date or Dates on which Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption ("Mandatory Redemption Dates") and the principal amount thereof that shall be payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on each Mandatory Redemption Date.

(c) Conditions for Establishment of Interest Rates and Principal Payment Dates and Amounts. The rate or rates of interest per year to be borne by the Bonds, and the principal amount of Bonds maturing or payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements on each Principal Payment Date, shall be such that the true interest cost of the Bonds does not exceed 9.0%.

(d) Payment of Debt Charges. The debt charges on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for the services of the Bond Registrar as paying agent. Principal of and any premium on the Bonds shall be payable when due upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the office of the Bond Registrar designated in the Certificate of Award or, if not so designated, then at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar. Interest on a Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond was registered, and to that person's address appearing, on the Bond Register at the close of business on the 15th day preceding that Interest Payment Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if and so long as the Bonds are issued in a book entry system, principal of and interest and any premium on the Bonds shall be payable in the manner provided in any agreement entered into by the Fiscal Officer, in the name and on behalf of the City, in connection with the book entry system.

(e) Redemption Provisions. The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to stated maturity as follows:

(i) Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption of Term Bonds. If any of the Bonds are issued as Term Bonds, the Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption in part by lot and be redeemed pursuant to mandatory sinking fund requirements, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on the applicable Mandatory Redemption Dates and in the principal amounts payable on those dates, for which provision is made in the Certificate of Award (such dates and amounts being the "Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements").

The aggregate of the money to be deposited with the Bond Registrar for payment of principal of and interest on any Term Bonds on each Mandatory Redemption Date shall include an amount sufficient to redeem on that date the principal amount of Term Bonds payable on that date pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (less the amount of any credit as hereinafter provided).

The City shall have the option to deliver to the Bond Registrar for cancellation Term Bonds in any aggregate principal amount and to receive a credit against the then current or any

subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) of the City, as specified by the Fiscal Officer, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date as the Term Bonds so delivered. That option shall be exercised by the City on or before the 45th day preceding any Mandatory Redemption Date with respect to which the City wishes to obtain a credit, by furnishing the Bond Registrar a certificate, signed by the Fiscal Officer, setting forth the extent of the credit to be applied with respect to the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date. If the certificate is not timely furnished to the Bond Registrar, the current Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) shall not be reduced. A credit against the then current or any subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation), as specified by the Fiscal Officer, also shall be received by the City for any Term Bonds which prior thereto have been redeemed (other than through the operation of the applicable Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements) or purchased for cancellation and canceled by the Bond Registrar, to the extent not applied theretofore as a credit against any Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date as the Term Bonds so redeemed or purchased and canceled.

Each Term Bond so delivered, or previously redeemed, or purchased and canceled, shall be credited by the Bond Registrar at 100% of the principal amount thereof against the then current or subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligations), as specified by the Fiscal Officer, for Term Bonds stated to mature on the same Principal Payment Date as the Term Bonds so delivered, redeemed or purchased and canceled.

(ii) Optional Redemption. The Bonds of the maturities, if any, specified in the Certificate of Award shall be subject to redemption by and at the sole option of the City, in whole or in part in integral multiples of \$5,000, on the dates, in the years and at the redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount to be redeemed), plus accrued interest to the redemption date, to be determined by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award; provided that the redemption price for any optional redemption date shall not be greater than 102%.

If optional redemption of Term Bonds at a redemption price exceeding 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed is to take place as of any Mandatory Redemption Date applicable to those Term Bonds, the Term Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed optionally shall be selected by lot prior to the selection by lot of the Term Bonds of the same maturity to be redeemed on the same date by operation of the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements. Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to this paragraph shall be redeemed only upon written notice from the Fiscal Officer to the Bond Registrar, given upon the direction of this Council through a resolution or an ordinance. That notice shall specify the redemption date and the principal amount of each maturity of Bonds to be redeemed, and shall be given at least 45 days prior to the redemption date or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to the Bond Registrar.

(iii) Partial Redemption. If fewer than all of the outstanding Bonds are called for optional redemption at one time and Bonds of more than one maturity are then outstanding, the Bonds that are called shall be Bonds of the maturity or maturities selected by the City. If fewer than all of the Bonds of a single maturity are to be redeemed, the selection of Bonds of that maturity to be redeemed, or portions thereof in amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, shall be made by the Bond Registrar by lot in a manner determined by the Bond Registrar. In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds by lot when Bonds of denominations greater than \$5,000 are then outstanding, each \$5,000 unit

of principal thereof shall be treated as if it were a separate Bond of the denomination of \$5,000. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the \$5,000 units of principal amount represented by a Bond are to be called for redemption, then, upon notice of redemption of a \$5,000 unit or units, the registered owner of that Bond shall surrender the Bond to the Bond Registrar (a) for payment of the redemption price of the \$5,000 unit or units of principal amount called for redemption (including, without limitation, the interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption and any premium), and (b) for issuance, without charge to the registered owner, of a new Bond or Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unmatured and unredeemed portion of, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date as, the Bond surrendered.

(iv) Notice of Redemption. The notice of the call for redemption of Bonds shall identify (a) by designation, letters, numbers or other distinguishing marks, the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, (b) the redemption price to be paid, (c) the date fixed for redemption, and (d) the place or places where the amounts due upon redemption are payable. The notice shall be given by the Bond Registrar on behalf of the City by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, at least 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owner of each Bond subject to redemption in whole or in part at the registered owner's address shown on the Bond Register maintained by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the fifteenth day preceding that mailing. Failure to receive notice by mail or any defect in that notice regarding any Bond, however, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any Bond.

(v) Payment of Redeemed Bonds. In the event that notice of redemption shall have been given by the Bond Registrar to the registered owners as provided above, there shall be deposited with the Bond Registrar on or prior to the redemption date, moneys that, in addition to any other moneys available therefor and held by the Bond Registrar, will be sufficient to redeem at the redemption price thereof, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, all of the redeemable Bonds for which notice of redemption has been given. Notice having been mailed in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph hereof, the Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall become due and payable on the redemption date, and, upon presentation and surrender thereof at the place or places specified in that notice, shall be paid at the redemption price, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. If money for the redemption of all of the Bonds and portions thereof to be redeemed, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date, are held by the Bond Registrar on the redemption date, so as to be available therefor on that date and, if notice of redemption has been deposited in the mail as aforesaid, then from and after the redemption date those Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to bear interest and no longer shall be considered to be outstanding. If that money shall not be so available on the redemption date, or that notice shall not have been deposited in the mail as aforesaid, those Bonds and portions thereof shall continue to bear interest, until they are paid, at the same rate as they would have borne had they not been called for redemption. All money held by the Bond Registrar for the redemption of particular Bonds shall be held in trust for the account of the registered owners thereof and shall be paid to them, respectively, upon presentation and surrender of those Bonds, provided that any interest earned on the money so held by the Bond Registrar shall be for the account of and paid to the City to the extent not required for the payment of the Bonds called for redemption.

Section 4. Execution and Authentication of Bonds; Appointment of Bond Registrar. The Bonds shall be signed by the City Manager and the Fiscal Officer, in the name of the City and in their official capacities, provided that either or both of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Bonds shall be issued in the Authorized Denominations and numbers as requested by the Original Purchaser and approved by the Fiscal Officer, shall be numbered as determined by the Fiscal Officer in order to distinguish each Bond

from any other Bond, and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to the Act, the Charter of the City, this Ordinance and the Certificate of Award.

Argent Institutional Trust Company is appointed to act as the initial Bond Registrar; provided, however, that the Fiscal Officer is authorized to appoint a different Bond Registrar in the Certificate of Award after determining that such bank or trust company will not endanger the funds or securities of the City and that proper procedures and safeguards are available for that purpose. The City Manager and the Fiscal Officer shall sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the City, the Bond Registrar Agreement between the City and the Bond Registrar, in substantially the form as is now on file with the Clerk of Council. The Bond Registrar Agreement is approved, together with any changes or amendments that are not inconsistent with this Ordinance and not substantially adverse to the City and that are approved by the Fiscal Officer on behalf of the City, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Bond Registrar Agreement or amendments thereto. The Fiscal Officer shall provide for the payment of the services rendered and for reimbursement of expenses incurred pursuant to the Bond Registrar Agreement from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and then from other money lawfully available and appropriated or to be appropriated for that purpose.

No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond proceedings unless and until the certificate of authentication printed on the Bond is signed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Bond Registrar shall be conclusive evidence that the Bond so authenticated has been duly issued, signed and delivered under, and is entitled to the security and benefit of, the Bond proceedings. The certificate of authentication may be signed by any authorized officer or employee of the Bond Registrar or by any other person acting as an agent of the Bond Registrar and approved by the Fiscal Officer on behalf of the City. The same person need not sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Bonds.

Section 5. Registration; Transfer and Exchange; Book Entry System.

(a) **Bond Registrar.** So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the City will cause the Bond Registrar to maintain and keep the Bond Register at the office satisfactory to the Fiscal Officer and the Bond Registrar. Subject to the provisions of Section 6, the person in whose name a Bond is registered on the Bond Register shall be regarded as the absolute owner of that Bond for all purposes of the Bond proceedings. Payment of or on account of the debt charges on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of that person; neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as provided in this Section. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the City's liability upon the Bond, including interest, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

(b) **Transfer and Exchange.** Any Bond may be exchanged for Bonds of any Authorized Denomination upon presentation and surrender at the office of the Bond Registrar designated in the Certificate of Award or, if not so designated, then at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. A Bond may be transferred only on the Bond Register upon presentation and surrender of the Bond at the designated office of the Bond Registrar together with an assignment signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon exchange or transfer the Bond Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations

requested by the owner equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Bond surrendered and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

If manual signatures on behalf of the City are required, the Bond Registrar shall undertake the exchange or transfer of Bonds only after the new Bonds are signed by the authorized officers of the City. In all cases of Bonds exchanged or transferred, the City shall sign and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond proceedings. The exchange or transfer shall be without charge to the owner, except that the City and Bond Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The City or the Bond Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before the procedure is begun for the exchange or transfer. All Bonds issued and authenticated upon any exchange or transfer shall be valid obligations of the City, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same security and benefit under the Bond proceedings as the Bonds surrendered upon that exchange or transfer. Neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall be required to make any exchange or transfer of (i) Bonds then subject to call for redemption between the 15th day preceding the mailing of notice of Bonds to be redeemed and the date of that mailing, or (ii) any Bond selected for redemption, in whole or in part.

(c) Book Entry System. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, if the Fiscal Officer determines in the Certificate of Award that it is in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the City, the Bonds may be issued in book entry form in accordance with the following provisions of this Section.

The Bonds may be issued to a Depository for use in a book entry system and, if and so long as a book entry system is utilized, (i) the Bonds may be issued in the form of a single, fully registered Bond representing each maturity and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of the Depository or its designated agent which may be the Bond Registrar; (ii) the book entry interest owners of Bonds in book entry form shall not have any right to receive Bonds in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of book entry interests in Bonds in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of the ownership of book entry interests shall be made only by book entry by the Depository and its Participants; and (iv) the Bonds as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the City.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as a Depository for the Bonds for use in a book entry system, the Fiscal Officer may attempt to establish a securities depository/book entry relationship with another qualified Depository. If the Fiscal Officer does not or is unable to do so, the Fiscal Officer, after making provision for notification of the book entry interest owners by the then Depository and any other arrangements deemed necessary, shall permit withdrawal of the Bonds from the Depository, and shall cause Bond certificates in registered form to be authenticated by the Bond Registrar and delivered to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including any costs of printing), if the event is not the result of City action or inaction, of those persons requesting such issuance.

The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements, in the name and on behalf of the City, that the Fiscal Officer determines to be necessary in connection with a book entry system for the Bonds.

Section 6. Award and Sale of the Bonds.

(a) **Original Purchaser Designated in Certificate of Award.** The Bonds shall be sold to the Original Purchaser at a purchase price, not less than 97% of their aggregate principal amount, to be determined by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award, plus accrued interest on the Bonds from their date to the Closing Date, and shall be awarded by the Fiscal Officer with and upon such other terms as are required or authorized by this Ordinance to be specified in the Certificate of Award, in accordance with law and the provisions of this Ordinance. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Bonds shall not be sold or issued unless the Fiscal Officer certifies in the Certificate of Award or otherwise that the Coverage Test, referenced in Section 8 hereof, is satisfied taking into account the issuance of the Bonds and all other outstanding Parity Obligations subject to such Coverage Test.

The Fiscal Officer shall sign and deliver the Certificate of Award and shall cause the Bonds to be prepared and signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Bonds, to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price. The City Manager, the Fiscal Officer, the Law Director, the Clerk of Council and other City officials, as appropriate, each are authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance.

(b) **Primary Offering Disclosure – Official Statement.** The City Manager and the Fiscal Officer, on behalf of the City and in their official capacities, are authorized to (i) prepare or cause to be prepared, and make or authorize modifications, completions or changes of or supplements to, an official statement in connection with the original issuance of the Bonds, (ii) determine, and to certify or otherwise represent, when the official statement is to be “deemed final” (except for permitted omissions) by the City or is a final official statement for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), (3) and (4), (iii) use and distribute, or authorize the use and distribution of, that official statement and any supplements thereto in connection with the original issuance of the Bonds and (iv) complete and sign that official statement as so approved together with such certificates, statements or other documents in connection with the finality, accuracy and completeness of that official statement as they deem necessary or appropriate.

(c) **Agreement to Provide Continuing Disclosure.** For the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Bonds, the City agrees to provide or cause to be provided such financial information and operating data, audited financial statements and notices of the occurrence of certain events, in such manner as may be required for purposes of the Rule. The Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to complete, sign and deliver the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, in the name and on behalf of the City, in substantially the form as is now on file with the Clerk of Council. The Continuing Disclosure Agreement is approved, together with any changes or amendments that are not inconsistent with this ordinance and not substantially adverse to the City and that are approved by the Fiscal Officer, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

The Fiscal Officer is further authorized and directed to establish procedures in order to ensure compliance by the City with its Continuing Disclosure Agreement, including timely provision of information and notices as described above. Prior to making any filing required under the Rule, the Fiscal Officer shall consult with and obtain legal advice from, as appropriate, the Law Director and/or bond or other qualified independent special counsel selected by the City. The Fiscal Officer, acting in the name and on behalf of the City, shall be entitled to rely upon any such legal advice in determining whether a

filing should be made. The performance by the City of its Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall be subject to the annual appropriation of any funds that may be necessary to perform it.

(d) Application for Rating or Bond Insurance; Financing Costs. If, in the judgment of the Fiscal Officer, the filing of an application for (A) a rating on the Bonds by one or more nationally-recognized rating agencies, or (B) a policy of insurance from a company or companies to better assure the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, is in the best interest of and financially advantageous to this City, the Fiscal Officer is authorized to prepare and to submit those applications, to provide to each such agency or company such information as may be required for the purpose, and to provide further for the payment of the cost of obtaining each such rating or policy, except to the extent paid by the Bond Registrar in accordance with the Certificate of Award and/or the Bond Registrar Agreement, from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available and that are appropriated or to be appropriated for that purpose. The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements, in the name of and on behalf of the City, that the Fiscal Officer determines to be necessary in connection with obtaining that bond insurance.

The expenditure of the amounts necessary to secure those rating(s) and to pay the other financing costs (as defined in Section 133.01 of the Revised Code) in connection with the Bonds, except to the extent paid by the Bond Registrar in accordance with the Certificate of Award and/or the Bond Registrar Agreement, and the Fiscal Officer is authorized to provide for the payment of any such amounts and costs from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose.

Section 7. Nontax Revenues; Bond Retirement Fund. The Bonds and any Parity Obligations that may be issued hereafter shall be special obligations of the City, and the debt charges on the Bonds shall be payable solely from the Nontax Revenues, and such payment is secured by a pledge of the Pledged Nontax Revenues pursuant to this Ordinance. The Bonds shall not be secured by an obligation or pledge of any money raised by taxation. The Bonds do not and shall not represent or constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the City, and the owners thereof have and shall have no right to have taxes levied by the City for the payment of debt charges on the Bonds. The Bonds shall contain a statement to that effect and to the effect that they are payable solely from the Pledged Nontax Revenues and are not secured by an obligation or pledge of any money raised by taxation.

The City will, solely from the proceeds of the Bonds, or from Nontax Revenues, pay or cause to be paid the debt charges on the Bonds on the dates, at the places and in the manner provided herein and in the Bonds. For that purpose, this City Council, after providing for the payment of debt charges payable on the City's general obligation securities in that year from sources available for that purpose, will appropriate and maintain Nontax Revenues at such times and in such amounts as will be sufficient, together with other funds available for the purpose, including but not limited to the proceeds of Bonds, which Nontax Revenues are hereby selected by the City pursuant to Section 165.12 of the Revised Code as moneys that are not raised by taxation. Further, this City Council will give effect to such appropriations in all ordinances it passes thereafter in that year appropriating money for expenditure and encumbrance and limit the other appropriations of Nontax Revenues in that year to the amount available after deducting the amount required for the payment of debt charges payable on the City's general obligation securities and to pay those debt charges on the Bonds.

There is hereby created by the City a separate fund or account designated as the "Special Obligation Nontax Revenue Bond Retirement Fund", or such other designation that may be provided

pursuant to Section 13 hereof (the "Bond Retirement Fund"), into which shall be deposited (i) any Project Revenues upon receipt, and (ii) other Nontax Revenues on or prior to the date on which any debt charges on the Bonds are due in an amount sufficient to pay those debt charges.

Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the City to use or apply to the payment of debt charges on the Bonds any funds or revenues from any source other than Nontax Revenues. Nothing herein, however, shall be deemed to prohibit the City, of its own volition, from using, to the extent that it is authorized by law to do so, any other resources for the fulfillment of any of the terms, conditions or obligations of this Ordinance or of the Bonds.

Section 8. Parity Obligations. The City shall have the right from time to time to issue Parity Obligations, which Parity Obligations shall be payable solely from the Nontax Revenues, and such payment shall be secured by a pledge of and a lien on the Nontax Revenues as provided by the Act and by an ordinance passed by this Council authorizing the issuance of those Parity Obligations.

The issuance of the Bonds and any Parity Obligations shall be subject to the Coverage Test previously established by the City (as hereinafter defined). Before the Bonds and/or any Parity Obligations are issued, the City shall be required to furnish a certificate of the Fiscal Officer showing that the aggregate amount of Nontax Revenues received during the fiscal year immediately preceding the issuance of the Bonds and/or those Parity Obligations is at least equal to 300% of the largest amount required to be paid in any succeeding calendar year to meet interest and principal maturities of the Bonds, outstanding bonds of the City secured by Nontax Revenues and any Parity Obligations to be outstanding immediately after the issuance of the Bonds or such Parity Obligations, or in the case of the issuance of notes issued in anticipation of Parity Obligations, the largest amount required to be paid in any succeeding calendar year to meet the estimated interest and principal maturities of those Parity Obligations anticipated (the "Coverage Test").

The proceeds of any sale of Parity Obligations shall be allocated in the manner provided in the ordinance authorizing their issuance. Junior lien or other subordinate bonds and other subordinate City obligations payable from the Nontax Revenues may be issued or incurred without limitation.

The Parity Obligations shall bear such designation as may be necessary to distinguish them from the Bonds or other Parity Obligations having different provisions and shall have maturities, interest rates, interest payment dates, redemption provisions, denominations and other provisions as provided in the ordinances hereafter adopted providing for the issuance of the Parity Obligations; provided, however, that those terms and provisions shall not be inconsistent with this Ordinance to the extent it governs the issuance and terms of Parity Obligations.

Section 9. Federal Tax Considerations. The City does not intend or represent that the interest on the Bonds will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the City is not and shall not be obligated to take any action to attempt to secure or maintain any such exclusion

Section 10. Notification of Bond Issuance. The Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to provide the notification required by Section 165.03(D) of the Ohio Revised Code to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Section 11. Retention of Bond and Disclosure Counsel. The legal services of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, as bond and disclosure counsel, be and are hereby retained. The legal services shall be in the nature of legal advice and recommendations as to the documents and the proceedings in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds and the rendering of the necessary legal opinions upon the delivery of the Bonds. In rendering those legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of the City in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State, the City or any other political subdivision, or the execution of public trusts. That firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation for those legal services and shall be reimbursed for the actual out-of-pocket expenses it incurs in rendering those legal services. The Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm. The amounts necessary to pay those fees and any reimbursement are hereby appropriated from the proceeds of the Bonds, if available, and otherwise from available moneys in the General Fund.

Section 12. Retention of Municipal Advisor. In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the municipal advisory services of Sudsina & Associates, LLC, as municipal advisor, are hereby retained. The municipal advisory services shall be in the nature of financial advice and recommendations in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds. In rendering those municipal advisory services, as an independent contractor, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of the City in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State, the City or any other political subdivision, or the execution of public trusts. That firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation for those municipal advisory services and shall be reimbursed for the actual out-of-pocket expenses it incurs in rendering those municipal advisory services. The Fiscal Officer is authorized to provide for the payment of those fees and any reimbursements from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent available and otherwise is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm.

Section 13. Satisfaction of Conditions for Bond Issuance. This Council determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be performed by the City or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Bonds in order to make them legal, valid and binding special obligations of the City have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Bonds have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Bonds; and that the Bonds are being authorized and issued pursuant to the Act, the Charter of the City, this Ordinance, the Certificate of Award and other authorizing provisions of law.

Section 14. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in open meetings of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law.

Section 15. Declaration of Emergency; Effective Date. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of this City, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Bonds, which is necessary to enable the City to timely enter into contracts for the improvements

and to otherwise provide for the health and safety of the residents of the City; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

PASSED:


Monty Tapp, Mayor

22 SEP 2026

