

Sylvania City Council
September 6, 2022

6:30 p.m. Public Hearing (CANCELLED)
ZA-2-2022, 4215 N, McCord Rd.

7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Agenda

1. Roll call. Mr. Frye, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Haynam, Mr. McCann, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Stough, Mrs. Westphal.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America led by Mr. Hansen.
3. Additions to the agenda.
4. Approval of the Council meeting minutes of August 15, 2022.
5. Reschedule Public Hearing ZA-2-2022 for October 17, 2022 to provide proper notification to adjacent property owners.
6. Elevated Walkway Bearing Seat Maintenance – Sylvania River Trail Phase 2 Project.
 - a. Service Director's report on project.
 - b. Proposed Ordinance No. 81-2022, Accepting the proposal of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. and awarding the contract for the Elevated Walkway Bearing Seat Maintenance-Sylvania River Trail Phase 2 Project.
7. Proposed Ordinance No. 82-2022, Accepting the Amendment to the proposal of Reveille, Ltd. to provide additional Economic Development Planning Services to study the feasibility of creating a Tax Increment Finance District. (First reading)
8. Proposed Ordinance No. 83-2022, Amending the Codified Ordinances of Sylvania, 1979, as amended, by amending Chapter 129, Department of Finance, to reorganize. (Will be emailed prior to meeting.)
9. Proposed Resolution No. 9-2022, Authorizing the City of Sylvania to participate with Lucas County in applying for a grant under the Safe Streets for All Program.
10. Council's confirmation of Mayor Stough's appointment of Police Chief.
 - a. Passing of the Badge Ceremony.
 - b. Proclamation honoring Chief Rick Schnoor for service to the City of Sylvania.
11. Committee reports.
12. Committee referrals.

INFORMATION

None.

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The Council of the City of Sylvania, Ohio met in regular session on August 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Stough in the chair. Roll was called with the following members present: Mark Frye, Marcus Hansen, Doug Haynam, Brian McCann, Patrick Richardson, Lyndsey Stough, Mary Westphal; (7) present; (0) absent.

Roll call:
All Present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America led by Mrs. Westphal.

Pledge of
Allegiance.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 3.

The following items has been added to the agenda:

- 11a. Report and proposal regarding proposed Ordinance No. 78-2022.
- 19. Announcement by Chief Schnoor.
- 18. Discussion on pole sign initiative.
- 8a. Richards Park update.

Mr. Haynam moved, Mr. Frye seconded to approve the agenda as amended; roll call vote being: Frye, Hansen, Haynam, McCann, Richardson, Stough, Westphal; (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Agenda approval.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 4.

Mr. Frye presented the July 18, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Frye moved, Mrs. Westphal seconded, that since the Mayor, members of Council, and others had been furnished copies of these minutes prior to this meeting, Council dispense with the reading of these minutes at this time, and the journal of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2022 be approved; roll call vote being: Hansen, Haynam, Frye, McCann, Richardson, Stough, Westphal, (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Approval of the
July 18, 2022
meeting minutes.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 5.

Judge Bonfigilo's reported on a proposed new position of Magistrate/Court Administrator.

Mrs. Westphal presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 72 -2022, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council "Revising the Administrative, Departmental and Divisional Organization of the City and the Codified Ordinances thereof by amending Sylvania Codified Ordinance Section 139.03 (e)(3) to change the title of Magistrate position form "Magistrate" to "Magistrate/Court Administrator" for the Sylvania Municipal Court and to set the salary at \$120,000; and declaring an emergency."; Mrs. Westphal moved, Mr. Frye seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 72-2022 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: Haynam, McCann, Richardson, Stough, Westphal, Frye, Hansen: (7) yeas;

Ordinance No.
72-2022,
"Revising...Syl.
Codified Ord....
...Magistrate to
Magistrate/Court
Administrator..."

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(0) nays. The motion carried.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 6.

Service Director's report on the Construction Engineering Consultant for the Monroe Street & Harroun Road Safety Improvements was placed on file. Mr. Richardson moved, Mr. Haynam seconded to authorize to begin the Letter of Interest Solicitation for the Monroe Street & Harroun Road Safety Improvement Construct Engineering Consultants; roll call vote being; Haynam, McCann, Richardson, Stough, Westphal, Frye, Hansen: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Authorize to begin the Letter of Interest Solicitation for Monroe & Harroun Safety Improvements.

Service Director's report on LUC-CR 4-9.77 Monroe & Harroun Improvements was placed on file. Mr. Richardson moved, Ms. Stough seconded to authorize the Clerk to advertise for bids for the Monroe & Harroun Improvements; roll call vote being: Haynam, McCann, Richardson, Stough, Westphal, Frye, Hansen: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Authorize to advertise for bids for Monroe & Harroun Improvements Project.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 7.

Service Director's report on Large Diameter Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (Phase 2) was placed on file. Mr. McCann presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 73 -2022, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council "Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to approve Change Order No. 1 to this City's Agreement with Granite Inliner, LLC for the Large Diameter Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (Phase 2) to reflect the cost increase associated with the unit pricing for cured-in-place pipe lining; increase the contract amount by \$51,614.20; appropriating funds therefore; and declaring an emergency measure; Mr. McCann moved, Mrs. Westphal seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 73-2022 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: McCann, Richardson, Stough, Westphal, Frye, Hansen, Haynam: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Ordinance No. 73-2022, "Authorizing CO#1 to Granite Inliner, LLC contract...Large Diameter Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (Phase 2)"

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 8.

Service Director's report on the Harroun Park River Trail Stream Restoration (Phase 2) Design-Build Contract approval was placed on file. Mr. McCann presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 74 -2022, a written copy of same having

Ordinance No. 74-2022, "Authorizing

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been previously furnished to each member of Council “Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept the proposal of Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for the Design-Build Services for the Harroun Park River Trail Stream Restoration Project (Phase 2); appropriating funds therefore in the amount of \$702,000; and declaring an emergency measure”; Mr. McCann moved, Mr. Hansen seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 74-2022 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: Richardson, Stough, Westphal, Frye, Hansen Haynam, McCann: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Civil & Environmental Consultants for Design-Build Svcs...Harroun Park River Trail Stream Restoration...”

Service Director Aller provided an update on the Richards Park Stream Restoration project that received grant funding if property owners provided support.

Richards Park Update.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 9.

Service Director’s report on the Subsidy Stipulation Agreement- Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) – LUC-Monroe & Silica Improvements was placed on file. Mr. Richardson presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 75-2022, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council “Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance of the City of Sylvania, Ohio, to enter into a Subsidy Stipulation Agreement with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO”); and declaring an emergency”; Mr. Richardson moved, Mr. McCann seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 75-2022 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: Stough, Westphal, Frye, Hansen Haynam, McCann, Richardson: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Ordinance No. 75-2022, “Authorizing... Subsidy Stipulation Agreement with PUCO...”

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 10.

Service Director’s report on Right-of-Way acquisition (33-T) for LUC-Monroe and Silica & LUC-Silica Drive Bridge Replacement was placed of file. Mr. Richardson presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 76-2022, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council “Accepting a Temporary Construction Easement from Sigma Realty Company for the Monroe & Silica Improvement Project and Silica Drive Bridge Replacement Project; dedicating the Temporary Easement for Public purposes; appropriation funds therefore in the amount of \$2,800; and declaring an emergency.”; Mr. Richardson moved, Mrs. Westphal seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 76-2022 as an emergency measure;

Ordinance No. 76-2022, “Accepting a Temporary Construction Easement from Sigma Realty Company ...Monroe & Silica Improvement

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roll call vote being: Westphal, Frye, Hansen, Haynam McCann, Stough, Richardson: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Project..."

Service Director's report on Right-of-Way acquisition (52-WD1-WD2 & 52T) for LUC-Monroe and Silica & LUC-Silica Drive Bridge Replacement was placed of file. Mr. Richardson presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 77-2022, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council "Accepting a Temporary Construction Easement from and authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Anchor Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance for the Monroe & Silica Improvement Project and Silica Drive Bridge Replacement Project; dedicating the same for public purposes; appropriating funds therefore in the amount of \$418.00; and declaring an emergency."; Mr. Richardson moved, Mrs. Westphal seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 77-2022 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: Frye, Hansen, Haynam McCann, Stough, Richardson, Westphal: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Ordinance No. 77-2022, "Accepting Temporary Construction Easement and purchase agreement from Anchor Church... Monroe & Silica Improvement Project.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 11.

Ms. Stough presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 78-2022, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council "Accepting the proposal of the Edge Group, Inc. to provide Processional Landscape Architectural Services relative to the Downtown Transportation Improvements Project; appropriating funds therefore in the amount of \$28,500; and declaring an emergency."; Ms. Stough moved, Mrs. Westphal seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 78-2022 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: Hansen, Haynam McCann, Stough, Richardson, Westphal, Frye: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Ordinance No. 78-2022, Accepting proposal Edge Group Inc... Downtown Transportation Improvement Project..."

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 12.

Ms. Stough moved, Mr. Hansen seconded for Mr. Frye to push back from table due to possible conflict of interest; roll call vote being: Hansen, Haynam McCann, Stough, Richardson, Westphal, Frye: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Mr. Frye pushed back from table.

Ordinance No.

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Mr. Hansen presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 79-2022, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council “Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a First Amendment to Trail Easement and Maintenance Agreement with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and SOMO MF Partners, LLC; and declaring an emergency.”; Mr. Hansen moved, Mr. Haynam seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 79-2022 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: Haynam, McCann, Stough, Richardson, Westphal, Hansen: (6) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

79-2022,
Authorizing
1st Amendment
to Trail Easement
& Maint. Agrmt
...Tol-LUC Port
Authority...”

Mr. Frye returned to the table.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 13.

Mr. Haynam presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 80-2022, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council “Approving the Banner Application of Lourdes University; authorizing the Zoning Administrator to indicate such approval on behalf of the City of Sylvania; and declaring an emergency.”; Mr. Haynam moved, Mrs. Westphal seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 80-2022 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: McCann, Stough, Richardson, Westphal, Frye, Hansen, Haynam: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Ordinance No.
80-2022,
“Approving
banner
application...
Lourdes
University...”

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 14.

Mr. Haynam presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 77-2021, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council “Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept the proposal of Environmental Design Group to review the City’s Zoning Code; appropriating funds therefore in an amount not to exceed \$24,000; and declaring an emergency.”; Mr. Haynam moved, Ms. Stough seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 77-2021 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: Stough, Richardson, Westphal, Frye, Hansen, Haynam, McCann,: (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Ordinance No.
77-2021,
Authorizing to
accept proposal
Environmental
Design
Group...City’s
Zoning Code...”

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 15.

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Service Director Aller provided an update on the Toledo Regional Water Commission- Toledo Raw Water Main repairs. He is waiting for a copy of the official report to review options and provide input.

Toledo Regional
Water
Commission
update.

Mayor Stough stated that there are no items for agenda item 16 & 17 so Council will now consider agenda item 18.

Mr. Sanford provided information on the Pole Sign Initiative which is to convert all pole signs to monument signs by 2026. Letters to business owners with information on city financial support will be sent.

Pole Sign
Initiative update.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 19.

Police Chief Rick Schnoor announced his retirement as of September 6, 2022. He provided the status report of the department stating they are fully staffed. He provided a few of the accomplishments during his tenure including hiring to provide full staff, updating the reporting system, updated policies/procedures, and the department's enhanced training of all officers to adapt to the mental health crisis. He was thanked by Council.

Chief Schnoor's
announcement of
retirement
effective 9/6/22.

Mayor Stough stated all agenda items have been addressed.

Adjournment.

Mr. Frye moved, Mr. McCann seconded to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Roll call vote being: Frye, Hansen, Haynam, McCann, Stough, Westphal, Richardson, (7) yeas; (0) nays.

Clerk of Council

Mayor

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
KEVIN G. ALLER, PE DIRECTOR

September 6, 2022

To: The Mayor and Members of Sylvania City Council

Re: **ELEVATED WALKWAY BEARING SEAT MAINTENANCE – SYLVANIA RIVER TRAIL PHASE 2**

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members:

At the May 2, 2022 Council meeting the Service Department requested authorization to approve an engineering contract with DGL Consulting Engineers to determine feasible repair alternatives for the elevated walkway bearing seats on Phase 2 of the Sylvania River Trail (Ord. 50-2022). These bearing seats were experiencing premature deterioration as determined during an April 12, 2022 inspection.

DGL completed their review and developed a construction plan that called for the temporary jacking and support of both elevated walkway superstructure approaches to the pedestrian bridge so that the unreinforced bearing seats could be removed and replaced with new bearing devices. Although only two of the four bearing seats showed premature wear, they recommended replacement of all four as a part of this maintenance effort. DGL's construction cost estimate for the repair work was \$30,000.

Once the construction plan was completed the Service Department solicited project interest from five (5) bridge contractors. Three (3) contractors expressed interest and were subsequently provided bidding documents for their review. The Service Department received two (2) bids on August 26, 2022 with the lowest bid submitted by Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. (SMCI) from North Royalton, Ohio. Their bid of \$28,700 was approximately 4.3% under the Engineer's estimate.

Although SMCI has not performed work for the City in the past, they are well versed in bridge maintenance work in Ohio and were recommended by DGL as a qualified contractor on this project. Therefore, it is our recommendation that the construction contract be awarded to Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$28,700 from account number 401-7610-53503. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin G. Aller, P.E.
Director of Public Service

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ORDINANCE NO. 81 -2022

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF SUBURBAN MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE ELEVATED WALKWAY BEARING SEAT MAINTENANCE – SYLVANIA RIVER TRAIL PHASE 2 PROJECT TO SAME; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,700; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 50-2022, passed by Sylvania City Council on May 2, 2022, accepted the proposal of DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC to provide professional engineering services for the Sylvania River Trail Phase 2 – Elevated Walkway Bearing Seat Repair Project and appropriated funds in the amount of \$7,800 for said project; and,

WHEREAS, DGL completed their review and developed a construction plan and recommendation to replace all four of the bearing seats on the River Trail elevated walkway at an estimated cost of \$30,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Service Department solicited project interest from five (5) bridge contractors and two proposals were received, the lowest being submitted by Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. (“SMCI”) in the amount of \$28,700; and,

WHEREAS, the two (2) proposals submitted meet all of the City’s specifications and the Director of Public Service, by report dated September 6, 2022, has recommended acceptance of the lowest and best proposal of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. (“SMCI”) and that the contract for the Elevated Walkway Bearing Seat Maintenance – Sylvania River Trail Phase 2 Project be awarded to same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Sylvania, Lucas County, Ohio, _____ members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the proposal of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. for said Elevated Walkway Bearing Seat Maintenance – Sylvania River Trail Phase 2 Project, in the amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$28,700.00), is hereby accepted.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and Director of Finance be, and hereby are, authorized and

directed to execute a contract with the contractor named in Section 1 above for the furnishing of such labor and materials in accordance with said proposal.

SECTION 3. That to provide funds for said improvements hereby authorized, there is hereby appropriated from the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND** from funds therein not heretofore appropriated to **Account No. 401-7610-53503, Street Improvements**, the total sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$28,700.00).

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance 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 5. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to post a copy of this Ordinance in the Office of the Clerk of Council in the Municipal Building pursuant to ARTICLE III, Section 12, of the Charter of this City.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, property and welfare and for the further reason that the proposal of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. should be accepted immediately so as to provide for the commencement of the Elevated Walkway Bearing Seat Maintenance – Sylvania River Trail Phase 2 Project at the earliest possible time. Provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after it is approved by the Mayor or as otherwise provided by the Charter.

Vote on passage as an emergency: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Passed, _____, 2022, as an emergency measure.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of Council

Director of Law

APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ORDINANCE NO. 82 -2022

ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSAL OF REVEILLE, LTD. TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING SERVICES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 65-2021, passed by Sylvania City Council on September 20, 2021, accepted the proposal of Reveille to provide economic development planning services to study the feasibility of creating a Tax Increment Financing (“TIF”) District and appropriated \$6,500 for said services; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 9-2022, passed by Sylvania City Council on January 18, 2022, accepted the amendment to the proposal of Reveille to provide additional economic development planning services to study the feasibility of creating a TIF District and appropriated an amount not to exceed \$1,500 for said services; and,

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Director, by report dated August 30, 2022, provided an update on the TIF and recommended that the amended proposal of Reveille to provide additional economic development planning services beyond the scope of what was initially included in the proposal accepted by Sylvania City Council in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 be approved; and,

WHEREAS, the actual work performed and time spent on this project has exceeded the time estimated in the original proposal resulting in the increased cost.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Sylvania, Lucas County, Ohio, _____ members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the amended proposal of Reveille in an amount not to exceed the total sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to provide economic development planning services to determine the feasibility of creating a tax increment financing district, is hereby approved and accepted.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Economic Development shall promptly give notice to said consultant to proceed under the proposal hereby approved and accepted.

SECTION 3. That to provide funds for said consulting services hereby authorized, there is hereby appropriated from the **GENERAL FUND** from funds therein not heretofore appropriated to **Account No. 110-7320-51294 – Special Projects** an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance 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 5. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to post a copy of this Ordinance in the Office of the Clerk of Council in the Municipal Building pursuant to ARTICLE III, Section 12, of the Charter of this City.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, property and welfare and for the further reason that the professional services should commence at the earliest possible time and therefore this Ordinance should be effective immediately. Provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after it is approved by the Mayor or as otherwise provided by the Charter.

Vote on passage as an emergency: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Passed, _____, 2022, as an emergency measure.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of Council

Director of Law

APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 9 -2022

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SYLVANIA TO PARTICIPATE WITH LUCAS COUNTY IN APPLYING FOR A GRANT UNDER THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO THE LUCAS COUNTY ENGINEER FOR SUBMISSION WITH THE GRANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (“SS4A”) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next five years, with up to \$1 billion available in fiscal year 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the SS4A program funds regional, local, and tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries; and,

WHEREAS, Lucas County is joining with Fulton, Wood, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties in applying for a grant under this program; and,

WHEREAS, in order to receive design and implementation funding under the program, a Transportation Safety Action Plan must be completed; and,

WHEREAS, the Lucas County Engineer, in an email dated August 22, 2022, has indicated that it is his intent, along with the other four participating counties, to apply for funds to create a Transportation Safety Action Plan for the Five County Area; and,

WHEREAS, the plan will identify activities and projects that will make our roadways safer and move toward zero deaths on our roadways; and,

WHEREAS, the grant program requires a 20% match, however, the Lucas County Engineer has indicated that the City will not be required to participate in the funding for the Transportation Safety Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Sylvania, Lucas County, Ohio, _____ members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a Letter of Commitment in the form and substance of the attached "Exhibit A" thereby indicating the City's willingness to participate as a co-applicant of the Safe Streets for All Grant Program.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that for all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage 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 the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to post a copy of this Resolution in the office of the Clerk of Council in the Municipal Building pursuant to ARTICLE III, Section 12 of the Charter of this City.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, property and welfare and for the further reason that the Letter of Commitment should be signed immediately so that the City can participate in the grant program. Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after it is approved by the Mayor or as otherwise provided by the Charter.

Vote dispensing with the second and third readings: Yeas ____ Nays ____

Passed, _____, 2022, as an emergency measure.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

President of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Director of Law

September 6, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to confirm our commitment as a joint applicant with the Lucas County Transportation Improvement District for the FY 2022 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program to help the development of a regional and comprehensive Northwest Ohio Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) across five counties (Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wood).

We are pleased to submit this application to support our effort to provide a data-driven and coordinated Transportation Safety Action Plan for a five-county area in Northwest Ohio. This Plan will provide a comprehensive framework for hopefully eliminating fatalities and serious injuries across our transportation system. Upon completion, the TSAP will demonstrate the commitment and path forward of our joint applicants to prioritize the safety of all road users. The Plan will provide aspirational goals, clear policies, implementable strategies, and specific and measurable actions to eliminate deaths and life-changing injuries on our transportation system by 2045. The development and implementation of this Plan will provide a coordinated effort between rural, suburban, and urban jurisdictions to enhance safety of all our citizens and safe lives. Together, the joint applicants in Northwest Ohio will create a TSAP around the SS4A action plan components, involving the whole community across our region, and ensuring capacity building around prioritizing safety throughout the TSAP development. We are all making a commitment to this Plan by jointly providing the 20% match.

Since 2000, traffic fatalities and serious crashes have generally increased in the five-county area, while the region's population has generally remained flat. The TSAP will provide the long-term vision of zero deaths and life-changing injuries and chart a path toward that achievable goal. The TSAP will provide guidance to policymakers, planners, first responders, and designers about how to proactively develop a transportation system with fewer fatalities and serious injuries. Across the northwest Ohio region, approximately 45,000 people reside in disadvantaged census tracts out of a population of approximately 700,000 total people. The TSAP will guide efforts to prioritize safety and increase investments in these disadvantaged areas. The TSAP will also include community-based emphasis areas (EAs) and specific and measurable actions. The EAs provide a framework for organizing and implementing near-term actions that will maximize the safety improvements where need is greatest.

We are proud to be a joint applicant in this important Plan for our region. We intend to provide our residents with safer transportation for all as we work to have Zero Deaths on our roadways. We ask for your full and fair consideration of our application.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Stough
Mayor