

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2023
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Thomas

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Whereas, the City of Richmond Heights seeks to upgrade its existing wastewater facilities consisting of the design of a drop structure to a Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District interceptor to accommodate redevelopment in the City and other improvements to local sewer capacity (the “Sewer Capacity Improvements Project”);

Whereas, 2023 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Principal Forgiveness funds may be available through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance in an amount not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), to fund the Sewer Capacity Improvements Project;

Whereas, the City of Richmond Heights intends to apply for Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the planning, design and/or construction of the aforesaid wastewater facilities;

Whereas, the WPCLF requires the government authority to pass legislation for the application of a loan and the execution of an agreement as well as designating a dedicated repayment source;

Whereas, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has advised the City that this Council’s Resolution No. 76-2023 was deficient for purposes of its application for the WPCLF loan, has requested the format of this Resolution to be adopted by the Council to move forward with the application, and, therefore, Resolution No. 76-2023 should be repealed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WPCLF loan, sign all documents for and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for planning, design and/or construction of wastewater facilities on behalf of the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio, that being the Sewer Capacity Improvements Project.

SECTION 2. The dedicated source of repayment will be the City of Richmond Heights Sewer Improvement Fund, Number 450.

SECTION 3. Resolution No. 76-2023, passed by this Council on May 23, 2023, is hereby repealed.

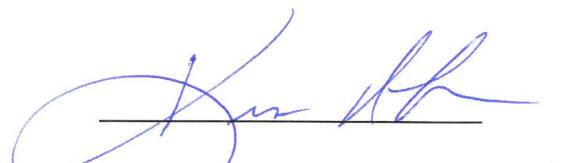
SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare and for the further reason that it is necessary to submit this Council-approved Resolution to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority as soon as possible to complete the application process for the loan funds set forth in the recitals to this Resolution for the sewer capacity improvement project; wherefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

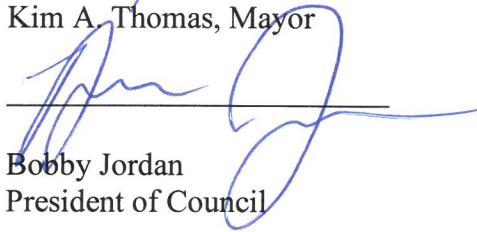
PASSED: August 8, 2023

APPROVED: August 8, 2023

ATTEST: Donnie Hunter

Donnie L. Hunter
Clerk of Council


Kim A. Thomas, Mayor


Bobby Jordan
President of Council