

ORDINANCE NO. 67-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR FOR GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) COOPERATION AND DATA SHARING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) provide a structured and centralized way for governmental agencies to electronically store data thereby allowing for efficient data recall, retained institutional knowledge and enhanced data analysis capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avon has advanced its GIS capabilities in recent years particularly in the area of public infrastructure and planning tools; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avon desires continue the advancement of its GIS capabilities to expand its usefulness to all departments and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain County Auditor's Office uses a similar GIS for many purposes, and has proposed a cooperative arrangement with the City of Avon to share computing resources and data for the benefit of both entities; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer, in a March 31, 2017 memorandum, has outlined current GIS uses, potential cost savings and other benefits of a cooperative arrangement between the City of Avon and the Lorain County Auditor, copy attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer in conjunction with Avon information technology staff and Lorain County Auditor staff has drafted a proposed Memorandum of Agreement to be considered by both entities, copy attached as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avon reserves all rights of data ownership relative to any City of Avon data shared with the Lorain County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Community that the City of Avon work in a cooperative manner with outside agencies including the Lorain County Auditor's office to seek enhanced GIS capabilities and cost savings through shared public resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, COUNTY OF LORAIN AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1 - That Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Agreement in a form that is substantially similar to the one set forth in the attached Exhibit B which is incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2 – Furthermore, Council hereby authorizes the Avon Mayor to implement said Memorandum of Agreement to the fullest extent possible as specified therein.

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Section 3- That it is 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 the Council of the City of Avon and that all deliberations of Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions 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 Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity facilitate public benefits and cost efficiencies in the earliest possible timeframe; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Craig L. Witherspoon, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks
Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
In Five Places as
Provided by Council

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