

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-20

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE ISSUE ONE FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE CHESTER ROAD WIDENING PHASE II PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avon has observed an increase of traffic volumes along the Chester Road corridor and recognizes that capacity improvements are needed to the extent possible to maintain safe travel conditions for its residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the intersections of Chester Road & American Way (western entrance), a private development, and the Chester Road & Chenin Run (western entrance), also a private development, do not have dedicated left turn lanes on Chester Road; and

WHEREAS, the Developer of the Avon Pointe (American Way), Brady-Cam I, LLC and the Developer of Concord Village No. 2 (Chenin Run), Concord Village Phase 2, LLC made independent commitments to improve the portion of Chester Road across their respective frontages by the widening of Chester Road to accommodate left turn lanes at the noted intersections; and

WHEREAS, the extent of the two private developer driven roadway widening projects along Chester Road necessary to meet Ohio Department of Transportation standards would leave a gap of approximately 600 feet of unimproved Chester Road roadway in between; and

WHEREAS, based on the anticipated future growth along the Chester Road corridor west of State Route 83 (Center Road), safety benefits to adjacent residents that a dedicated center turn lane brings and the benefits of associated upgrades to water distribution and storm sewer drainage systems, the City Administration has determined that investigating a comprehensive roadway improvement project that addresses the private developer's commitments as well as the section in between them is a worthwhile pursuit; and

WHEREAS, future discussions with each entity involved and actions of Avon City Council will determine specific financial contributions each of the two private developers noted herein will make to the City of Avon to address their independent roadway improvement commitments along Chester Road; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has identified a Chester Road Widening Phase II Project which includes the addition of left/center turn lane improvements from west of the Chester Road & American Way (western entrance) to east of the Chester Road & Chenin Run (western entrance), approximately 1,550 feet in total, including roadway widening, utility relocations, watermain replacement, grading and drainage system improvements, and the full asphalt surfacing of the existing and expanded roadway sections within the project area, see Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, in addition the financial contributions from the noted private developers the City Council finds that the improvement of Chester Road may also be eligible for partial funding

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with Issue One (1) Funds from the State of Ohio, Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to partially offset any local funding obligations to the City of Avon, not to diminish in any way the responsibilities of the developers; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that these proposed improvements will significantly further the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Avon and the community in providing a widened public roadway with the associated appurtenances including improved intersections at Chester Road & American Way (western entrance), and the Chester Road & Chenin Run (western entrance) as well as the other noted improvements throughout the project extents.

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

Section 1 - That the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an application and execute contracts seeking State Issue One (1) funds for the year 2020, Round 35, to obtain much needed financial assistance for the public improvements within the City of Avon, to wit: improvements to be known as the Chester Road Widening Phase II Project with all appurtenances thereto.

Section 2 - That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the City of Avon concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council of the City of Avon and that all deliberations of this City's 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.

Section 3 - That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to support an application for State Issue One (1) funds for the year 2020, Round 35 prior to its predetermined deadlines; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks
Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
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