

ORDINANCE NO. 20-107

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHIO TELECOM, INC., OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO, FOR THE CITY OWNED FIBER EXTENSION TO THE AMTRAK STATION FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROJECT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the City Commission authorized the filing of a grant application with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for FY2020 Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) Grant Funds for Sandusky Transit System projects, including a fiber optic network at the Amtrak Station, by Resolution No. 037-19R, passed on September 23, 2019, and subsequently the City was awarded funds; and

WHEREAS, the City currently relies on fiber connections for all phone, data, and security communications to its offsite locations and desires to expand this connectivity to the Amtrak Station where the Sandusky Transit System operations are located; and

WHEREAS, the City Owned Fiber Extension to the Amtrak Station for Transit Operations Project involves extending the City's fiber connection from the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) on Harrison Street to the Transit operation at the Amtrak Station on N. Depot Street to provide consistency within all the City's offsite locations and increase security and safety for the Sandusky Transit System operations; and

WHEREAS, this City Commission declared the necessity to proceed with the proposed City Owned Fiber Extension to the Amtrak Station for Transit Operations Project by Resolution No. 026-20R, passed on June 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, upon public competitive bidding as required by law one (1) appropriate bid was received and the bid from Ohio Telecom, Inc., of Port Clinton, Ohio, was determined to be the lowest and best bid; and

WHEREAS, the total contract cost is \$66,860.00 and will be paid with funds received through the FY2020 Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) grant; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to complete the project in a timely manner and prior to the deadline of December 1, 2020, to be in compliance with the Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) grant program; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Sandusky Transit System, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Ohio Telecom, Inc., of Port Clinton, Ohio, for the City Owned Fiber Extension to the Amtrak Station for Transit Operations Project in an amount **not to exceed** Sixty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty and 00/100 Dollars (\$66,860.00) consistent with the bid submitted by Ohio Telecom, Inc., of Port Clinton, Ohio, currently on file in the office of the Director of Public Works.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST: KELLY L. KRESSER
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: July 27, 2020