

ORDINANCE 2018 – 46

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN
ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH FESTO
CORPORATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A PORT
AUTHORITY INCENTIVE LOAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason and Mason Port Authority have the opportunity to facilitate the recruitment of additional capital investment and jobs by assisting with an incentive package that would secure a City economic participation agreement and an incentive loan for the expansion of the company operations in Mason, Ohio, leverage new investment and create new jobs in the City; and

WHEREAS, Festo will bring over \$90 million investment, retain and add new jobs in the City, totaling over 600 over five years; and

WHEREAS, this action is designed to meet economic development objectives including targeting tier one company attraction and growth with businesses such as Festo who are leaders in advanced manufacturing and logistics, engineering and solutions development in the automation and technology industry; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Mason now wishes to authorize the City Manager to enter into said agreement and to formally authorize the implementation of the economic development incentive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio,

seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an Economic Participation Agreement with Festo Corporation or a related entity, substantially in the form of the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. That the City Manager is further authorized to execute any and all other documents necessary and related to the Economic Participation Agreement.

Section 3. That there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, Community Development an amount of \$400,000.00 to the Mason Port Authority for the Mason Port Authority to fund an incentive program for Festo Corporation.

Section 4. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to provide \$400,000.00 to the Mason Port Authority for the purpose of providing a performance loan incentive to Festo Corporation in order to assist with the growth strategy of Phases II and III combined, s a new 350,000 square-foot facility expansion, jobs and payroll growth.

Section 5. That the City Manager is further authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the terms of this Ordinance.

Section 6. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to expend the appropriated funds upon direction of the City Manager.

Section 7. That this Ordinance shall be effective from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 9th day of April, 2018.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council