

ORDINANCE 2021 – 6

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAMS, AMEND THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE MASON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION, AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in order to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities, and to improve the economic welfare of the people of the state, it has been determined to be in the public interest and a proper public purpose for the state or its political subdivisions to engage in certain economic development activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it is critical to assist the business recovery of the City of Mason small business community as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and to provide support, relief and encourage economic development activity in the City of Mason; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide such assistance, Council hereby declares it to be a proper public purpose to provide funds in order to establish proper and relevant business recovery programs; and

WHEREAS, the business recovery programs established by the City of Mason will be used solely to further the City of Mason's mission within the City of Mason and that such expenditure will result in a demonstrable benefit to the City of Mason that can be substantiated with evidence; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on January 13, 2021 approved a motion to authorize the City to provide up to an additional \$60,000 to the Mason Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) in order to round out the business assistance programs previously authorized by Ordinance 2020-52 and to fund critical impact supplemental grants as determined to be appropriate by the CIC, and to direct the Law Director to prepare the necessary legislation to formally authorize the additional funds and to amend the existing service agreement with the CIC; and

WHEREAS, the Mason Community Improvement Corporation is a non-profit corporation formed for the sole purpose to advance, encourage, and promote the industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development of Mason, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to add supplemental awards for the Small Business Recovery Program to support businesses in the City of Mason impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to amend the service agreement

with the Mason Community Improvement Corporation to administer such programs in an additional amount not to exceed \$60,000. Pursuant to said service agreements, this \$60,000 plus the original \$700,000 shall be divided among the two programs as determined by the City Manager and the Mason Community Improvement Corporation, with such division subject to reallocation upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Section 3. That there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, Community Development an amount of \$60,000 to fund such programs.

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 and shall be effective immediately upon its adoption. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to authorize the funding at the earliest possible date in order to immediately begin the business recovery efforts needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Passed this 25th day of January, 2021.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council