

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-341

First Reading Passage Requested
(B. Nelsen)

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE October 26, 2020

COMMITTEE: Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the**
8 **Akron/Summit Convention and Visitors Bureau, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00,**
9 **utilizing funding received by the County under Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus**
10 **Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) to provide financial assistance with**
11 **expenses associated with the remarketing of the convention center and the tourism industry**
12 **in Summit County, and declaring such expenditure necessary due to the public health**
13 **emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for the Executive,**
14 **and declaring an emergency.**

15 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had a significant impact on
16 the travel and tourism industry in Akron/Summit County, for which the Akron/Summit
17 Convention and Visitors Bureau (“ASCVB”) serves to promote as an ideal destination for
18 business and leisure travel and serves as the clearinghouse for area travel and tourism; and
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20 WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury issued guidance about local
21 investment of the CARES Act that included remarketing convention facilities and the tourism
22 industry and states that expenses incurred to publicize the resumption of activities and steps
23 taken to ensure a safe experience may be needed due to the public health emergency; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to make a grant to the ASCVB, in a total amount not
26 to exceed \$250,000.00, from funding received under Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus
27 Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) to provide financial assistance with
28 expenses associated with the remarketing of the convention center and the tourism industry in
29 Summit County; and
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31 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
32 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
33 execute a grant agreement with that ASCVB, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 utilizing
34 CARES Act funds; and
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36 WHEREAS, this Council further declares that the expenditure of funds totaling
37 \$250,000.00 to provide financial assistance for the remarketing of the convention center and the
38 tourism industry in Summit County is necessary due to the public health emergency created by
39 the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of Section 5001
40 of the federal CARES Act;
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42 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
43 of Ohio, that:
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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the
7 Akron/Summit Convention and Visitors Bureau (“ASCVB”), in an amount not to exceed
8 \$250,000.00, to be paid from funds received from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and
9 Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), which will be used to provide financial assistance with
10 expenses associated with the remarketing of the convention center and the tourism industry in
11 Summit County, which have been impacted by the public health emergency created by the
12 COVID-19 pandemic.

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14 SECTION 2

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16 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of \$250,000.00 under the
17 aforementioned grant agreement is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to
18 the COVID-19 pandemic and is being done in compliance with the provisions of Section 5001 of
19 the federal CARES Act.

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21 SECTION 3

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23 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
24 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
25 authorize the County’s financial assistance to the ASCVB with expenses associated with the
26 remarketing of the convention center and the tourism industry in Summit County which have
27 been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so that the project can be commenced and
28 completed as expeditiously as possible.

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30 SECTION 4

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32 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect
33 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect and be
34 in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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36 SECTION 5

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38 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to
39 the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
40 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in
41 meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the
42 Ohio Revised Code.
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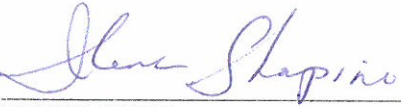
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12 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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14 APPROVED October 27, 2020

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October 27, 2020
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote - YES: 10-0-1 Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler, McKenney,
Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite
ABSTAIN: Dickinson