

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-007

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 6, 2025 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to**
8 **execute a Professional Services Agreement with The Greater Akron Chamber to provide**
9 **economic development services, including but not limited to business attraction and**
10 **retention, workforce growth, economic inclusion, and facilitation of economic development**
11 **ecosystem initiatives, from 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025 in a total amount not to exceed**
12 **\$110,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, the Greater Akron Chamber (the “Chamber”) drives economic growth and
15 prosperity for Greater Akron by supporting the success of the business community and acting as
16 a convener of stakeholders on key issues facing the region; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with
19 the Chamber, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00, in order to support the economic
20 development activities of the Chamber; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Agreement will include \$80,000 to support ongoing initiatives, including
23 business retention and expansion with a focus on minority businesses in order to increase
24 supplier diversity, Elevate Greater Akron, business site selection, and the Polymer Industry
25 Cluster Steering Committee; and

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27 WHEREAS, as part of this Agreement, the County of Summit will be recognized as a key
28 supporter of the Chamber’s work in our region and be recognized as a sponsor at events
29 throughout the year; and

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31 WHEREAS, additionally, the Agreement will include \$30,000 to support additional
32 economic development services specific to the needs of the Executive’s Department of
33 Community and Economic Development, including Select USA, the Polymer Industry Cluster
34 Initiative, mentorship to economic development staff, and Insite Ohio; and

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36 WHEREAS, this contract will be considered by the Board of Control at its meeting to be
37 held on January 8, 2025 and is exempt under Section 177.07(a)(5) of the Codified Ordinances as
38 a sole source vendor as the Chamber is uniquely situated to provide these services; and

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40 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
41 that the aforementioned professional service contract with the Greater Akron Chamber is
42 necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit

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45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
46 of Ohio, that:

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48 SECTION 1

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50 The Executive is authorized to execute Professional Services Agreement with The Greater
51 Akron Chamber to provide economic development services, including but not limited to business
52 attraction and retention, workforce growth, economic inclusion, and facilitation of economic

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4 SECTION 1 (CONT.)

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6 development ecosystem initiatives, from 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025, in a total amount not to
7 exceed \$110,000.00, and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute any other necessary
8 related documents.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
13 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
14 approve the aforementioned Professional Services Agreement in order to enable to the Chamber
15 to continue providing these services.

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17 SECTION 3

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

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23 SECTION 4

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25 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
26 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
27 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
28 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
29 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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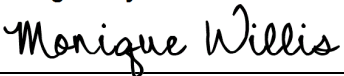
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32 INTRODUCED January 6, 2025


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34 ADOPTED January 27, 2025

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Signed by:


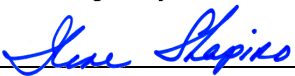
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40 APPROVED January 27, 2025

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EXECUTIVE
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Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate,
McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

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45 ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 28, 2025