

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-016

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE January 8, 2024 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, for a one-year term, from 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, in a total amount**  
12 **not to exceed \$80,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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18 WHEREAS, Summit County and the Chamber partner on numerous initiatives, including  
19 business retention and expansion with a focus on minority businesses in order to increase  
20 supplier diversity, Elevate Greater Akron, and the Polymer Industry Cluster Steering Committee;  
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23 WHEREAS, in the past year, the County has partnered with the Chamber and other  
24 organizations to support the region's polymer industry and pursue efforts to solidify state  
25 and federal investment in Akron's polymer industry companies and key ecosystem  
26 stakeholders; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with  
29 the Chamber, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, in order to support these and other  
30 initiatives; and

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32 WHEREAS, as part of this Professional Service Agreement, the County of Summit will be  
33 recognized as a key supporter of the Chamber's work in our region and be recognized as a  
34 sponsor at events throughout the year; and

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36 WHEREAS, this agreement will be considered by the Board of Control at its meeting to  
37 be held on January 10, 2024 and is exempt under Section 177.07(a)(5) of the Codified  
38 Ordinances as a sole source vendor as the Chamber is uniquely situated to provide these services;  
39 and

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41 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
42 that the aforementioned professional service agreement with the Greater Akron Chamber, subject  
43 to the approval of the Board of Control, is necessary and in the best interest of the County of  
44 Summit;

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

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SECTION 1

The Executive is authorized to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, a Professional Services Agreement with The Greater Akron Chamber to provide economic development services, including but not limited to business attraction and retention, workforce growth, economic inclusion, and facilitation of economic development ecosystem initiatives, for a one-year term, from 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, in a total amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute any other necessary related documents.

SECTION 2

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

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED January 8, 2024

ADOPTED January 29, 2024

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*Marije Willis*  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

DocuSigned by:  
*Veronica R Sim*  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED January 29, 2024  
DocuSigned by:  
*Steve Shapiro*  
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EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite  
Absent: DeVitis

ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 30, 2024