

RESOLUTION NO.: 2012-R24
SPONSOR: MAYOR NORTON
INTRODUCED: JUNE 12, 2012

ASSIGNED TO: INTERGOV. & UTIL.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT'S CREATION OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AND THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT'S APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOVING OHIO FORWARD GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Ohio General Assembly enacted legislation authorizing any county with a population of over 60,000 persons to create a County Land Reutilization Corporation ("CLRC"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CLRC is to acquire, renovate, rehab, demolish and otherwise acquire real property that is abandoned, vacant or blighted and to put the real property back into productive use and tax status; and

WHEREAS, CLRCs were created by the Ohio General Assembly and given powers in order to address, in part, the recent foreclose crisis, real estate market crisis and declining property values, all of which are exacerbated by the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in a community; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of the legislation creating CLRCs, all urban counties in Ohio have proceeded with the formation of a CLRC; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit recently enacted legislation creating the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation ("Summit CLRC") in order to perform those functions within Summit County, and is currently working on additional legislation to finalize the creation of the Summit CLRC; and

WHEREAS, the Summit CLRC will be primarily funded through a portion of delinquent real property tax payments and accompanying penalty and interest; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General recently committed a portion of settlement proceeds from litigation against certain financial institutions to the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program, and has allocated \$3,780,560 of those funds to Summit County communities to use for demolition of abandoned, vacant and blighted residential structures; and

WHEREAS, \$3,280,560 of the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funds require a local match, and by creating the Summit CLRC, up to \$2,000,000 in local match funds will be generated by the Summit CLRC from the period of July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 ("Period"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit intends to apply for the full \$3,780,560 of Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program Funds and to commit the up to \$2,000,000 that will be raised by the Summit CLRC over the Period as a local match to those grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit has stated that both the Moving Ohio Grant Program Funds and the matching funds generated by the Summit CLRC will be distributed to ALL

Summit County communities, including the City of Green, to address the abandoned, vacant and blighted properties within each Summit County community; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds and determines that the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in our community has serious negative effects on the property values of residents that faithfully pay their property taxes and maintain their homes; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds and determines that the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in our community has serious negative effects on the real property tax base that supports the operations of this Council and the other taxing jurisdictions in and around the City of Green; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to express its support for both the creation of the Summit CLRC and the County of Summit's application for \$3,780,560 in Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION ONE

Green City Council expresses its support for the County of Summit's actions to create the Summit CLRC and to provide it with the powers and funding to acquire, renovate, rehab, demolish and otherwise acquire real property that is abandoned, vacant or blighted and to put the same back into productive use and tax status. Furthermore, Council hereby supports the application of the County of Summit for \$3,780,560 in Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funds that will be submitted to the Ohio Attorney General's Office no later than June 30, 2012.

SECTION TWO

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meeting of this Council and any deliberations of this City and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION THREE

Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Green. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: June 12, 2012

Molly Stevens
Molly Stevens, Clerk

Joel Reed
Joel Reed, Council President

APPROVED: June 12, 2012

Richard G. Norton
Richard G. Norton, Mayor

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ON ROLL CALL: Colopy -yea France -yea Humphrey -yea Knodel Abstained
Neugebauer, Reed -yea Summerville -yea Adopted 5-0-1
Abstained

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Molly Stevens
Molly Stevens, Clerk

6/06/2012 Approved as to form and content by Stephen J. Pruneski, Law Director

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