

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 – 140

By: Mayor Perciak

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE MAYOR AND LAW DIRECTOR'S EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL AND ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND RELATED MATTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Law Director's employment of special legal counsel is hereby ratified, approved and authorized, including entering into an agreement with **ATTORNEY VIRGINIA D. BENJAMIN**, and the law firm of **CALFEE, HALTER & GRISWOLD LLP**, to provide professional legal services to the City in connection with various tax increment financing and related matters, in accordance with their proposal and hourly rates on file with the City's Law Department, but in a total amount not to exceed the sum of \$25,000.00, and in a form approved by the Law Director.

Section 2. That the funds for the purpose of such services and said agreement have been appropriated and shall be paid from the applicable Tax Incremental Financing Funds and the General Fund; and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue payment in accordance with the terms and conditions of such proposal and agreement.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that the retention of such specialized legal services is immediately necessary in order to protect the legal, financial and tax interests of the City and provide representation to the City with regard to various tax increment financing matters, and to conserve public funds. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council,

it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Michael Daymut
President of Council

Approved: Thomas J. Zurek
Mayor

Date Passed: July 6, 2015
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Date Approved: July 7, 2015

Attest: Aimee Pientka
Clerk of Council

Carbone	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Daymut	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
DeMio	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Dooner	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Maloney	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Schonhut	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Southworth	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

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