

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **March 28, 2023 in special session**. The meeting was called to order at **5:34 p.m.** by President of Council Paul Marnecheck and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Paul Marnecheck, Council Representatives John Nickell, Linda Barath, Joanne Krejci, Jeremy Dietrich, Heidi Webber, Mike Wos, Legislative Services Director Dana Schroeder; **Administration:** Law Director Thomas Kelly, Finance Director Jenny Esarey

- Ms. Schroeder read the Notice of Special Meeting. Notice of this meeting was posted as required.

SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS:

LEGISLATION:

FIRST READING CONSIDERATION

ORDINANCE 23-40

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MATCHING FUND LETTER COMMITTING AN INVESTMENT OF \$15,000,000 FROM NORTH ROYALTON WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000 FROM THE OHIO WATER AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Wos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath **to adopt Ordinance 23-40**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Wos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Wos to **adjourn the March 28, 2023 Special Council meeting**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Wos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Paul F. Marnecheck DATE APPROVED: April 4, 2023
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES



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Date: March 24, 2023

To: Mayor Antoskiewicz and Members of City Council

From: Jenny Esarey, Finance Director

Re: Matching Fund Letter – Ohio Department of Development – Ohio Water and Water Infrastructure Grants Program

On March 23, 2023, the city was notified that it was selected to move to the next level for a grant from the Ohio Department of Development Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program.

In 2021, City Council approved Ordinance #21-191, allowing the Mayor to accept a Grant and enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Development for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Program for \$250,000. This \$250,000 was approved towards the design of the Plant B Conversion and the Abbey Road Sanitary Force Main and Gravity Sewer Improvements.

At the same time, the City also applied for a construction grant, but in 2021, the grant was not awarded.

Recently, additional federal appropriations were granted to the Ohio Department of Development for Water and Water Infrastructure Grants, and it was determined that only previously submitted applications would be considered.

Our application, (DEV—2021 – 180534) was for \$5,000,000 and was submitted to be used towards the Plant B Conversion and the Abbey Road Sanitary Force Main and Gravity Sewer Improvements project.

Dr. Gibson Chen of Avetin Engineering Ltd. (Wastewater Department Engineering Contractor) has submitted additional required information for the grant application including the updated costs of the project. (The Plant B Conversion and the Abbey Road Sanitary Force Main and Gravity Sewer Improvements Project is now estimated to cost \$20,000,000).

In order to request the \$5,000,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Development for Water and Water Infrastructure Grants, a matching fund letter must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Development by Friday, March 31, 2023.

City Council is being presented legislation authorizing the Mayor to submit the required Matching Fund Letter of \$15,000,000, (This would be the \$20M Estimated Construction Costs less the \$5M Grant Amount).

If awarded the \$5,000,000 Grant, the city is planning to borrow the \$13,000,000 from OWDA. The reason for the \$13,000,000 is because the City was given preliminary approval for \$2,000,000 through HUD for the Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding. The city is working through the review and application process, but if awarded, that would reduce the funds necessary to be borrowed from OWDA for this project.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter, and look forward to our discussion at the March 28, 2023 Special Council Meeting. Please feel free to contact me ahead of time if you have any additional questions.

Thank you!
Jenny 😊