RESOLUTION NO. 24-18

STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS IN MUNICIPALITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Requested by: Mayor Brandon L. King
Sponsored by: Council as a Whole

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised of Ohio Governor John Kasich’s proposal to use the projected State of Ohio budget surplus of $147 million at the end of the biennium to fund an income tax withholding reduction and bring the state’s rainy day fund to its maximum legal limit; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years by way of significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, eliminating the Estate Tax, and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of $23,376,123; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of East Cleveland, Ohio, four-fifths (4/5) of all members concurring that:

SECTION 1. The Ohio General Assembly should distribute the budget surplus revenue to Ohio’s municipalities at the end of the biennium, ensuring that these local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

SECTION 2. This Council does hereby declare its opposition to Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly depositing the state budget surplus into the rainy day fund and an income tax withholding reduction.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the preservation of the City of East Cleveland by City Council and the administration necessary for the public peace, property, health, and/or safety of the inhabitants of the City provided it receives the affirmative vote of four-fifths (4/5) of all members elected 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 from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Res 24-18
August 21, 2018
PASSED: August 21, 2018

JOIE N. GRAHAM
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

8/22/18
Date of Signature

ATTEST:

DR. KHADIJAH F. GUY
CLERK OF COUNCIL

8/22/18
Date of Signature

APPROVED:

BRANDON L. KING, MAYOR

8-22-18
Date of Signature

VETO:

YES___ NO___

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WILLA M. HEMMONS
DIRECTOR OF LAW

8/22/18
Date of Signature

Emergency ✓ First Read n/a Second Read n/a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Councillor</th>
<th>Yea</th>
<th>Nay</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Joie N. Graham</td>
<td></td>
<td>excused</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ernest L. Smith</td>
<td></td>
<td>x</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barbara J. Thomas</td>
<td></td>
<td>x</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nathaniel Martin</td>
<td></td>
<td>x</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Timothy R. Austin</td>
<td></td>
<td>x</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Res 24-18
August 21, 2018