

VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION R22-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AES OHIO TO CHANGE ELECTRIC FACILITIES NEAR AND AT 25 N. GRANT STREET

WHEREAS, the Village of Covington wishes to develop Schoolhouse Park, the first new park in the Village in over 100 years and has worked to fund the project with local donations, state grants and federal grants; and

WHEREAS, a condition of the acceptance of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant of \$500,000 is that all utilities are buried within the project scope area which includes 2.75 acres of the future park area; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Covington has worked with AES Ohio, the designated electricity provider for the Village, for over eight months to develop a plan for removal of overhead distribution poles that run through the project scope area to meet the obligations of the Village funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator, after speaking with multiple AES Ohio representatives throughout the organization in Ohio, was told that AES Ohio was not able to support the Village project financially, nor modify the required plans to reduce the cost further, and would therefore require a cost of \$294,737.91 to meet the obligations of the LWCF grant to remove three primary distribution poles within the project boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Covington believes it has exhausted all options available to it to work with AES Ohio to complete the project at a more reasonable cost, and AES Ohio has determined that there are no other options available to the Village at this time; and

WHEREAS, due to the State of Ohio laws regarding monopoly utility providers, and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regulations, the Village must accept the amount provided by AES Ohio as the only option available to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, due to there being only one quote for the required service, the Village Council hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with AES Ohio at a do not exceed amount of \$294,737.91 to be paid out of the Capital Fund (40) for work detailed in the attached Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Covington, Ohio:

SECTION 1: The Village Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with AES Ohio to complete the scope of work attached as Exhibit A at a do not exceed amount of \$294,737.91 and for the Fiscal Officer to utilize funds from the Capital Fund (40).

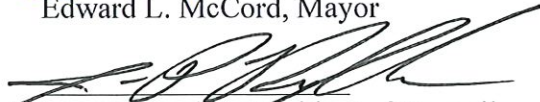
SECTION 2: The Village Administrator is authorized to make modifications to the agreement and to work with the utility provider and

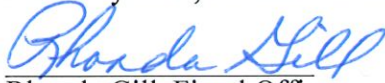
sub-contractors to complete the project within the do not exceed amount noted above.

SECTION 3: This resolution shall be in effect at the earliest period of time as permitted by law.

Approved: July 17, 2023


Edward L. McCord, Mayor


Jesse Reynolds, President of Council


Rhonda Gill, Fiscal Officer

