TITLE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WARREN, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT(S) WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY TO ASSIST THE CITY OF WARREN, OHIO WITH ITS VISION FOR THE REVITALIZATION AND ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE MAHONING RIVER CORRIDOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. /2894/19

WHEREAS, the City of Warren, Ohio has an abundance of parks and trails throughout and along the banks of the Mahoning River that tell stories that are rich in history, full of cultural connections and fortunate with an abundance of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, City leaders have a vision for a revitalized Mahoning River Corridor that can offer enhanced amenities that will further attract the citizens of Warren, Ohio and visitors to an evolving vibrant urban center; and

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy is the world's leading conservation organization dedicated to conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends upon; and

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy has prospered in implementing various conservation projects located in every State and within seventy-two (72) Countries worldwide in addition to the Ohio Chapter which has been working to improve the quality of life for communities in Ohio for the past sixty (60) years; and

WHEREAS, in Northeast Ohio, The Nature Conservancy has long been a leader in advancing ecological restoration and providing experienced stewardship, information, and strategies to assist in maintaining of these natural areas; and

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy proposes to assist the City of Warren, Ohio in this vision for the revitalization and active management of its Mahoning River Corridor by first enhancing the natural beauty of its riverside parks including Burbank, Bullhead, Packard, Mahoningside Park Site, and Perkins Park through vegetation management, streambank stabilization and native plant augmentation; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the Mayor and Director of Public Service and Safety be, and hereby are, authorized for and on behalf of the City of Warren, Ohio, to enter into an agreement(s) with The Nature Conservancy in support of the City of Warren, Ohio plan and vision for the revitalization and active management of the Mahoning River Corridor.

Section 2: That any such agreement as provided for in Section 1. of this Ordinance shall be in substantial compliance and conformity with all laws of the State of Ohio and the Scope of Work proposed by The Nature Conservancy and attached hereto as "Exhibit A" which is hereby incorporated herein, for all purposes as if fully re-written herein.

Section 3: Funding for the payment of said agreement shall be paid for from the City of Warren, Ohio General Fund.

Section 4: That said Contract(s) shall first be approved by the Law Director, and the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to disburse said funds upon the receipt of proper vouchers, signed by the proper persons, for the stated purpose and for no other purpose.

Section 5: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety, and for the further reason that the integrity of the City of Warren's Mahoning River Corridor and Parks may be more fully insured at the earliest possible time and without undue delay. WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into immediate effect.

Passed in Council this 310 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

GNED: PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 19

DATE APPROVED:

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