ORDINANCE NO. 2024-102

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO APPLY FOR AND SIGN ALL APPLICABLE GRANT AGREEMENT(S) OR RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE OHIO PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Findlay, Ohio desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks grant program applying for a project award of up to forty thousand nine hundred sixty-four dollar (\$40,964.00) as part of Round 30 of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' NatureWorks grant program to be used toward a new shelter house at the City of Findlay, Ohio Swale Park, located at 215 Defiance Avenue, Findlay, Ohio, and;

WHEREAS, said grant is offered annually and is funded through the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Bond issue which provides up to seventy-five percent (75%) reimbursement assistance for local government subdivisions for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of recreational areas. If awarded, the City of Findlay Ohio's matching share would be twenty-five percent (25%) nineteen thousand seven hundred thirty-six dollars and no cents (\$19,736.00), and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Findlay, State of Ohio, two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, and/or City Engineer of the City of Findlay, Ohio be and they are hereby authorized to apply for and sign any applicable grant agreement(s) or related documents for the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources NatureWorks grant program.

SECTION 2: In partnership with the City of Findlay Engineering Department, Hancock Regional Planning Grant Administrator Kaysie Penzinski is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance. Total project cost is estimated to be sixty thousand seven hundred dollars and no cents (\$60,700.00) in that the City of Findlay, Ohio does hereby agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Findlay, Ohio, and for the further reason it is immediately necessary to authorize the applying for and signing of said grant agreement(s) or related documents so that this grant agreement may be secured forthwith and executed so that these grant funds may be utilized for their intended purposes;

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MAYOR

PASSED

ATTEST

CLERK OF COLINCIL

APPROVED _____