



Legislation Text

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Revised

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement for the development of a climate action plan; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$120,210 from the One Percent for the Environment Fund; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

In accordance with national goals, the City of Toledo declared its commitment to implement sustainable initiatives and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to address factors of climate change and environmental inequalities. To date, the city has taken action by adopting a resolution to become a member of the Power a Clean Future Ohio Communities and identified a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (RES. 356-21). Furthermore, Council approved amending the Toledo Municipal Code (TMC) to add Chapter 182 to establish the Environmental Protection and Climate Resilience Commission and a One Percent Environmental Fund to support projects focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other sustainability initiatives (ORD. 210-22).

In 2023, the Commission began meeting regularly to act as an advisory board and develop a process to prioritize resources spent from the One Percent Environmental Fund. The next step is to develop and adopt a Climate Action Plan to identify sources of greenhouse gas emissions and to identify and prioritize mitigating actions. A request for proposals was issued to identify a consultant with extensive experience in sustainability and resiliency planning to develop the Climate Action Plan. After following the competitive bidding process in accordance with the Toledo Municipal Code, Nutter Consulting LLC was selected by the city to be the lowest and best bidder. A recommendation to the Commission was made to award a contract to Nutter Consulting, which was approved on March 20, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is authorized enter into a funding agreement with Nutter Consulting LLC for the development of a Climate Action Plan.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$120,210 is authorized for expenditure from the One Percent for the Environment Fund, Account Code 1001-24500-6232003ENVONE, for the purpose authorized in Section 1.

SECTION 3. That the Finance Director is authorized to draw their warrant or warrants against the Account Code listed in Section 2 in payment of the above-authorized obligations upon presentation of properly approved voucher or vouchers.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance, being an emergency measure, shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property, and for the further reason that the Ordinance must be immediately effective in order to create a plan for the City of Toledo to mitigate the effects of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions produced by the City.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 12, nays 0.

Adopted: April 24, 2024, as an emergency measure: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Julie A. Gibbons
Clerk of Council

Carrie Hartman
President of Council

Approved:

April 24, 2024
Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor