

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2023

Introduced by: Joe Dike

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2022 WALMART SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Huron, Ohio (“City”) is a Charter City formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities, including the City, have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and the City has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially effectuation earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal identified as the Walmart Settlement Agreement, including all Technical Corrections made pursuant thereto, (collectively “Proposed Settlement Agreement”) is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Walmart Inc. (“Walmart”) to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the November 14, 2022, Proposed Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement with Walmart:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to accept the Proposed Settlement on behalf of the City pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU, a copy of which is on file with the City, by executing on behalf of the City all documents necessary for acceptance of the Proposed Settlement Agreement.

SECTION 2: That Council hereby approves and ratifies any reasonable steps taken by the City Manager prior to the date hereof in his efforts to accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement.

SECTION 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, morals, convenience, and the general welfare of the community and to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic through the City. Therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately following its adoption.



Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council

ADOPTED:

28 FEB 2023

