**ORDINANCE 70-24-O**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CELINA TO ACCEPT A REIMBURSABLE GRANT WHICH HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE CITY OF CELINA BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“ODOT”) AS PART OF ITS “ODOT JOBS & COMMERCE AWARD” PROGRAM, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Celina has been informed that the City has been informed by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) that it has been awarded a grant for project “PID 122061 - MER Wayne & Fountain Intersection” (the “Project”), by and through a letter from ODOT dated November 8, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and which is labeled as “**Exhibit A**”, which the City needs to accept; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Exhibit A, the Project has been awarded sixteen percent (16%) of the eligible costs up to a maximum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000), and this reimbursable grant will be for eligible construction costs (the “Grant”); and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to accept this Grant at the earliest date possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Celina, County of Mercer and State of Ohio.

SECTION ONE

THAT, the Celina City Council hereby authorizes and allows the City of Celina to accept the Grant outlined regarding the Project, and to take further authorizes the Safety-Service Director or his designee to sign all documents and take all actions necessary to accept the Grant.

SECTION TWO

THAT, the Celina City Council hereby accepts the reimbursable awarded grant amount not to exceed the One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00).

The Celina City Council further authorizes and directs the Auditor to establish a special revenue fund called the “ODOT Jobs & Commerce Award Grant” for the purpose of accounting for the receipt and expenditure of funds.

SECTION THREE

THAT, the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) be appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the ODOT Jobs & Commerce Award Grant Fund, and the Auditor is hereby authorized to draw warrants for payment of projects from said fund.

SECTION FOUR

THAT, this Ordinance shall be declared an emergency measure for the immediate for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare, and out of the necessity to accept this Grant at the earliest date possible. NOW, THEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED this day of , 2024

Jason D. King, President of Council

ATTEST:

Michael F. DiDonato, Clerk of Council

APPROVED , 2024

Jeffrey S. Hazel, Mayor

DRAFTED BY:

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