RESOLUTION NO. 2026-48

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITIES OF EASTLAKE, MENTOR, PAINESVILLE, WICKLIFFE, AND WILLOUGHBY FOR THE STATE ROUTE 2 GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Willowick recognizes the importance of maintaining State Route 2 in a safe and serviceable condition for the benefit of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.15, the Board of County Commissioners may enter into agreements with municipal corporations for the performance of governmental functions and services; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 4504.04 and 4504.05 provide for the allocation and use of certain county motor vehicle license tax funds for authorized highway and roadway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Cities of Eastlake, Mentor, Painesville, Wickliffe, Willoughby, and Willowick desire to enter into a cooperative agreement for the continued general maintenance of State Route 2 through their respective municipal jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the parties further desire to undertake a highway lighting replacement project along State Route 2, utilizing municipal funds allocated pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4504.04, with the City of Painesville excluded from participation in the lighting replacement portion of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Engineer will administer the general maintenance program and the highway lighting replacement project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the proposed Agreement entitled "Agreement by and Between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Cities of Eastlake, Mentor, Painesville, Wickliffe, Willoughby, and Willowick for the State Route 2 General Maintenance and Lighting Replacement Project," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that entering into said Agreement is in the best interest of the City of Willowick and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the City of Willowick is hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute, on behalf of the City of Willowick, the Agreement by and Between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Cities of Eastlake, Mentor, Painesville, Wickliffe, Willoughby, and Willowick for the State Route 2 General Maintenance and Lighting Replacement Project, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and to execute such ancillary documents as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the Agreement, provided that no material modification to the financial obligations or substantive terms of the Agreement shall be made without further authorization of Council.

SECTION 2. Council hereby approves the City's participation in the State Route 2 General Maintenance Program as set forth in Article I of the Agreement, including the provision of maintenance services by the Lake County Engineer and the allocation of costs among the participating municipal corporations in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

SECTION 3. Council hereby approves the City's participation in the State Route 2 Highway Lighting Replacement Project as set forth in Article II of the Agreement, including the application for and allocation of municipal funds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4504.04 toward the Project, subject to the terms, conditions, and aggregate project funding limitation of Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000.00) set forth in the Agreement.

SECTION 4. The Mayor and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take such administrative actions and execute such documents as are reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution and the Agreement, subject to applicable law, the availability and lawful appropriation of funds, and the terms of the Agreement.

SECTION 5. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements.

SECTION 6. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willowick and further provides for the usual and necessary daily operation of the public safety forces; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____, 2026

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Monica Koudela, President of Council

SUBMITTED to the Mayor for his approval on _____, 2026

APPROVED by the Mayor on _____, 2026

ATTEST:

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Alyssa Moran, Clerk of Council

Michael J. Vanni, Mayor