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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-50

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE USING CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS (“CRF”) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, funds were awarded to the State of Ohio as Federal Financial Assistance from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) as the Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Willoughby Hills (“the City”) has received seven hundred ninety-eight thousand four hundred and eighty-two dollars and twenty-six cents (\$798,482.26) of these funds from the U.S. Treasury through the State of Ohio and the Lake County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Budget and Management (“OBM”) established a fourteen-page “CRF Local Government Assistance Program” document to provide guidance to local governments receiving funding (**EXHIBIT 1**); and

WHEREAS, the City has statutory authority to disburse these funds under this Agreement as provided by City Ordinance 2020-44 adopted by Council on July 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, page two (2) of the OBM document confirms “emergency medical transportation” as an allowable CRF expenditure and necessity can be confirmed by way of increased tracking of COVID-19 runs and a demonstration of an increase in staffing needs to handle the increase caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fire Department Memorandum from Fire Chief Robert Gandee to Mayor/Safety Director G. Andrew Gardner dated September 4, 2020 (**EXHIBIT 2**), Fire Chief Robert Gandee respectfully requested approval to purchase a 2019 Ford F-550 4X4 Type I Life Line Ambulance at a net cost of two hundred thirty-nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$239,200), less four thousand six hundred dollars (\$4,600) for Ford Chassis GPC credit, and additional vehicle equipment in the amount of sixty-two thousand six hundred dollars (\$62,600), which makes the total purchase price for this Ambulance and equipment to be two hundred ninety-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$297,200), as noted on the quote provided by Mr. Terry Pfund of Pfund Superior Sales Co., Inc., 515 E. Turkeyfoot Lake Road, Suite D, Akron, OH 44319 (**EXHIBIT 3**); and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Gandee has requested this emergency purchase be authorized and paid for with CRF funding as it is a necessary expenditure (not accounted for in the most recently approved budget for the City) to help mitigate and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Gandee further justifies this expenditure through CRF funding with the following facts:

- 1) The new ambulance is better equipped to protect our Fire/EMS crews against COVID-19 and any other highly contagious viruses.

- 2) New materials and technology in ambulances allow improved patient compartment isolation and decontamination. With a confined patient care compartment, infection control related to airborne contaminants presents a greater hazard to our EMTs and paramedics.
- 3) The ambulance would benefit our community with an ambulance with progressive infection control materials and systems to provide advanced infection control measures for patients and workers on every EMS call.
- 4) The ambulance has an air handling purification system to lessen the possible spread of airborne contaminants.
- 5) With ambulance out-of-service times increased due to COVID-19 decontamination requirements, this ambulance will serve to expedite emergency calls and make immediate treatment, care and transport available to our community; and

WHEREAS, with this vehicle being on the State Cooperative Bid Program (State Contract #800584, Schedule #STS233) and the emergency nature due to COVID-19 for immediate purchase, there is no need to seek bids for this expenditure.

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2020, the necessity for thoroughly combatting COVID-19 was discussed in Mayor Gardner's meeting with Department Directors and personnel, to include the Police Chief, Law Director, Assistant Law Director, Finance Director, Road Superintendent, and other personnel who concur that the expenditure from the CRF funding for the purchase of this ambulance would be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. The City has received seven hundred ninety-eight thousand four hundred and eighty-two dollars and twenty-six cents (\$798,482.26) as Coronavirus Relief Funding and has been provided guidelines as to how these funds may be expended.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer, has determined that the immediate purchase of an ambulance meets the eligibility criteria as outlined in the CRF Local Government Assistance Program document and desires to provide the community with the equipment our Safety Forces need during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

SECTION 3. The complete quote of two hundred ninety-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$297,200) from Pfund Superior Sales Co., Inc. will provide for immediate delivery of a vehicle, not previously budgeted for, but will serve to mitigate and respond to COVID-19 with the needed technology and protection the vehicle provides.

SECTION 4. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of legislation were conducted in lawful meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance 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 Willoughby Hills, insofar as it provides for the usual daily operation of the municipality and further reason that 1) it will serve to provide safety and protection as our Safety Forces continue to respond to emergency situations during the current public health emergency, 2) there is a very minimal limited number of ambulances available as confirmed with contact with multiple vendors who indicated that the number of ambulances short time line is extremely limited, and 3) CRF funding reporting is due by October 5, 2020.

PASSED: Sept 10, 2020

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 11th day of September, 2020

ATTEST:

Joanne Monaco
Clerk of Council

Christopher Hallum
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President of Council

Approved by the Mayor

September 11, 2020
G. Andrew Gardner
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Mayor