

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 -

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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,260,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO GARRISON STREET FROM WASHINGTON STREET TO SOUTH FRONT STREET, INCLUDING WIDENING, PAVEMENT, CURB REPLACEMENT, CATCH BASINS, AND WATERLINES AS DESIGNATED TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-3950, the City issued notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,260,000 (the Outstanding Notes) to pay costs of the improvement described in Section 1 hereof, which Outstanding Notes mature on June 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined to issue new notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,260,000 to provide the funds necessary, together with other available City funds, to retire the principal of the Outstanding Notes at their maturity; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor, as fiscal officer, has certified to this Council that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement described in Section 1 is at least five years, the estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 1 is 20 years, and the maximum maturity of the Notes described in Section 3, to be issued in anticipation of the Bonds described in Section 1 is June 1, 2039;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, CITY OF FREMONT, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: Authorized Principal Amount of Anticipated Bonds: Purpose. It is necessary to issue bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,260,000 (the Bonds) for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of improvements to Garrison Street from Washington Street to South Front Street, including widening, pavement, curbs replacement, catch basins, and waterlines as designated to be approved by Council, together with the necessary related improvements and appurtenances thereto.

SECTION 2: Estimated Bond Terms. The Bonds shall be dated approximately June 1, 2021, shall bear interest at the now estimated rate of 6% per year, payable semiannually until the principal amount is paid, and are estimated to mature in 20 annual principal installments on December 1 of each year that are in such amounts that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable are substantially equal.

The first interest payment on the Bonds is estimated to be June 1, 2021, and the first principal payment of the Bonds is estimated to be December 1, 2021.

SECTION 3: Authorized Principal Amount of Notes; Dating; Interest Rate.

It is necessary to issue and this Council determines that notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,260,000 (the Notes) shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds. The Notes shall be dated the date of issuance and shall mature one year from the date of issuance; provided that the City Auditor may, if it is determined to be necessary or advisable to the sale of the Notes, establish a maturity date that is any date not later than one year from the date of issuance by setting forth that maturity date in the certificate awarding the Notes and signed in accordance with Section 6 (the Certificate of Award). The Notes shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5% per year (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 30-day months), payable at maturity or at any date of earlier prepayment as provided for in Section 4 and until the principal amount is paid or payment is provided for. The rate of interest on the Notes shall be determined by the City Auditor in the Certificate of Award.

SECTION 4: Payment of Debt Charges; Paying Agent; Prepayment. The debt charges on the Notes shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America or in Federal Reserve funds of the United States of America, as determined by the City Auditor in the Certificate of Award, and shall be payable, without deduction for services of the City's paying agent, at the designated corporate trust office or other office of a bank or trust company designated by the City Auditor in the Certificate of Award, after determining that the payment at that bank or trust company will not endanger the funds or securities of the City and that proper procedures and safeguards are available for that purpose, or at the office of the Fiscal Officer if agreed to by the City Auditor and the Original Purchaser (the Paying Agent). If agreed to by the Original Purchaser, the Notes shall be prepayable without penalty or premium at the option of the City at any time prior to maturity (the Prepayment Date) as provided in this Ordinance. Prepayment prior to maturity shall be made by deposit with the Paying Agent of the principal amount of the Notes together with interest accrued thereon to the Prepayment Date. The City's right of prepayment shall be exercised by mailing a notice of prepayment, stating the Prepayment Date and the name and address of the Paying Agent, by certified or registered mail to the Original Purchaser and to the Paying Agent not less than seven days prior to the Prepayment Date. If money for prepayment is on deposit with the Paying Agent on the Prepayment Date following the giving of that notice, interest on the principal amount prepaid shall cease to accrue on the Prepayment Date. The City Auditor may request the Original Purchaser to use its best efforts to arrange for the delivery of the Notes at the designated office of the Paying Agent for prepayment, surrender and cancellation.

SECTION 5: Execution of Notes; Book Entry System. The Notes shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Auditor, in the name of the City and in their official capacities, provided that one of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Notes shall be issued in the denominations and numbers as requested by the

Original Purchaser and approved by the City Auditor, provided that no Note shall be issued in a denomination less than \$100,000. The entire principal amount may be represented by a single note and may be issued as fully registered securities (for which the Fiscal Officer will serve as note registrar) and in book entry or other uncertificated form in accordance with Section 9.96 and Chapter 133 of the Revised Code if it is determined by the City Auditor that issuance of fully registered securities in that form will facilitate the sale and delivery of the Notes. The Notes shall not have coupons attached, shall be numbered as determined by the City Auditor and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Ordinance. As used in this section and this Ordinance:

“Book entry form” or “book entry system” means a form or system under which (i) the ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes and the principal of, and interest on, the Notes may be transferred only through a book entry, and (ii) a single physical Note certificate is issued by the City and payable only to a Depository or its nominee, with such Notes “immobilized” in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose. The book entry maintained by others than the City is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in the Notes and that principal and interest.

“Depository” means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, with its Participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes or the principal of, and interest on, the Notes and to effect transfers of the Notes, in book entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

“Participant” means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book entry system and includes security brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations.

The Notes may be issued to a Depository for use in a book entry system and, if and as long as a book entry system is utilized, (i) the Notes may be issued in the form of a single Note made payable to the Depository or its nominee and immobilized in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose; (ii) the beneficial owners in book entry form shall have no right to receive the Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of beneficial interests in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the Depository and its Participants; and (iv) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the City.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as a Depository for the Notes for use in a book entry system, the City Auditor may attempt to establish a

securities depository/book entry relationship with another qualified Depository. If the City Auditor does not or is unable to do so, the Fiscal Officer, after making provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository and any other arrangements deemed necessary, shall permit withdrawal of the Notes from the Depository, and shall cause the Notes in bearer or payable to order form to be signed by the officers authorized to sign the Notes and delivered to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including any costs of printing), if the event is not the result of City action or inaction, of those persons requesting such issuance.

The City Auditor is also hereby authorized and directed, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements determined necessary in connection with the book entry system for the Notes, after determining that the signing thereof will not endanger the funds or securities of the City.

SECTION 6: Award and Sale of the Notes. The Notes shall be sold at not less than par plus accrued interest to the original purchaser designated by the City Auditor in the Certificate of Award (the Original Purchaser) in accordance with law and the provisions of this Ordinance. The City Auditor shall sign the Certificate of Award evidencing that sale to the Original Purchaser, cause the Notes to be prepared, and have the Notes signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Notes if requested by the Original Purchaser, to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price. The Mayor, the City Auditor, the Director of Law, the Clerk of Council and other City officials, as appropriate, are each authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance.

The City Auditor is authorized to request a rating for the Notes from one or more nationally-recognized rating agencies in connection with the sale and issuance of the Notes. The expenditure of the amounts necessary to secure those rating(s) and to pay the other financing costs (as defined in Section 133.01 of the Revised Code) in connection with the Notes is authorized and approved, and the City Auditor is authorized to provide for the payment of any such amounts and costs from the proceeds of the Notes to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose.

SECTION 7: Application of Note Proceeds. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes, except any premium and accrued interest, shall be paid into the proper fund or funds and those proceeds are appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Notes are being issued. Any portion of those proceeds representing premium and accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

SECTION 8: Application and Pledge of Bond or Renewal Note Proceeds or Excess Funds. The par value to be received from the sale of the Bonds or of any renewal notes and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used to pay the debt charges on the Notes at maturity and are pledged for that purpose.

SECTION 9: Provisions for Tax Levy. During the year or years in which the Notes are outstanding, there shall be levied on all the taxable property in the City, in addition to all other taxes, the same tax that would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds when and as the same fall due. In each year, to the extent money from the municipal income tax is available for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes and Bonds and is appropriated for that purpose, the amount of the tax shall be reduced by the amount of the money so available and appropriated.

SECTION 10: Federal Tax Considerations. The City covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Notes in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Notes will not (i) constitute private activity bonds, arbitrage bonds or hedge bonds under Sections 141, 148 or 149 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) or (ii) be treated other than as bonds to which Section 103 of the Code applies, and (b) the interest thereon will not be treated as a preference item under Section 57 of the Code.

The City further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Notes to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Notes to the governmental purposes of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports, and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The City Auditor, as the fiscal officer, or any other officer of the City having responsibility for issuance of the Notes is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation (including specifically designation of the Notes

as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” if such designation is applicable and desirable, and to make any related necessary representations and covenants), choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the City with respect to the Notes as the City is permitted or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation thereto, any of the elections provided for in or available under Section 148 of the Code, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Notes or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments of penalties, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by that officer, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the City, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Notes, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the City, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Notes, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the City regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Notes, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Notes.

Each covenant made in this Section with respect to the Notes is also made with respect to all issues any portion of the debt service on which is paid from proceeds of the Notes (and, if different, the original issue and any refunding issues in a series of refundings), to the extent such compliance is necessary to assure exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and the officers identified above are authorized to take actions with respect to those issues as they are authorized in this Section to take with respect to the Notes.

SECTION 11: Certification and Delivery of Ordinance. The Clerk of Council is directed to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Sandusky County Auditor.

SECTION 12: Satisfaction of Conditions for Note Issuance. This Council determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the City or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the City have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Notes have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 9) of the City are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Notes; and that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Notes.

SECTION 13: Retention of Bond Counsel. The legal services of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, as bond counsel, be and are hereby retained. The legal services shall be in the nature of legal advice and recommendations as to the documents and the proceedings in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes and the rendering of the necessary legal opinion upon the delivery of the Notes. In rendering those legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of the City in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State, the City or any other political subdivision, or the execution of public trusts. That firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation for those legal services and shall be reimbursed for the actual out-of-pocket expenses it incurs in rendering those legal services. The Finance Director is authorized to provide for the payment of those fees and any reimbursements from the proceeds of the Notes to the extent available and otherwise is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm.

SECTION 14: Retention of Municipal Advisor. The services of Sudsina & Associates, LLC, as municipal advisor, be and are hereby retained. The municipal advisory services shall be in the nature of financial advice and recommendations in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes. In rendering those municipal advisory services, as an independent contractor, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of the City in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State, the City or any other political subdivision, or the execution of public trusts. That firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation for those municipal advisory services and shall be reimbursed for the actual out-of-pocket expenses it incurs in rendering those municipal advisory services. The City Auditor is authorized to provide for the payment of those fees and any reimbursements from the proceeds of the Notes to the extent available and otherwise is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm.

SECTION 15: Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or of any of its committees, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law.

SECTION 16: Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Ordinance are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs,

subparagraphs or clauses hereof. Reference to a Section means a section of this Ordinance unless otherwise indicated.

SECTION 17. The immediate operation of the provisions of this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Fremont. Said emergency being the immediate need to issue and sell the Notes in a timely fashion, necessary to enable the City to retire the Outstanding Notes and thereby preserve the City's credit.

This ordinance, provided it receives a two-thirds yea or nay vote of all the members elected to the Fremont City Council, is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council of the City of Fremont, approval by the Mayor, and publication and posting as required by law.




Jamie Hafford
President of Council

PASSED: 5-21-20

Effective date: 5-21-20

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

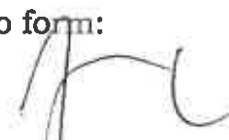


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