

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR RETAIL ELECTRICITY WITH A COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER THROUGH THE CENTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY CONSORTIUM

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Ash, Ohio ("City" hereinafter) wishes to procure retail electricity services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio rules and regulations, the City has the opportunity to maximize savings on the supply portion of their electric service costs through the selection of a competitive retail electric service provider; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to seek competitive pricing for a new retail electricity service agreement ("Agreement") for its accounts; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the Center for Local Government, its broker AGE and its Principals to act as procuring agents, (the "Procuring Agents") to seek competitive pricing for retail electricity services; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence in securing the best possible retail electricity rates and the City will need to be able to sign a new Agreement immediately upon identifying the lowest and best competitive supplier due to market pricing requirements and deadlines; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Agreement with the lowest and best competitive supplier immediately after the Procuring Agents have identified and recommended such supplier; and,

WHEREAS, the City is authorized as a charter municipality to exercise all powers of local self-government.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio

SECTION I.

That the Center for Local Government and its broker AGE are hereby authorized to act as Procuring Agents to identify a competitive retail electric service provider for retail electricity services. However, nothing in this Resolution shall authorize such Procuring Agents to contractually bind the City to accept or enter into an Agreement with any such service provider, or to otherwise bind the City.

SECTION II.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement and any other necessary documents on behalf of the City for electric supply services with a competitive retail electric service provider.

SECTION III.

That because the City must be able to sign a new contract immediately upon identifying the lowest and best competitive supplier in order to secure such rate, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION IV.

That the contracted electric supply rate shall not exceed a rate of \$0.07 per kWh.

SECTION V.

That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this legislation 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 legal requirements, including Revised Code Section 121.22.

SECTION VI

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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Marc Sirkin, Mayor

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Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Bryan E. Pacheco, Solicitor