

RESOLUTION NO. 8929-17

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A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, expressing the City of Lakewood's support for the Icebreaker Wind Project in Lake Erie.

WHEREAS, the Icebreaker wind farm will be the first freshwater offshore wind project in North America and only the second offshore wind project in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Icebreaker Wind is a 20.7-megawatt, six-turbine project that will be located eight to 10 miles off the shore of Cleveland, Ohio, and seven miles off the shore of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, the owners and developers of Icebreaker Wind are headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to develop more domestic clean energy to protect our environment and create new industries in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes region has the technical potential to provide over 700 gigawatts of offshore wind generation; and

WHEREAS, Icebreaker will be a small demonstration project that will allow us to advance the development of this huge clean energy resource in Lake Erie and the other Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Icebreaker Wind project alone will create over 500 jobs and provide \$168 million in local economic impact over the project life; and

WHEREAS, Icebreaker is committed to hiring workers from the local labor force and sourcing materials from the region, including from the City of Lakewood, to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the vast offshore wind industry potential in Northeast Ohio would provide thousands of jobs and significantly boost the local economy, including that of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland's air quality is among the worst in the nation, which air pollution leads to increases in respiratory disease including asthma, heart attacks, and premature death; and clean energy will help improve the region's air quality; and

WHEREAS, Ohio depends on fossil fuels for over 80 percent of its electric energy mix, which over-dependence is fueling catastrophic climate change, whereas clean renewable energy accounts for less than three percent of Ohio's electric energy mix; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood is committed to development of clean energy resources to power the electric grid of the future; and

WHEREAS, Icebreaker Windpower has received strong community support from residents, businesses and local governments; and

WHEREAS, Icebreaker Windpower has secured \$10 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to date, with a commitment to provide an additional \$40 million in funding if certain milestones are met; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation (LEEDCo) has attracted a private investor in Fred. Olsen Renewables, a leader in the European wind industry, to own, construct, and operate the project; and

WHEREAS, Icebreaker Windpower Inc. submitted an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to the Ohio Power Siting Board on February 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Power Siting Board will be considering this application in the coming months; and

WHEREAS, this application shows that Icebreaker Wind will have minimal adverse impact on fish, wildlife, or the Lake Erie shore viewshed, including from the Lakewood shoreline; now, therefore

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least five of its members determines that this resolution is an emergency measure, and that this resolution shall take effect at the earliest date possible as set forth in Article III, Sections 10 and 13 of the Second Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, and that it is imperative that this support of the project be communicated immediately; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. The City of Lakewood hereby supports the Icebreaker Windpower application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to the Ohio Power Siting Board; and the City urges the Ohio Power Siting Board to act favorably and expeditiously on the application.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were passed in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with legal requirements.

Section 3. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City

and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this resolution, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted:

April 17, 2017



President of Council

Mary T. Hagan

Clerk of Council

Approved:

April 18, 2017



Mayor

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