

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

RESOLUTION No. R18-11 CMS

A RESOLUTION DECLARING OPPOSITION TO THE DEPOSIT OF THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS INTO THE RAINY DAY FUND AND TO SUBSIDIZE A REDUCTION IN INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING AND URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS IN MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, Council has been advised of Ohio Governor John Kasich's proposal to use the projected State of Ohio budget surplus of \$147 million at the end of the biennium to fund a state income tax withholding reduction and bring the state's rainy day fund to its maximum legal limit; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years by way of significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, eliminating the Estate Tax, and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and,

WHEREAS, the state's reductions in shared revenues returned to local governments allowed the state to reduce state income taxes, shifting their taxing burden to local governments; and,

WHEREAS, this revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult for municipalities to provide basic services for the benefit of their citizens; and,

WHEREAS, since these reductions/eliminations have taken place, the City of Oberlin has lost over \$6 million in revenue; and,

WHEREAS, the loss of revenue has required the City of Oberlin, along with numerous cities and villages throughout the state, to ask voters for an increase in local income taxes, to offset the state's actions; and,

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the entire State of Ohio reaps the resulting benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That this Council does hereby declare its opposition to the proposal of Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly to deposit the state budget surplus into the rainy day fund and to subsidize a state income tax withholding reduction.

SECTION 2: That the Council of the City of Oberlin, State of Ohio, urges the Governor of Ohio and the Ohio General Assembly to distribute the budget surplus revenue to Ohio's

municipalities at the end of the biennium, ensuring that these local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

SECTION 3: That this Council hereby authorizes the Clerk of Council to forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Ohio Governor and the Ohio General Assembly.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading: September 17, 2018 (S)

2nd Reading: _____

3rd Reading: _____

ATTEST:


BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL


BRYAN BURGESS
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 09/18/2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/17/2018