

**CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO  
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON TO FUND  
LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CHARTER COMMISSION BY  
CATHERINE A. CUNNINGHAM AND THE LAW FIRM OF KEGLER, BROWN,  
HILL & RITTER, LPA FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the South Lebanon Charter Commission (“Charter Commission”) was recently formed after a majority vote at the municipal election on or about May 3, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Commission is a separate public body with 15 elected members, but that does not have its own separate source of funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Lebanon is authorized by applicable law to fund the Charter Commission, which includes, but is not limited to, funding for the purpose of paying legal fees for special counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, the City staff has recommended to City Council that such funding is appropriate and reasonable, with Catherine A. Cunningham and the law firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter, LPA providing legal services as special counsel to the Charter Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Catherine A. Cunningham and the law firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter, LPA have provided a proposed engagement letter dated May 17, 2022, for consideration; and,

**WHEREAS**, immediate action is required to assure prompt funding for such legal services, and such action is necessary in order to preserve the public peace, health, safety or welfare of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of South Lebanon, Ohio, at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring:

**Section 1.** That the Council authorizes the Fiscal Officer to take any and all action necessary to arrange for funding for Catherine A. Cunningham and the law firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter, LPA, to provide legal services as special counsel to the Charter Commission.

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**Section 2.** That the Council authorizes the City Administrator to execute the engagement letter on behalf of the City for Catherine A. Cunningham and the law firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter, LPA, to provide legal services as special counsel to the Chater Commission.

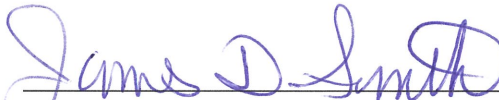
**Section 3.** That the recitals contained within the Whereas Clauses set forth above are incorporated by reference herein.

**Section 4.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 731.30 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare; and, this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its passage.

**Section 5.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2022.

Attest:   
Petrina Williams, Fiscal Officer

  
James D. Smith, Mayor

Rules Suspended: / /2022 (if applicable)

Effective Date - 5/19/2022

Vote - 6 Yeas  
      \_\_\_ Nays

First Reading - / /2022  
Second Reading - / /2022  
Third Reading - / /2022


Effective Date - / /2022

Vote - \_\_\_ Yeas  
      \_\_\_ Nays

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Prepared by and approved as to form:

ANDREW P. MEIER  
CITY SOLICITOR  
SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 5/19/2022