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Ordinance No. 1176-2026

By Council Members Bishop, Polensek and Griffin (by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Mayor and/or the appropriate director to enter into a Host Agreement with The Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2028 ("LA28"), and one or more agreements with a local organizing committee and/or sponsor(s), and other entities for the City to host the torch relay through a portion of the City of Cleveland through the State of Ohio.

WHEREAS, the 2028 Summer Olympic games will be held in Los Angeles, California on July 14, 2028 through July 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, part of the Olympic tradition is the Olympic torch relay which began with the Berlin games in 1936 and consists of the Olympic flame being lit in Olympia, Greece and carried to the host City by various respected athletes; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic torch relay has since become a modern day tradition symbolizing human achievement, cultural continuity, and global unity; and

WHEREAS, the 2028 Summer Olympics will boast the first-ever 50-state torch relay and upon its arrival in Los Angeles, will culminate in the summer games' opening; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland proudly affirms that a portion of the historic 2028 Summer Olympic torch relay will occur within the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council authorizes the Mayor and/or the appropriate director to enter into a Host Agreement with The Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2028 ("LA28") and one or more agreements with a local organizing committee and/or sponsor(s), and other entities needed to implement this ordinance (collectively, the "Agreements") to support the safe and seamless passage of the Olympic torch through a portion of the City of Cleveland. This torch relay event may or may not qualify as a Major Qualifying Event subject to the applicable provisions of Codified Ordinance Chapter 697A.

Section 2. (a) That the Agreements may include one or more of the following provisions notwithstanding any ordinance provision to the contrary;

(1) That various City-owned property may be made available as needed as a venue for official activities associated with the event, as an in-kind contribution on terms acceptable to the director of the appropriate department having management responsibility for the property or facility;

(2) That the City will expedite the review and approval process for all licenses, permits, approvals, reviews, variances and inspections required by the laws of the City as needed for the event and related activities;

(3) That the City will cooperate with the implementation of a comprehensive technology and telecommunications services plan for the event and provide access as determined and appropriate by the directors of the affected departments;

(4) That the local organizing committee and/or the sponsor(s) of the event shall comply with all applicable laws governing the reporting and remitting of taxes the City; and

(5) That the City will work in partnership with the local organizing committee and/or sponsor(s) of the event in all of its activities related to the event and related events.

(b) The Director of Public Utilities is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with the local organizing committee and/or sponsor(s) to provide utility services during the event and related activities in accordance with the standard terms conditions of the City's utilities and on terms acceptable to the director.

(c) The appropriate director is authorized to apply for and accept any gifts, grants or services from the public or private entities for the purpose of effectuating the City's responsibilities related to the hosting of the event. The appropriate director is further authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds accepted under this ordinance or services, and upon acceptance of the funds by

the appropriate director, shall be appropriated for the purposes set forth in this ordinance.

Section 3. That the cost of the Agreements shall be paid from Fund No. 01-4501-6320. (RQS 4501, RLA 2026-99).

Section 4. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Director Nichols and Director Drummond

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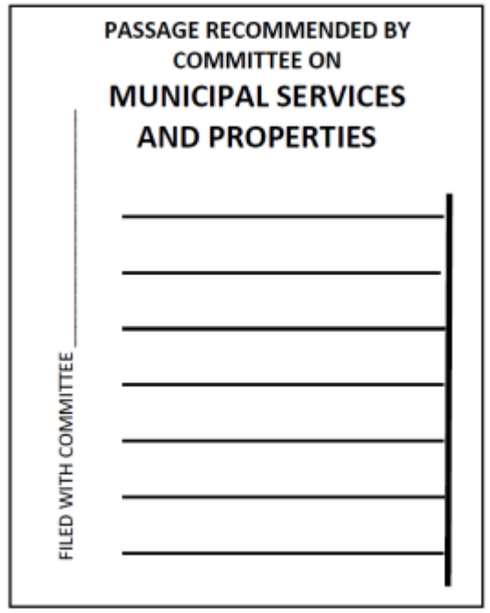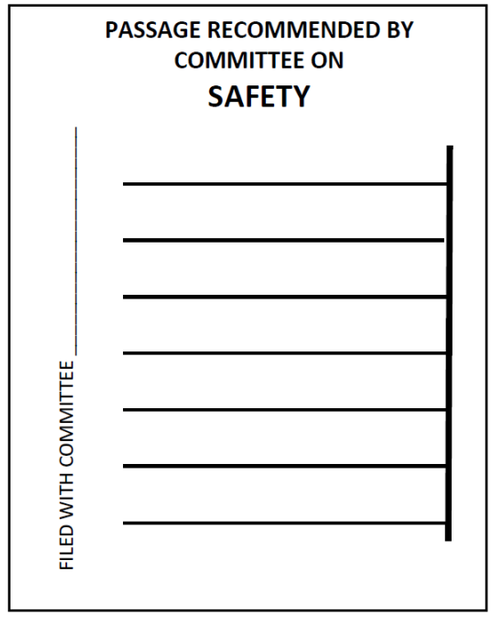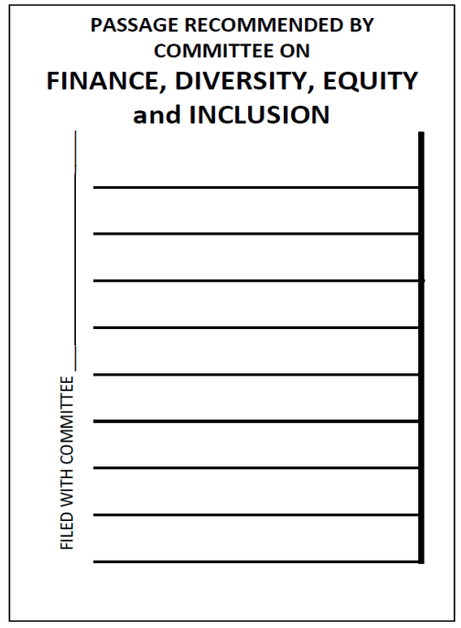
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