

Resolution No. 605-2020

By Council Members: Kelley, Slife, B. Jones, Griffin, Polensek, Zone, Bishop, Conwell, Cleveland, Kazy and McCormack

An emergency resolution urging the Ohio General Assembly to immediately repeal House Bill 6, a billion-dollar ratepayer bailout of two failing nuclear power plants, and authorizing an investigation of the actions of those entities involved in the House Bill 6 corruption probe, as those actions relate to and impact the affairs of the City of Cleveland.

WHEREAS, there is a federal investigation into actions taken by Company A and other entities including elected officials, lobbyists and consultants known as Generation Now to pass HB 6 so that Company A could meet its long-term public policy goal: a 1.3-billion-dollar bailout by ratepayers of its failed nuclear power plants; and

WHEREAS, to carry out its plan, Company A spent approximately \$60 million dollars, which was laundered through various shell entities and funneled into political operations; and

WHEREAS, this Council has reason to believe that Company A has other long-term public policy goals specific to the City of Cleveland: to restrict or destroy Cleveland Public Power and to influence or control the City's legislative body as well as its executive branch; and

WHEREAS, the tactics used in the racketeering conspiracy to enact HB 6 are similar to those used by Company A and its allies against the City of Cleveland: applying political pressure using phony citizen groups and paying out significant dollars to fund its objectives; and

WHEREAS, Section 46 of the Charter of the City provides that the Council or any person or committee authorized by the Council shall have the power to make investigation as to City affairs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 46 and Section 111.09 of the Codified Ordinances, the Council has provided that the chair of a standing committee of the Council, with the approval of the President of Council, may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and compel testimony and the production of books, papers, records and other evidence in furtherance of such investigations; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, in that the citizens of the City have the right to know the scope and scale of the corrupt political activities by Company A and its affiliates and the impact of those activities on the City and City government now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That this Council urges the Ohio General Assembly to immediately repeal House Bill 6, a billion-dollar ratepayer bailout of two failing nuclear power plants.

Section 2. That the Finance Committee of this Council is hereby authorized to investigate the actions of affiliates and entities funded or controlled by any entity named in the federal indictment related to the House Bill 6 corruption probe, as those actions relate to and impact the affairs of the City.

The Chair of the Finance Committee shall determine the procedure for conducting the investigation consistent with Charter Section 46 and Section 111.09 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council is directed to send a copy of this resolution to all members of the Ohio General Assembly.

Section 4. That this resolution is hereby 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 adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted August 12, 2020.

Effective August 13, 2020.