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ORDINANCE NO. 157-15

BY: **LARRY NAPOLI, JEFFREY CROSSMAN**
(By Request – Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO GRANT OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT(S) WHICH WILL GRANT AN EASEMENT(S) TO THE PARMA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (PCIC) FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXTENDING THE WEST CREEK RESERVATION AND GREENWAY TRAIL SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the grant of conservation easement(s) to the Parma Community Improvement Corporation (PCIC) will enable the park and greenway to extend south from its current terminus at Coventry Drive to Pleasant Valley Road and Broadview Road, as well as north to Snow Road, connecting thousands of homes/residents and businesses, as well as multiple schools and churches; and,

WHEREAS, the preservation of each respective parcel will be the impetus to complete construction of the West Creek Greenway; and,

WHEREAS, West Creek Conservancy, in partnership with the Village of Brooklyn Heights, City of Parma, City of Seven Hills, and City of Independence have submitted a \$6,500,000.00 grant application to NOACA for construction of the referenced greenway trail system; and,

WHEREAS, the extension of the park and trail will be a tremendous community asset, as well as a catalyst to create reinvestment in our neighborhoods and reinvestment in our commercial districts (additionally, such amenities also are proven to raise property values); and,

WHEREAS, the PCIC will immediately transfer the conservation easement(s) to the West Creek Preservation Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Service be, and he hereby is, authorized to enter into Grant of Conservation Easement Agreement(s) which will grant easement(s) to the Parma Community Improvement Corporation for Permanent Parcel Nos. 446-13-056/060, 452-26-010, and a portion of 452-25-044 (approximately 2 acres as determined by formal boundary survey), for the purposes of extending the West Creek Reservation and Greenway Trail system, south from its current terminus at Coventry Drive in the City of Parma, with a copy of legal descriptions attached as Exhibit "A".

Section 2. That the Director of Public Service be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute said agreement(s) and necessary easement(s) with the Parma Community Improvement Corporation, and to take such action and to execute such other documents and amendments thereto as may be necessary as are approved by the Law Director.

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Section 3. That said Grant of Easement Agreement(s) shall read substantially the same as Exhibit "A" of this Ordinance.

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary to ensure that the community benefits from the extended West Creek Reservation and Greenway Trail system in the near future, and this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO