

ORDINANCE NO. 78-96

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An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor and Auditor to execute an agreement with the Mid-Ohio Planning Commission authorizing the Mid-Ohio Planning Commission to develop a regional telecommunications strategy and to appropriate from the unencumbered General Fund an amount not to exceed \$1,100 for the purpose of paying the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for Bexley's portion of the cost of developing the regional telecommunications strategy.

WHEREAS, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has begun a transition from regulation to competition in this industry; and,

WHEREAS, local governments are now faced with new issues regarding management of right-of-way and the risk of legal liability as a result of the Act and changes in the telecommunications industry; and,

WHEREAS, telecommunications like transportation and stormwater do not respect political boundaries, thereby creating the need for regional collaboration. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1. That it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Auditor to execute an agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to develop a regional telecommunications strategy and to appropriate from the unencumbered General Fund an amount not to exceed \$1,100 for the purpose of paying Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for Bexley's portion of the cost of developing the regional telecommunications strategy.

Section 2. That this strategy shall include capital asset management, risk management and land use policy regarding telecommunications investments.

Section 3. That the project shall proceed once 65 percent member participation has been accomplished.

Section 4. That upon receipt of official communications accepting this assessment from at least 65 percent of MORPC membership's participation, a steering committee will be convened that will include leading representatives of the region's governmental, business, nonprofit and civic sectors. This committee will immediately review the proposed work program and budget as well as the issue of whether a moratorium should be imposed during development of the strategy. The steering committee and staff will review the abilities, experience and philosophies of the available professional consultants ensuring consistency with the philosophies of the committee and MORPC.

Section 5. That the strategy shall be developed by the steering committee with the assistance of the MORPC staff, consultants and all other parties, within 120 days after achievement of the minimum 65 percent participation.

Section 6. That the benefits of this process will be:

1. Strategic positioning of the region
2. Best use of valuable public right-of-way
3. Results in coordinated telecommunication land use policy
4. Positions us to maximize benefits from telecommunications revolution
5. Ensures compliance with the 1996 Act
6. Focuses the best expertise jointly
7. Input in PUCO regulation
8. Enhances public safety
9. Maximizes economic impact
10. Fosters research and supports education

Section 7. That the outcomes of this process will be policies on:

1. Capital asset management
2. Risk management
3. Telecommunications land use

Section 8. That this Ordinance is an emergency Ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, said emergency being the need to give MORPC notice of Bexley's participation no later than October 24, 1996, and shall go into effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: 11/26, 1996

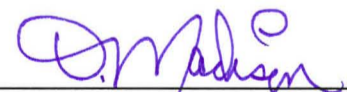


President of Council

Attest: 

Clerk of Council

Approved: 11/26, 1996



David H. Madison, Mayor

October 22, 1996 1st Reading
November 12, 1996 2nd Reading
November 26, 1996 - 3rd reading; passed