

# THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION 18-90

INTRODUCED BY: Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Langshaw,  
Marnecheck, Hannan, Kasaris, Mayor Stefanik

## A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS IN MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Council have been advised of Ohio Governor John Kasich's proposal to use the projected State of Ohio budget surplus of \$147 million at the end of the biennium to fund an income tax withholding reduction and bring the state's rainy-day fund to its maximum legal limit; and

WHEREAS: The Ohio General Assembly has repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years by way of significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, eliminating the Estate Tax, and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS: These reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue for the City of North Royalton of approximately \$7 million since 2011; and

WHEREAS: This sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS: When municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly should distribute the budget surplus revenue to Ohio's municipalities at the end of the biennium, ensuring that these local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

Section 2. This Council does hereby declare its opposition to Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly depositing the state budget surplus into the rainy-day fund and an income tax withholding reduction.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this 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.

THEREFORE, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Larry Antoskiewicz  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik  
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: September 4, 2018

DATE APPROVED: September 5, 2018

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder  
ACTING DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended  
Second reading suspended  
Third reading September 4, 2018

YEAS: Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky,  
Langshaw, Marnecheck, Hannan, Kasaris

NAYS: none