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Background: This ordinance authorizes the City Auditor to make payment to The Saunders Company LLC for services rendered and to declare an emergency.

Fiscal Impact: Funding in the amount of $19,456.74 is available and appropriated for the payment of this expenditure in Fund 4005 within the Department of CelebrateOne as noted in the attached "Then and Now Certificate" as approved by the City Auditor.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: This ordinance requires emergency action so that CelebrateOne and the City of Columbus may pay the past due debt in a timely manner.

To authorize and direct the City Auditor to authorize payment to The Saunders Company LLC per invoice approved by the Department Director (or designee) in an amount not to exceed $19,456.74; and to declare an emergency. ($19,456.74)

WHEREAS, The Saunders Company LLC, provided marketing services to the City of Columbus outside of contract, and,

WHEREAS, after these goods or services were rendered, the City received an invoice for which a purchase order, with a prior certification of availability of funds by the City Auditor attached, had not been obtained; and,

WHEREAS, Section 5705.41 (D)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that in certain circumstances a political subdivision may authorize payment on a contract executed without prior certification by the City Auditor; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council now has before it a certificate from the City Auditor certifying there was at the time of making the contract and at the time of the execution of such certificate a sufficient sum appropriated for the purpose of such contract and in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any encumbrances (a "then and now certificate"); and,

WHEREAS, less than thirty days have passed since the City Council's receipt of the certificate from the City Auditor; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to satisfy the obligations of the contract;

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the daily operations of CelebrateOne in that it is immediately necessary to present this ordinance for the City Auditor to issue a warrant in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 (D)(1) all for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; and now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That City Council hereby acknowledges receipt of the "then and now certificate" from the City Auditor and authorizes and directs the City Auditor to authorize payment to The Saunders Company LLC per invoice approved by the Department Director (or designee) in an amount not to exceed $19,456.74 from Fund 4005, ACPO012455.

SECTION 2. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approved by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.