

TO: Gahanna City Council

Clerk of Council

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**DATE**: June 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Operations - Request for Council Action (July 15, 2024 COTW Meeting)

## **ACTION ITEMS**

## ACTION ITEM #1: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BECOMING A MEMBER OF SUSTAINABLE OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL

In 2023, City Council and the Administration hosted a number of presentations regarding Community Choice Aggregation programing. On May 28, 2024, the Administration released a Request for Information (RFI) to vendors who provide Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) services. Responses were summarized and presented to Council on June 24, 2024. Council affirmed the intention of the City of Gahanna to pursue a community choice energy aggregation program with the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC).

SOPEC, a Council of Governments, has 36 member communities across 30 Ohio counties. Twenty-nine communities utilize SOPEC to provide CCA programs to their communities. SOPEC utilizes AEP Energy to provide electrical supply. SOPEC is AEP Energy's second largest aggregation customer behind the City of Columbus. The City must first become members of SOPEC before pursuing aggregation programming through them.

The Administration is respectfully requesting an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a membership agreement and adopt the bylaws of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council, a Council of Governments, for the purposes of Community Choice Aggregation Programing and other membership benefits.

## Requested Legislation and Funding:

Legislation Needed: Ordinance

Emergency/Waiver: N/A
Vendor Name: TBD
Vendor Address: TBD
Already Appropriated: N/A
Supplemental/Transfer: N/A

Attachments: DOS-ATT - Agreement Establishing SOPEC & Adopting Bylaws