**RESOLUTION NO. 23-23**

Commissioner Eppley moved, supported by Commissioner Johnson, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT GOTION INC PROJECT ELEPHANT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act, being Act 376 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended (“Act 376”), Gotion, Inc. has filed an application for a Renaissance Zone with the County of Mecosta for a proposed project to be located in Big Rapids Charter Township and Green Charter Township on approximately 523 acres in the general vicinity of 220th Avenue and 18 Mile Road, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant’s proposed investment in the project is approximately $2,364,000,000, with direct creation of 2,350 good paying jobs, and

WHEREAS, Economic Development experts estimate this will create up to 5,000 jobs in the area and throughout the supply and service chain, and

WHEREAS, this project is expected to lead to significant opportunities for local school districts, the Mecosta/Osceola Intermediate School District, and Ferris State University through creation of additional programs to support the project and future training and staffing needs for Gotion, Inc. and other firms who locate here, and

WHEREAS, the addition of Gotion, Inc. will bring advanced technology and manufacturing critical to the growth of our area, and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of Gotion, Inc., will bring a tremendous economic boost to the Big Rapids area and surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the City Commission hereby strongly supports efforts to bring Gotion, Inc. to our county and community, that we will make every effort to work in the interests of our constituents and community by assisting Gotion Inc. and the needs of our partnering local governments.

Yeas: Cochran, Eppley, Guenther, Johnson, Simmon

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Dated: February 20, 2023