

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. O-20-32 ENACTMENT NO. O-2020-033

SPONSORED BY: Don Harris

1 **ORDINANCE**

2 **APPROVING A PROJECT INVOLVING ADVANCED OPTICAL TECHNOLOGIES**
3 **INCORPORATED PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT**
4 **AND CITY ORDINANCE F/S O-04-10, AS AMENDED, THE CITY'S IMPLEMENTING**
5 **LEGISLATION FOR THAT ACT, TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF ADVANCED**
6 **OPTICAL TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED, A BUSINESS OPERATING IN**
7 **ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROJECT**
8 **PARTICIPATION LOAN AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION**
9 **WITH THE PROJECT; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND FINDINGS**
10 **RELATING TO THE PROJECT INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS;**
11 **RATIFYING CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN PREVIOUSLY; AND REPEALING ALL**
12 **ACTIONS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE.**

13 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque (the "City") is a legally and regularly
14 created, established, organized, and existing municipal corporation of the State of New
15 Mexico (the "State"); and

16 WHEREAS, the City provides public support of economic development projects
17 to foster, promote and enhance local economic development efforts within the City
18 pursuant to the Local Economic Development Act, Sections 5-10-1 through 5-10-13
19 NMSA 1978, as amended (the "Act"), and the City's Local Economic Development Act
20 Plan adopted pursuant to Ordinance No. F/S O-04-10 (the "LEDA Plan"), codified in the
21 City's Code of Ordinances at Sections 2-14-1-1 through 2-14-1-13; and

22 WHEREAS, the City is permitted under the Act to serve as fiscal agent for the
23 State of New Mexico (the "State") to oversee and administer State local economic
24 development funds committed to qualified entities located within the corporate limits of the
25 City; and

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1 WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Economic
2 Development Department created a zero-interest loan program (the "Loan Program") for
3 qualified entities that meet the requirements of the Act; and

4 WHEREAS, the State's Loan Program is intended to provide short-term
5 financing for qualified entities with repayment of the loan due within two years and with
6 the loan amount being fully securitized for the protection of the State and public funds;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the City is not providing any City funds for the qualified entity
9 pursuant to the State's Loan Program and is solely serving as the State's fiscal agent
10 consistent with the requirements of the Act; and

11 WHEREAS, pursuant to City Ordinance No. O-20-15, adopted on June 1, 2020,
12 the City temporarily suspended the requirements under the LEDA Plan requiring a
13 qualified entity to remain in operations in the City for a minimum of ten years as related
14 solely to those projects receiving funding under the State's Loan Program; and

15 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the LEDA Plan and the Loan Program,
16 Advanced Optical Technologies Incorporated (the "Company"), has submitted to the
17 Council and the Albuquerque Development Commission (the "Commission") an
18 application (the "Application") requesting certain economic assistance to help sustain
19 business operations and the retention of two (2) employees at a minimum monthly
20 payroll of \$12,500.00 (the "Project"); and

21 WHEREAS, the City will administer and disburse to the Company loan funds
22 totaling \$214,035.00 from the State Economic Development Department through the
23 Loan Program, in eight quarterly disbursements of \$26,754.34; and

24 WHEREAS, the Act and the LEDA Plan require the City and the Company enter
25 into a project participation agreement meeting the requirements of the Act and the
26 LEDA Plan; and

27 WHEREAS, the State, City and Company have negotiated the terms of a project
28 participation agreement (the "Agreement") and related documents that will govern the
29 relationship between the City and the Company with respect to the Project; and

30 WHEREAS, the form of the proposed Agreement has been filed with the City
31 Clerk and presented to the Council; and

32 WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement contains the provisions required by the
33 Act and the LEDA Plan and, among other things, provides that the Company will grant

1 to the City a security instrument to secure the Company's obligations under the
2 Agreement; and

3 WHEREAS, the Application, together with the cost-benefit analysis,
4 demonstrates the benefits that will accrue to the community as a result of the donation
5 of public resources and demonstrates that the Company will be making a substantive
6 contribution to the community, as required by the LEDA Plan; and

7 WHEREAS, the Commission has considered the Project and the proposed
8 Agreement and has recommended that the Council approve the Company's proposal;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the City anticipates that the State will transfer to it, for subsequent
11 transfer to or on behalf of the Company pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement
12 between the City and the State, certain funds of the State that are available for the
13 Project; and

14 WHEREAS, after having considered the Application and the Agreement, the
15 Council has concluded that the economic and other benefits of the Project to the City
16 will be material, and that it is desirable and necessary at this time to authorize the City
17 to enter into the Agreement; and

18 WHEREAS, there has been published in The Albuquerque Journal, a
19 newspaper of general circulation in the City, public notice of the Council's intention to
20 adopt this Ordinance, which notice was published at least fourteen (14) days prior to
21 hearing and final action on this Ordinance.

22 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
23 ALBUQUERQUE:

24 Section 1. RATIFICATION. All actions not inconsistent with the provisions of
25 this Ordinance previously taken by the Council and the officials of the City directed
26 toward the provision of economic development assistance in connection with the Project
27 be approved and the same hereby are ratified, approved and confirmed.

28 Section 2. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. The goals and objectives of the
29 Project are, as set forth in the Agreement, to create and support an economic
30 development project that fosters, promotes and enhances local economic development
31 efforts and that provides job security and career opportunities for Albuquerque-area
32 residents and otherwise makes a substantive contribution to the community.

1 Section 3. THE PROJECT. The Project will consist of economic assistance to
2 the Company through the State's Loan Program to help sustain the Company's
3 business operations within the City and the retention of two (2) employees at a
4 minimum monthly payroll of \$12,500.00.

5 Section 4. FINDINGS. The Council hereby declares that it has considered all
6 relevant information presented to it relating to the Project and the Agreement and
7 hereby finds and determines that the provision of economic development assistance for
8 the Project is necessary and advisable and in the interest of the public and will promote
9 the public health, safety, morals, convenience, economy, and welfare of the City and its
10 residents.

11 Section 5. AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT AND THE
12 AGREEMENT; APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. The City hereby approves the Project
13 and the Agreement, which provides, among other things, that the City will administer
14 and disburse State funds to the Company through the Loan Program in the amount of
15 \$214,053.00, in exchange for which the Company will complete the Project as specified
16 in the Agreement. There is hereby appropriated for the Project \$214,053.00 of funds
17 received from the State Economic Development Department through the Loan Program.

18 Section 6. AUTHORIZATION OF OFFICERS; APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS.

19 (A) The form, terms, and provisions of the Agreement in the form
20 presented to the Council with this Ordinance are in all respects approved, authorized,
21 and confirmed, and the City is authorized to enter into the Agreement in substantially
22 the form thereof, with only such changes as are not inconsistent with this Ordinance or
23 such other changes as may be approved by supplemental resolution of the Council.

24 (B) The Council authorizes the Mayor or the Chief Administrative
25 Officer of the City to execute and deliver the Agreement in the name and on behalf of
26 the City, with only such changes therein as are not inconsistent with this Ordinance or
27 such changes as may be approved by supplemental resolution of the Council.

28 (C) The Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer,
29 City Treasurer, and City Clerk are further authorized to execute, authenticate and
30 deliver such certifications, instruments, documents, letters and other agreements,
31 including an intergovernmental agreement with the State Economic Development
32 Department and any appropriate security agreements, and to do such other acts and
33 things, either prior to or after the date of delivery of the executed Agreement, as are

1 necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the
2 Agreement.

3 (D) City officials shall take such action as is necessary in conformity
4 with the Act, the LEDA Plan and this Ordinance to effectuate the provisions of the
5 Agreement and carry out the transactions as contemplated by this Ordinance and the
6 Agreement, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any documents
7 deemed necessary or appropriate in connection therewith.

8 Section 7. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of
9 this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity
10 or unenforceability of that section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of
11 the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

12 Section 8. REPEALER. All bylaws, ordinances, resolutions, and orders, or
13 parts thereof, inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed by this Ordinance but only
14 to the extent of that inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any
15 bylaw, ordinance, resolution, or order, or part thereof, previously repealed.

16 Section 9. RECORDING; AUTHENTICATION; PUBLICATION; EFFECTIVE
17 DATE. This Ordinance, immediately upon its final passage and approval, shall be
18 recorded in the ordinance book of the City, kept for that purpose, and shall be there
19 authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the presiding officer of the City Council,
20 and by the signature of the City Clerk or any Deputy City Clerk, and notice of adoption
21 thereof shall be published once in a newspaper that maintains an office in, and is of
22 general circulation in, the City, and shall be in full force and effect five (5) days following
23 such publication.

1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF September, 2020
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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4 Excused: Harris

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10 Patrick Davis, President
11 City Council
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14 APPROVED THIS 5 DAY OF October, 2020
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17 Bill No. O-20-32

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24 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
25 City of Albuquerque
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28 ATTEST:

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31 Ethan Watson, City Clerk
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