

Record of Proceedings
Special Council Meeting
June 24th, 2021

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the June 24th, 2021 special meeting to order at
2 7:30p.m..
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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley and Vini J.
5 Ventura. Also present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover
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7 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**
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9 **RESOLUTION. NO. 37-2021**

10 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO SENATE OMNIBUS
11 BUDGET AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD EFFECTIVELY PROHIBIT THE NEW
12 CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC-OWNED BROADBAND NETWORKS, AND THE ONGOING
13 PROVISION OF BROADBAND SERVICES PROVIDED BY PUBLIC-OWNED NETWORKS,
14 THEREBY HARMING OHIO RESIDENTS' AND BUSINESSES' ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN
15 THE 21ST-CENTURY DIGITAL ECONOMY was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third**
16 **reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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18 Brian Nelsen, Chief of Staff for the Summit County Executive, was invited to speak on the matter by the
19 Mayor. Mr. Nelsen provided a history of broadband in Summit County as it relates to the creation of
20 fiber-optic networks by municipalities, and shared his thoughts on the need to create a “fiber ring”
21 connecting all thirty one communities in the County.
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23 Director Guidetti noted the amendment to H.B. 110 in question was recently passed by the state Senate
24 and sent to a Conference Committee as the Senate insisted on this amendment that the House had
25 rejected. There has been no update on the status of the amendment, but the resolution is still pertinent and
26 could have an impact.
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28 Mr. Ventura stated he spoke with State Representative Casey Weinstein, who is attempting to put a
29 contingency to not pass the budget bill until this amendment is removed.
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31 Mr. Nelsen stated County Executive Ilene Shapiro and the other metro County commissioners had a
32 conference call with Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted, where he reports that both the Governor and
33 Lieutenant Governor believe this amendment needs to come out of the budget bill.
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35 Mayor Molnar noted he had met with Mayor Roth of Fairlawn to see their technical setup, and relayed
36 statements from Mayor Roth that many businesses have come to their community strictly for this type of
37 broadband availability.
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39 Director Collins echoed the Mayor's statement and noted many businesses have a fiber requirement,
40 which would be very valuable for any community, including Macedonia.
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42 Mayor Molnar stated that he has received many complaints from residents regarding their current internet
43 providers and want other options. This is one of the ways where we could accomplish that.
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45 Ms. Brandt noted municipal broadband in Macedonia is a long way away, but the option for the City must
46 be kept open and we should also support nearby communities like Fairlawn and Hudson that are able to
47 do it.
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49 Mr. Nelsen reported that the County is applying for a federal grant for broadband initiatives, that would
50 then be shared with communities wishing to build off of the “fiber ring”.
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52 Ms. Brandt moved, Mr. Ventura seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 37-2021 and post the same according to**
53 **law**. Councilors Brandt and Ventura voting in the affirmative, Mr. Finley in the negative; Mr. Garvas and

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54 Ms. Tulley abstained. Director Guidetti explained that in this case there is a majority of those casting
55 votes voting in the affirmative, and in addition abstention votes go with the majority, so the resolution
56 passes. **RES. NO. 37-2021 declared and adopted.**
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59 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Ventura seconded to enter into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to
60 discuss the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee or official.
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62 Roll call: Ayes: Ms. Brandt, Mr. Finley, Mr. Garvas, Ms. Tulley, Mr. Ventura
63 Nays: None
64 The motion carried unanimously
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66 At 8:06p.m., Council reconvened into its special meeting
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68 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Finley seconded to waive the 48-hour rule and add **ORD. NO. 38-2021** to the
69 agenda.
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71 Roll call: Ayes: Ms. Brandt, Mr. Finley, Mr. Garvas, Ms. Tulley, Mr. Ventura
72 Nays: None
73 The motion carried
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75 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Finley seconded to amend the title as well as Section 1, 2 and 3 to add the name
76 “Leon S. Karas” to the ordinance. Motion carried by a majority voice vote.
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79 **ORDINANCE. NO. 38-2021**
80 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF LEON S. KARAS AS
81 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA
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83 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Finley seconded, to **adopt ORD.NO. 38-2021 and post the same according to**
84 **law.** Councilors Brandt, Finley, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. **ORD. NO. 38-**
85 **2021 declared and adopted.**
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87 The Mayor welcomed Mr. Karas and invited him to speak to Council. Mr. Karas thanked the Mayor and
88 Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Macedonia and stated he is looking forward to getting to
89 know and work with the City staff and residents as well.
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91 Mr. Ventura encouraged everyone to visit the VFW on Old Rte. 8 to view and possibly donate to the
92 Tower display commemorating post 9-11 veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the war against
93 terrorism.
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96 There being no further business, Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Finley, to adjourn the meeting. The
97 motion passed unanimously pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately
98 8:10p.m.
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101 **Date:** _____
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104 **Attest:** _____
105 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council
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Mayor: _____

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