

North Canton City Council
Community and Economic Development Committee
Resolution No. 7 - 2016

A resolution in support of a county-wide study, which may lead to a collaborative plan and support for next generation broadband infrastructure.

WHEREAS, North Canton City Council has determined that a comprehensive, robust and competitively priced next generation broadband fiber infrastructure would benefit the City as follows:

1. Enhance and sustain quality of life economically, educationally and culturally in our current information economy by increasing affordable digital access;
2. Support technology-driven business, with new transformative technologies that can offer opportunity and rewarding careers attractive to our youth, retaining our most precious resource;
3. Provide more cost-effective and efficient county services to our citizens;
4. Attract and retain small businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurial initiatives reliant on affordable high-speed connectivity;
5. Support our City's largest employers with competitive Internet access, local fiber inter-connections and secure, robust platforms;
6. Position the City to participate as a partner for the development of transformative technologies like cloud computing, autonomous factories, software development and artificial intelligence;
7. Provide for a potential new revenue stream to support City services and aspirational projects;
8. Provide a framework for regional partnerships and planning with an intelligent network as its foundation;

WHEREAS, a vibrant, diverse marketplace, with transparency in offerings, pricings, and policies may spur innovation, increase investment, and lower prices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON, COUNTY OF STARK, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF:

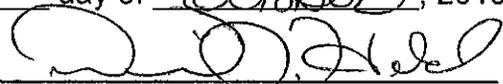
- Section 1. Joining a regional effort encouraging public and private stakeholders to support and collaborate on county-wide solutions for robust and

affordable high-speed connectivity that is industry-leading, future-leaning and aspirational.

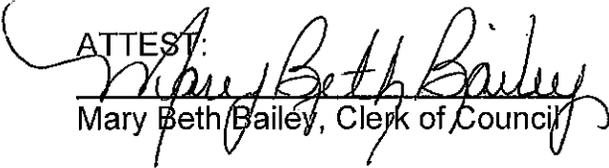
Section 2. Investigating opportunities to change engineering specifications to allow for additional capacity in current and future infrastructure projects.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 10th day of October, 2016


David Held, Mayor

SIGNED: 10/10, 2016

ATTEST:

Mary Beth Bailey, Clerk of Council