

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 28, 2026**

A Caucus was held prior to the meeting to discuss Agenda items. Council members Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite were present.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2026-262 Councilmembers John Schmidt, Brandon Ford, and President & At-Large Councilmember Erin Dickinson addressed Council with this first reading passage request.

The Council Special Meeting was called to order at 04:35 PM in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL- Present: Mrs. Darrow, Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Ford, Ms. Higham, Mr. Kacyon, Mr. Licate, Mrs. McKenney, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite; Absent:

---

**FIRST READINGS**

- 2026-262 **A Resolution reaffirming the commitment of the County of Summit to the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and the protection of freedom of speech, freedom of the press and expression, for County Council and Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Ford, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Wilhite, Mrs. Darrow, Mr. Donofrio, Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Mrs. Darrow moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mrs. Darrow moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2026-262 was adopted.

Adjournment: The Special Council Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 28th day of September, 2026.

Signed by:

*Monique Willis*

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by:

*Erin Dickinson*

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL