

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-044

First Reading Passage Requested

(P. Prentice)

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3 SPONSORS Mr. Pry, Ms. Prentice, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Kurt, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Lee, Mr.
4 Kostandaras and Council of the Whole

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6 DATE January 26, 2015

COMMITTEE Planning

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8 **A Resolution opposing the construction of the proposed Nexus High Pressure Natural Gas**
9 **Transmission Pipeline which will run through the Cities of Green and New Franklin, in**
10 **Council Districts 7 and 8, for the Council and Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, Spectra Energy Corporation and DTE Energy are proposing to construct a
13 forty-two inch Nexus High Pressure Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline (“Pipeline”) to transmit
14 natural gas from Columbiana County, Ohio, to service customers primarily located in Canada;
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17 WHEREAS, the proposed Pipeline will transfer natural gas through the Cities of Green
18 and New Franklin without providing any individual or public benefit; and

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20 WHEREAS, the proposed Pipeline poses a threat to residents and business due to the
21 inherent risk of leaks and ruptures that can result in explosion, fire, environmental
22 contamination, property damage, personal injury and death; and

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24 WHEREAS, an analysis of the County’s geographic records indicates that 1,791
25 residential parcels and 48 commercial/industrial parcels lie within the hazard area for the
26 proposed Pipeline; and

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28 WHEREAS, the proposed Pipeline will require the allocation of additional tax revenue
29 for emergency, medical and fire training equipment and personnel for emergency responses in
30 the event of a Pipeline disaster; and

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32 WHEREAS, the proposed Pipeline poses a threat to the Portage Lakes, a valuable natural
33 water resource and attraction to the County; and

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35 WHEREAS, the proposed Pipeline poses a threat to the Nimisila River and Tuscarawas
36 River watersheds; and

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38 WHEREAS, the proposed Pipeline route travels through heavily wooded areas and
39 pipeline construction would damage these ecosystems; and

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41 WHEREAS, the proposed Pipeline route could compromise the integrity of the private
42 water wells and septic systems relied upon by residents and businesses along the route; and

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44 WHEREAS, the proposed Pipeline route may diminish the desire to reside near the route
45 resulting in difficulty with selling real property thus lowering property values; and

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47 WHEREAS, less populated alternative routes with fewer sensitive natural resources exist
48 within a reasonable distance to the south of the proposed route, including, in particular, a
49 potential route near the U.S. Route 30 corridor; and

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51 WHEREAS this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
52 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to express its opposition to the proposed
53 Pipeline;

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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
5 of Ohio, that:

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7 SECTION 1

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9 This Council and the County Executive oppose the construction of the Nexus High
10 Pressure Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline which poses a threat to residents, business, natural
11 resources, the environment and property in the Cities of Green and New Franklin, in Council
12 Districts 7 and 8, when more suitable alternative routes exist. This Council and the County
13 Executive strongly encourage Spectra Energy Corporation and DTE Energy to determine an
14 alternative route for the Nexus High Pressure Natural Gas transmission Pipeline in a less
15 populated area with less impact on natural resources.

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17 SECTION 2

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19 The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to all
20 members of the U.S. House of Representatives representing a portion of Summit County, U.S.
21 Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman, all Ohio House Representative and Senators
22 representing a portion of Summit County and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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24 SECTION 3

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26 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
27 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
28 opposing the construction of the Nexus High Pressure Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline.

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30 SECTION 4

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32 Provided this Resolution received the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
33 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
34 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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36 SECTION 5

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38 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
39 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
40 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
41 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
42 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

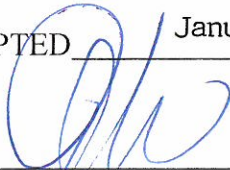
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CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED January 27, 2015



EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 27, 2015

Voice Vote: 11-0: YES: Comunale, Crawford, Donofrio, Feeman, Kostandaras, Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro