

**CITY OF MASON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Michael Gilb, Rich Cox, Tony Bradburn, Charlene Pelfrey, David Nichols, and Don Prince. Christine Shimrock was absent.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Prince invited any visitor present to come forward at this time for public comment. None came forward.

DISCUSSION OF CHARTER

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2011-76 DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011, GENERAL ELECTION, A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.02A TERM LIMITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilmember Bradburn explained that this Special Council meeting was called to address some unfounded accusations concerning appointed Councilmembers eligibility to serve additional terms. He said that the purpose of the meeting is to clarify the language in the existing City Charter on this topic and that this proposed Charter Amendment must be filed 60 days before the November election in order to be on the ballot.

Council discussed the proposed language clarifying a person's eligibility for Council office if that person has served an appointed term. Jeff Forbes stated that the new language is simplified by stating that "time spent in the office of member of Council in fulfillment of a term to which another person was first elected shall not be considered". He explained that if a person is appointed to serve during the first two years of an appointed term, the second two years of that term shall be filled by election at the next regular Municipal election after the vacancy has occurred (SECTION 3.11, part B, of the Charter) and if elected, would count as a completed term. Council discussed the possibility of stating that no more than ten consecutive years shall be served and decided that this would confuse the issue.

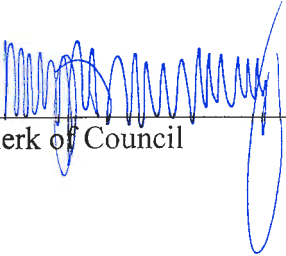
A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Nichols. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-76 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Nichols. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

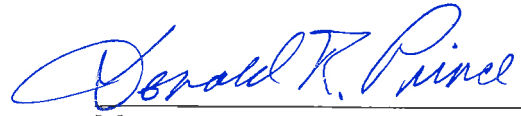
OTHER BUSINESS none.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Nichols.
VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 5:33 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor