

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-28

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR MACTA EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE PUBLIC, EDUCATION, AND GOVERNMENT (PEG) PROGRAMMING/PUBLIC ACCESS FUNDING.

WHEREAS, community television programming allows community members to stay connected and entertained through public, education, and government (PEG) programming;

WHEREAS, public television programming includes local community and nonprofit submissions, City Council and board and commission meetings, and community events;

WHEREAS, public television programming has primarily been funded through franchise fees which allow cable providers to utilize the public right-of-way for private use;

WHEREAS, with the recent consumer trend of moving from traditional cable providers to digital/video streaming services, the funds available for public television programming has decreased;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Association of Community Telecommunications Administrators (MACTA) is a statewide organization of municipal and nonprofit staff that advocates for cities and their residents;

WHEREAS, MACTA is launching a campaign to create legislative changes at the state and federal level that will respond to consumer changes and allow current practices to modernize in response to these shifts;

WHEREAS, MACTA is working with Minnesota cities to gain support for their legislative efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK that the City Council offers its support to the Minnesota Association of Community Telecommunications Administrators' (MACTA) effort to modernize local access funding through legislative change.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember .

Upon Vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereon the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted the 18th day of March 2024.

APPROVED BY:

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Administrator