

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Eastlake City Council was held at Eastlake City Hall, 35150 Lakeshore Boulevard. The Meeting was called to order by Council President Mr. Elshaw at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Knuchel.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were Mr. Knuchel, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. Morley and Council President Mr. Elshaw. Mr. Zontini was absent and excused. Also attending was Council Clerk Mrs. Cendroski.

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Mr. Condron, Law Director Mr. Klammer, CBO Mr. Stigalt, City Engineer Mr. Gwydir, Police Chief Ruth and Fire Chief Whittington.

RECOGNITION OF PATROLMAN JAMES OVERSTREET ON HIS RETIRMENT
FROM THE EASTLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Council President Elshaw, Mayor Andrzejewski and Police Chief Ruth presented recognition plaques to Patrolman James Overstreet upon his retirement from the City of Eastlake Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING WITH ADJOURNMENT INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION – MARCH 10, 2009

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to approve the minutes of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting with adjournment into Executive Session of March 10, 2009. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Mr. Morley, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Elshaw
Abstain: Mr. Lajeunesse

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 24, 2009

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 24, 2009. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Mr. Morley, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Elshaw
Abstain: Mr. Lajeunesse

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Elshaw

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Elshaw: A Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

I received an email regarding a commendable act and I wanted to share it with everyone. The email was received from Councilman Larry Staton from the Village of Lakeline and it reads as follows:

“Dear Mr. Elshaw,

I was returning from running some chores yesterday with a last stop at Willowick Post Office. As I was returning home coming down Lake Shore Blvd., I noted that there was a work truck pulled into the initial entry of the driveway for our (small) Village Hall. As I was pulling up, I noted an individual retrieving the usually erected US Flag that was blowing along the ground as the rope had come undone - apparently from the top pulley.

The individual - a Mr. Bill Brandt of (I believe) the Eastlake Service Department - had retrieved the flag and replaced the rope onto the pulley system. I thanked him personally for his actions as it would have been quite embarrassing, even if accidental, to have a situation disrespecting our Flag in such a fashion. I felt it only appropriate the Eastlake's elected representatives be aware of the commendable acts of their employees.

Again, thanks to Mr. Brandt and the quality of such employees.”

Thanks again to Mr. Brandt – I think he deserves a round of applause even though he is not here with us tonight. I just wanted to share this with everyone – it is always nice to help out a neighbor and we really appreciate Mr. Brandt's actions.

Also, at our last Council meeting Councilwoman Vaughn had discussed the possibility of a resolution regarding Laketrans and the service they are providing for our seniors. I did attend the Laketrans public hearing on April 1st at the Wickliffe Civic Center. I was able to pick up some information on some interesting facts. The number one bullet point at the top of the list was:

- Laketrans will be out of money by the end of 2011 unless Federal and State aid is restored and a financial recovery plan is put into place.

and:

- In 2008, Laketrans had a \$500,000 deficit; in 2009 it is projected to be more than \$1.8 million – and more than \$2.5 million in 2010

One other item among many that was discussed was:

- Statewide operating assistance to all transit systems has been cut from \$44 million in 2000 to \$14 million in the State 2010-2011 budget.

So, basically it has been cut quite a bit and:

- In 2000, State operating assistance for Laketran was \$1.1 million; today it is less than \$650,000.

A lot of their problems stem from not only their revenues which is the local sales tax and are down – that is understandable - but, also the State aid has been cut to almost half. Also at the meeting Mr. Frank Doberdruk of our Senior Center was in attendance. They had suggested we send out cards which are available at the Council office and I believe the Mayor’s office – Laketran is asking for help from our State Representatives for additional funding – so, it would be helpful if anyone who is interested could fill out these cards and send them to our State Representatives. I think it will be very helpful. Mr. Doberdruk will be heading this up.

Ms. Vaughn: Thank you very much for following through on this – it is very important to our seniors.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was received from the City of Willoughby amending their sanitary sewer charges, specifically the surcharge for extra-strength wastes. This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

A communication was received from the Finance Department recommending an amendment to City Ordinance 125.08 “Petty Cash.” This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

Conditional Use Permit renewal recommendations were received from the Building Department for Jeanne’s Joynt, 36091 Vine Street, Every Tire & Wheel, Inc., 34815 Vine Street and Cross Roads Motorcycle Tire & Brake Service, 1226 Hulett Avenue, Eastlake. These were referred to Planning Committee.

A donation request was received from the Class of 2009 After-Prom Committee. Mr. Elshaw explained that this is for each Council person’s individual consideration.

A communication was received from the Administration requesting to apply for a grant from ODNR for the Houston-Fisher pool. Mr. Elshaw explained that this was discussed in the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting and would be added to the evening’s agenda as Legislation No. 04-14-(04).

A communication was received from the Administration proposing an amendment to City Ordinance 1385.20(a) “Carbon Monoxide Detector.” This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

A communication was received from the Finance Department recommending a fund transfer. This was referred to Finance Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration for the lease agreement for the City Parking Lot. This was referred to Finance Committee.

A communication was received from Finance Director Condron regarding the acceptance of a grant for the Houston Fisher Memorial Park. Mr. Elshaw explained that this was discussed in the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting and would be added to the evening's agenda as Legislation No. 04-14-(05).

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee met has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting, therefore, I have no formal report. I will be scheduling a Finance Committee meeting in the near future.

I will be making the following Motions:

Legislative Recommendation

Legislation No. 04-14-(03)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 04-14-(03) to the evening's agenda approving an Ordinance to Revise the Codified Ordinances by adopting Current Replacement Pages. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried Legislation No. 04-14-(03) is added to the evening's agenda.

Payment Authorization: The Walter Drane Company

MOTION: I hereby move to approve payment to The Walter Drane Company for services rendered regarding the update of the City of Eastlake Codified Ordinances, said payment to be \$1,362.00 and taken from account #101.120.5446. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The payment to The Walter Drane Company is approved.

Legislative Recommendation

Legislation No. 04-14-(05)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 04-14-(05) to the evening's agenda authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a "Pass Through Agreement" between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the City of Eastlake for the acceptance of a capital earmark in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for Houston-Fisher Memorial Park with the total amount received for the Capital Improvement Grant to be One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$148,500.00). Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Mr. Knuchel, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Morley, Mr. Elshaw.
Nays: Mr. Lajeunesse

Motion carried Legislation No. 04-14-(05) is added to the evening's agenda.

Additional Comments

Mr. Knuchel: This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Knuchel.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee met April 6th with all members of the Committee in attendance. Also in attendance were members of Council and the Administration. Two items were pending in Committee were referred out of Committee with no action taken with one being an amendment to the permitted uses in a marine recreation district - this was referred out because the Administration is going to meeting with the marina owners and then report back to a Council – the other item was in regards to the height of signs along S.R. 2. One item on the agenda was an amendment to City Ordinance Chapter 949 “Sewer Service Connections” - the amendments will bring this Chapter up to compliance with current standards and after lengthy discussion and explanation by Service Director Semik and Assistant Service Director Ramski the Committee agreed to move forward with this matter and it appears on the evening’s agenda as Legislation No. 04-14-(02). The Block Watch is doing well and has even expanded to Ward 3 – they are patrolling the skate park area and are willing to work, paint or do a number of things to assist the Administration. This concludes my report and I will be scheduling a meeting in the near future for discussion of matters involving City Ordinance Chapter 155 “Employment Provisions and Compensation.”

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Zontini

Mr. Zontini was absent and excused.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Morley

Mr. Morley: The Safety Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting and we have nothing on the agenda. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Morley.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse: Congratulations to Mr. Overstreet on your retirement – I went on quite a few ride-alongs with you in the past and I appreciate all the education you gave me. There has not been a Recreation Committee meeting since our last Council meeting; therefore, I have nothing to report. However, there will be a Recreational Advisory Board meeting Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Semik, our Service/Recreation Director has scheduled that meeting and has invited the various organizations as well as PAL as well as the welcome addition of the Block Watch and also Mr. Matheke who has a lot of years of experience with the community and who also lives right across from a park that has not been utilized to the most extent. As the Port Authority liaison I did attend a meeting last Wednesday and those minutes will be submitted to the rest of Council. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I would like to know why a Councilman would vote “no” on accepting a \$150,000 grant – which is a gift – free money from the State of Ohio.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Mayor, for the last year and one half I have asked you for a plan – I still have no plan for the recreation in this area – for our community – and therefore I will continue to vote “no”.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I will repeat my question – I would like to know your reason on why you voted no to accepting a \$150,000 grant – free money from the State of Ohio to fix the Houston Fisher pool. It cannot be used for any other recreation programs – it is earmarked for Houston Fisher pool.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I gave you my answer.

Mr. Elshaw: We are done now – thank you.

There were no further questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D’Ambrosio

Mr. D’Ambrosio: The Planning Committee met on April 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. with everyone from Council being present except for Mr. Zontini who was absent and excused. Four items were on the agenda that evening – one being a Conditional Use Permit renewal and one a liquor license transfer request - the other two items were Conditional Use Permit. The Committee agreed to move all the items forward and public hearings have been scheduled for the Conditional Use Permit requests on April 28th. I will be making the following Motions:

Conditional Use Permit Renewal Request

MOTION: I hereby move to approve the Conditional Use Permit renewal permit for Zero Gravity Extremes, LLC, Amy Merk, agent, 34675 Melinz Pkwy., Eastlake. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Conditional Use Permit Request for Zero Gravity Extremes, LLC is approved.

Liquor License Transfer Request

MOTION: I hereby move to approve, and send back to Columbus, OH with no objections, the liquor license transfer request for Miecznikowski Enterprises, LTD dba North Coast Bar & Grill, 34516-22 Lakeshore Blvd. to TR & TC Entertainment, LLC, 34516-22 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The liquor license transfer request for North Coast Bar & Grill is approved.

Legislative Recommendation

Legislation No. 04-14-(04)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 04-14-(04) to the evening’s agenda authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to file an Application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for the purpose of acquiring funds for the development of Houston Fisher Pool. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Mr. D'Ambrosio, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Morley, Mr. Elshaw
Nays: Mr. Lajeunesse

Motion carried. Legislation No. 04-14-(04) is added to the evening's agenda.

Additional comments:

Mr. D'Ambrosio: This concludes my report. It is that time of year when the Flag Committee will be getting together to put up the flags at the Veterans War Memorial – they will be meeting this Saturday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m. – the more help we get the faster it goes. We would appreciate any help.

There were no questions of Mr. D'Ambrosio.

Grant for Houston Fisher Park

Mr. Elshaw: It was noted that the \$148,500 grant for Houston Fisher Park – the park is actually Jakse. Mr. Klammer, does that pose a problem?

Mr. Klammer: I have no problem with that – I think everyone is clear on this. There is no other park in Eastlake with that name. (*comments could not be understood*)

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Elshaw recognized the public input at this time; he reminded the speakers that there is a 3-minute limit for their comments; all comments are to be directed to the Chair and not include any personalities or individuals.

There was no one who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2009-028

Requested by: Planning Commission
Sponsored by: Mr. D'Ambrosio

ORDINANCE NO: 04-14-(01)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to TR & TG Entertainment, LLC dba North Coast Café, 34516 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to adopt. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2009-028.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn

ORDINANCE NO.: 04-14-(02)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 949 “Sewer Service Connections” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to adopt. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2009-029.

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Requested by: Council Clerk
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

ORDINANCE NO. : 04-14-(03)

An Ordinance to Revise the Codified Ordinances by adopting Current Replacement Pages, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2009-030.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Lajeunesse

RESOLUTION NO.: 04-14-(04)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to file an Application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for the purpose of acquiring funds for the development of Houston Fisher Pool, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Morley seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Morley, Mr. D’Ambrosio, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Elshaw.
Nays: Mr. Lajeunesse

Motion failed. Legislation No. 04-14-(04) is placed on First Reading.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

RESOLUTION NO.: 04-14-(05)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a “Pass Through Agreement” between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the City of Eastlake for the acceptance of a capital earmark in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for Houston-Fisher Memorial Park with the total amount received for the Capital Improvement Grant to be One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$148,500.00), and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Mr. Knuchel, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. D’Ambrosio, Mr. Morley, Mr. Elshaw
Nays: Mr. Lajeunesse

Motion failed. Legislation No. 04-14-(05) is placed on First Reading.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Elshaw: Mr. Condrón, what is the time frame on both of these grants?

Mr. Condrón: I believe Mr. Semik’s grant was May 1st. As to the other grant I can call the State tomorrow.

Mr. Morley: Mr. Klammer, will we then need to schedule Special meetings?

Mr. Klammer: Unless someone changes their mind or you wait until Mr. Zontini is here.

Mr. Elshaw: Mr. Condrón, please communicate with Council office tomorrow morning so we know what needs to be done. It sounds like we are okay on the first one – depending on how the vote goes at the next meeting and if we need to schedule a Special Council meeting.

LEGISLATION PENDING

There was no Legislation Pending.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR – Ted Andrzejewski

Mayor Andrzejewski: I find it very disturbing that we have an opportunity to receive \$150,000 from the State of Ohio for the benefit of the citizens of Eastlake - \$150,000 in free money and we have a Councilman voting against it – against recreation for the citizens of

Eastlake and we may have to ask Council to hold special meetings to get this passed. Secondly, I can pull up many Council meeting where that particular Councilman said to me – many times – Mayor, if you want to fix the pool go out and get a grant. That is what I did – I went out and with the help of Lorraine Fende got a grant. That same Councilman now votes against it – very disturbing – very disturbing. Our Service Director and Council Clerk researched and found a grant to get an additional \$75,000 in free money for the people of Eastlake – for the pool – the Councilman votes against it. Yet the same Councilman is going to hold a Recreation Advisory Committee meeting and suggest that the City does not have recreation programs. Opening the pool is a recreation program for the benefit of our City. I don't have words for it – I am taken aback by it. Why a Councilman would vote against getting free money for the City.

Mr. Elshaw: Alright, you made your point.

Mayor Andrzejewski: On a positive note – the Eastlake Appreciation Day at the stadium was very successful – we sold 2,500 tickets – it was a nice crowd and we had cool but nice weather. And that \$2,500 goes into our bond retirement fund. Thank you to the Captains organization. Today, I, Mr. Condrón and Mr. Stigalt met with the County – we are going to be one of two cities participating in a program. Mr. Stigalt has identified a number of foreclosed homes in Eastlake. In working with the County through a Federal grant of \$3.3 million we will identify a series of homes – the County will purchase the homes – Mr. Stigalt will inspect the homes and coordinate repair of the homes to correct the violations and bring them up to code – then the County will sell the home – it must be owner occupied and be on a lease for 15 years. This is a way to prevent our housing stock from going downhill. Overtime we hope that we can turn around many of those homes and the money from the sold homes will go back into the pot to keep churning over and over. Regarding the pool – we talked to the pool consultant, Mr. Semik, Mr. Gwydir – who have been very helpful – we have been testing the pool and have come to the conclusion that the pool cannot be opened this year. One of our reasons is we may open the pool but after three weeks a problem may show up where we would have to close the pool down for the season and it would not be fair to our residents who purchased pool passes – or to the swim team. Everyone has been very nice about it – they understand that we will fix the pool completely so when we open it next year it will be a completely refurbished pool rather than doing half the job. Regarding the Laketrán issue – I could not go to that meeting because of a previous commitment – but, we have had a substantial decrease in our local Government fund. Mr. Condrón, by how much?

Mr. Condrón: About \$137,000.

Mayor Andrzejewski. And, our revenues are flat at best – at best – flat. And, we have to survive. Laketrán needs to look internally to determine where they can cut some costs – where they can be more efficient rather than raising the rates. The rates I saw in the paper are substantially raised and will hurt people who depend on Laketrán. If I had gone to that meeting I would have said that. Mr. Elshaw, your comments are well appreciated and are very good comments. Lastly, in spite of heckling from some Council members I threw a strike for the opening pitch the other night.

Mr. Knuchel: Mr. Morley, was that a strike?

Mr. Morley: I wasn't a strike.

Mayor Andrzejewski: This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: I have been working on various issues. I commend the Council Clerk on her award from the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association. Other than that I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Brian Condron

Mr. Condron: Right now we are working on closing out the month of March and you should have the report in your packages this week. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Condron.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik was absent and excused.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt: Our inspections are going well and permits are being issued – we are still strong in that area. I am looking forward to working with the County on the project for which our City has been targeted on foreclosures. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Stigalt, I want clarification – I heard this through the grape vine – is there a problem where the Twirlers are operating – does the owner need to get a CUP?

Mr. Stigalt: Her use of the building as a recreational use is not permitted in that zoning district – she is applying to the BZA to see if she can get a variance to allow her to be in that building - baton twirling can be considered a business and a recreation – it is walking a fine line on this one. That is a recreation business and the district is for industrial purposes.

Ms. Vaughn: *Comments could not be understood.* This is like a dance studio – recreation is a sport – this is a learning situation like a school.

Mr. Klammer: There may be certain conditions in an industrial district - other hazards that go along with that.

Ms. Vaughn: We want businesses to want to be here – we do not want to lose them.

Mr. Lajeunesse: For clarification, if someone wanted to purchase the Melinz Pkwy. sport club and there were only a few limited parking spaces would someone have to add extra spaces?

Mr. Stigalt: In our zoning each category of business use has a requirement for parking spaces – for a nightclub or restaurant it is one space per every fifty square feet. If you have 2,000 square feet you would need 40 spaces. If the building is used for recreation it must have so many parking places per square foot.

Mr. Lajeunesse: So, if a government entity such as PAL wanted to purchase that building and use it for recreation for the Community they would still need that many spaces?

Mr. Stigalt: Yes, it is the building use – not who owns it. It is in the ordinance.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I am sure it is – I just have not gone through that like you have.

Mayor Andrzejewski: In my experience on the Planning Commission – there are some things people can do – they can contract with an adjacent property to rent out the parking spaces when the other business is not operating. Mr. Stigalt needs to stay by the ordinances but he uses a lot of flexibility to help businesses get started in the City.

There were no further questions for Mr. Stigalt.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: I have been working on a lot of small items. I have been working with Mr. Stigalt on waterproofing issues as well as the Robin and King pump stations – the pump designs for the Quentin Pump station. The signalization job has been bid by ODOT and it came in at about one half the estimated cost which should result in some savings. We conducted a road safety audit for NOACA and thank you to Chief Ruth for all his help. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Gwydir, I recently had a call from a resident on South Lakeshore regarding the funding to do that street.

Mr. Gwydir: I did get some news – the OPWC funding will be coming through this year and the South Lakeshore project was approved under LTIP 2, however, its rank on the list will make it eligible when the second amount of money -\$67 million - comes through in July. The cost of the project construction work, inclusive of design, construction administration & inspection was estimated at \$1,324,600. Of that total the City is getting a grant of \$512,300 (39%) with the remainder \$812,300 (61%) coming from local resource.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Mr. Gwydir, please explain what we talked about regarding getting this project in this year.

Mr. Gwydir: I sent a communication to the Mayor suggesting we should design that project now so when the money actually comes we would be able to move forward.

Mayor Andrzejewski: So, we will be coming to Council to do all the preliminary engineering work so when we get the money we can put the job out for bid and get done this year.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Chief Ruth: I would like to commend James Overstreet on his years of service to the City and wish him luck in his retirement. We have been working on two grant applications – one application has already been submitted. Other than that it is business as usual. Mr. Lajeunesse's scheduling of a Recreation Advisory Board meeting is an excellent idea. I think something along that line would serve well for the Safety Forces. I am sure Chief Whittington would agree with me. There has not been too much emphasis on the Safety

Forces – we need to review the needs of the Safety Forces and an Advisory Committee would be an excellent idea. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Chief Ruth.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: On behalf of the Fire Department I would like to congratulate Patrolman Overstreet on his retirement. The area Fire Chiefs have been meeting regarding the road work on S.R. 2. The work will primarily be in Willoughby and Mentor. We will be supporting each other due to ramp and road closures. We do receive service from Laketrans – they send a bus for us during situations so our personnel are kept out of the elements. Their services are appreciated. Chief Ruth and I have discussed several times the possibility of getting a committee together to discuss the needs of the Safety Forces. I am sometimes astonished at how little is known about the operations of the Fire Department and Police Department – it would be a good idea to discuss their needs and also to let people know what we do – this is an educational process that may be helpful. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: I am more than happy to sit down with both Chiefs and try to work out something – perhaps through the Safety Committee – or establishing an Advisory Committee – if you would like to prepare some suggestions I will meet with you as a first step – and, then go from there.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:23 p.m.

DEREK W. ELSHAW, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____
DEBORAH A. CENDROSKI, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL