

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 2013**

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. Morley at approximately 7:09 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Licht.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins, Mr. Licht, Ms. DePledge, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Hoefle, Mr. D'Ambrosio and Council President Mr. Morley.

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Fire Chief Whittington, Police Chief Reik, Law Director Klammer, and Finance Director Slocum. City Engineer Gwydir is absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – May 14, 2013

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 14, 2013. Mr. Hoefle seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Morley

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Morley: The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting.

Mr. Morley: I too, would like to thank the Committee of the Boulevard of 500 Flags. The ceremony on Memorial Day was great as always from the VFW 3863 and American Legion 678. Thank them for all that they do for the Boulevard.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Recommendations from the Administration on the award of Classic Park field renovation bid that will go into Finance Committee. A recommendation from the Administration of the award of the 8 ton dump truck bid also to the Finance Committee. Ms. Vaughn will get with the clerk to set up a meeting. Last week, we did have a Recreation Committee Meeting. Mr. Hoefle?

Mr. Hoefle: We did meet last Tuesday May 21st. All members of Council were present with the exception of Mr. Morley who was absent and excused. From the Administration we had Service Director Mike Semik, Mayor Andrzejewski, and the Law Director Mr. Klammer. We discussed the Parks and Recreation levy for the upcoming ballot. We as a Committee did move forward with a .5 Mil levy. Which would generate roughly \$216,000.00 a year on a

five year levy. This would be for operations, maintenance and capital improvements. Any funds that are generated from this, is strictly for that purpose only. We are all in agreement that it would be to open the pool, playground equipment, youth leagues and other items that were addressed. We will be having some other future meetings. I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: Any questions for Mr. Hoefle?

Ms. Quinn-Hopkins: Not a question. I just want to say that I am sorry that we need to go to the votes for more tax money. We understand that during these days, everybody's finances are tight and it is difficult. It is really difficult in the City and it is getting more difficult. We are loosing the café's and internet café's, First Energy and so on. As much as I am in agreement that we need the tax levy, I am just sorry that we have to go that route. I am hopeful that maybe we can make some additional cuts to make things more affordable and that we can accomplish our goals.

Mr. Morley: Thank you. Mr. Hoefle?

Mr. Hoefle: One other point that I want to make is an evaluation of a \$100,000.00 home for this levy will cost about \$1.28 per month. That is what it would cost someone with a \$100,000.00 home is \$1.28 per month. We wanted to keep something within reason for our community and that is what we are looking at.

Mr. Morley: Anyone else from Council have anything that they need to report? Mr. Licht?

Mr. Licht: I just wanted to touch base on an issue with sidewalks that recently came to my attention. We had a rash of anomalous complaints that resulted in violations being issued to certain residents. After reviewing the ordinances for the certificate of inspection, which is the point of sale and also the sidewalk maintenance and repair. I find those ordinances to be very vague. There is no criteria to state exactly what a violation is. I did find buried somewhere on the Eastlake Website the point of sale form that is for informational purposes. It does have a little more criteria based information, however neither the ordinances are tied to that form. I have already discussed the principle and sent an email to the Mayor and the Service Director. They both seem to be in agreement that this is something that needs changed or revised. One of the things that I have asked. I know that the Mayor was hesitant. Maybe I wasn't asking the right person, or maybe I need to ask the Law Director as well, was if there was a possibility of placing these violations on hold while we review this ordinance and then go back and revisit those violations when there is specific criteria. I guess that I am asking the Administration here if that is an option. If that is something that you guys would be willing to do, while we review this?

Mayor Andrzejewski: As I answered in your email, my only concern was if a Resident felt if they put in a complaint and we did not act on it, then they would say that we are not acting on their complaints. That is a question that the Law Director can answer. So Mr. Klammer let's say that a Resident calls and puts in a complaint that this address has three blocks of cement that have severely cracked sidewalks and I want to put in a complaint to have those fixed per that ordinance that says fix the sidewalks, and we don't act?

Mr. Klammer: Without looking at the Ordinance, I would tell you that as the Mayor you are the chief determination on which ordinances you want to enforce. I think that you are right. What you probably want to do in this situation is balance the ordinance issue that the

Councilman brought up, against the safety issue, if there are some that are more dangerous than the others. It is going to require your Public Relations Promise more than anything to help people understand.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We get numerous calls, first of all I am in favor of changing the ordinance.

Mr. Klammer: They are bad ordinances.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We get tones of phone calls from people saying that my neighbor's fence is higher than it should be. My neighbor's grass, or whatever. If you don't act on those, or acknowledge them, so the thing that I was trying to point out is that I am fine with setting them on hold, I just don't want them to say that the Administration is ignoring our complaints.

Mr. Licht: I offered back to you that if it was a Ward 4 Resident, I would be happy to contact them and explain where we are at and what we are trying to do. If they are truly a concerned resident, I think that they would accept us placing it on hold. The other reason that I am asking is it seemed to me that there were nine houses in a row on one street that all received the same letter. Which means that this anomalous complaint, complained about nine addresses in a row, which seems excessive to me. I have walked the area and some of them are worse than others but without knowing exactly what that criteria was I found it kind of hard that there were nine houses all in a row that got the same violation. If you guys would be willing to do that, I think that is a good gesture for these Residents. While we work out

Mayor Andrzejewski: What would the new ordinance say?

Mr. Licht: I think that we need to have specific criteria. I have asked Mr. Semik to pull surrounding Cities and the way that they look at the sidewalks. Specifically in our point of sale, which I stated earlier, does not correlate anywhere to the ordinances, has specific areas that state cracks that are a quarter inch wide or more. Adjourning slabs which may not exceed three quarters of an inch. A little bit more criteria, define it a little bit better. I think that it will also help the Service Director so that when people do come to complain, he has specific criteria that he can point to and say this is where you are in violation as apposed to a generality that no-one knows exactly what they are in violation of.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Are you and Mike going to write the ordinance?

Mr. Licht: I was going to work with whoever writes them and Joe has offered to help as well.

Mr. Morley: Anyone else on Council? Ms. Quinn-Hopkins?

Ms. Quinn-Hopkins: I also just wanted to say something about the flags. You guys did just a phenomenal job out there and you worked several weekends, several Saturdays, Vice-President D'Ambrosio, President Morley, Mike and Joe Strandan. I would really like to know how many volunteers were out there helping. It must have been beautiful.

Mr. Morley: The first couple of weeks there were like eight or ten of us. We took out 220 poles with seven of us the one day. Then the one week we tried adjusting. Joe Strandis sat down with CT Consultants, which is doing us a free service to try and figure out some logistics. I was not there this past weekend, I was in North Carolina. Mike has been doing things during the week to help Joe with some stuff during the week also. Joe is here basically during the day. It was great that we got them all up. Every pole is replaced.

Ms. Quinn-Hopkins: Every flag is new. They all have a gold ball on the top.

Mr. Morley: (unintelligible) Out of the 500 poles they have donated almost 300.

Ms. Quinn-Hopkins: Just beautiful. I really applaud you guys. Thank you very much.

Mr. Morely: Okay, anyone else? Mr. D'Ambrosio?

Mr. D'Ambrosio: I just have two motions. I didn't see any objections from the Administration. The first one is a liquor license transfer from U Super Seafood Buffett Inc., doing business as Super Seafood Buffett, at 33550 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH 44095, transferred to U Inc., doing business as China Buffett, at 33550 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH 44095.

Mr. Hoefle: Second.

Roll taken: Unanimous.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: Liquor license renewal for Bullbar LLC, doing business as Bullbar, 36091 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH 44095.

Mr. Hoefle: Second.

Roll taken: Unanimous.

Mr. Morley: Ms. Vaughn?

Ms. Vaughn: Do you need motions on the Police Department general auction or acceptance of the \$500.00 Police Grant? I would think that you would.

Mr. Morley: Yes.

Ms. Vaughn: I would like to move that the Police Department is hereby authorized to hold their general auction on June 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Police Department.

Ms. DePledge: Second.

Roll taken: Unanimous.

Ms. Vaughn: I would also like to move that we accept a \$500.00 Police Grant for the TDIM conference.

Ms. DePledge: Second

Roll taken: Unanimous. Motions are carried.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Morley 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.

Mr. Morley: Mr. Beres?

Mr. Beres: Ted Beres, 36706 Lakehurst Drive, Eastlake, OH 44094. I just wanted to respond to something that the Mayor said at the last Council meeting regarding the Senior Center. As you recall you said that Donna and I had said so few residents use the swimming pool what's the use in having it open. Any question as to keeping the Senior Center open is that fewer residents use it. I looked at the 2010 Census and 16% of the residence are 65 and older. That is 3,000 Seniors. Many of those Seniors are married, homeowners, have grandchildren, great grandchildren, they lead active social lives. What kind of person would go to the Senior Center? Widowed, divorced, single, someone that does not have a family or a family that does not care about them. So the Senior Center is for socializing and that is a good thing. To compare the Senior Center to the swimming pool is not right. It is two different venues. The Senior Center is a needed service.

Mr. Morley: Thank you. Anyone else?

There was no one who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2013-001

Requested by: Finance Committee
Sponsored by: Finance Committee

ORDINANCE NO: 05-28-(01)
An Ordinance Section 125.11, Expenditure limitation of codified ordinances of the City of Eastlake, Ohio, 44095, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to adopt. Ms. DePledge seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted.

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Requested by: Finance Director Slocum
Sponsored by: Finance Committee

ORDINANCE NO: 05-28-(02)
A resolution to accept a tax budget for 2014 as presented by the Director of Finance and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 05-28-(05)

Requested by: Director of Finance Slocum
Sponsored by: Finance Committee

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Finance and the Mayor to enter into a contract with Tech Ready Mix Inc. the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of asphalt, concrete products listed, the cost is outlined and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to adopt. Ms. DePledge seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 05-28-(06)

Requested by: Recreation Committee
Sponsored by: Recreation Committee

A Resolution declaring necessary to levy an additional 0.5 Mil Levy for the purpose of Parks and Recreation purposes. Request the Lake County Auditors certified the total current tax evaluation the City and the total dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the additional levy and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to adopt. Ms. DePledge seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted.

Mr. Slocum: If I could just give a point of information. What was just voted on, does not in fact put the levy on the ballot. What this does, is it requests the County Auditors to certify how much that levy will generate. After that is done there will be another piece of legislation which should be ready for the next meeting, which would in fact be your vote to put it on the ballot. This did not put it on the ballot.

Mr. Morley: Thank you for that verification Mr. Slocum.

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LEGISLATION PENDING

There is 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 would like to announce that I have new glasses, so that I can see all of you much better. The City sign is working. If anyone has any announcements give them to Karin. It is going to take us a little while to play with it. That is all I have.

There were no questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: I have nothing to report and am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: Mr. D’Ambrosio?

Mr. D’Ambrosio: Mr. Klammer I just want to say thanks a lot for some of those emails. I know that the Mayor was involved on that house on 332nd St. I did get a call from Mr. Zapatowski, I believe, the people did vacate the house, but I saw your emails back and forth to the Mayor, when John was here and the Building Dept. Thanks a lot it is moving in the right direction.

Mr. Klammer: Thanks to Tracy too, she has been picking up a lot.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: Yes.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Mike Slocum

Mr. Slocum: I do not have a report today, but I am open for questions.

There were no further questions of Mr. Slocum.

POLICE CHIEF REIK

Mr. Reik: The grand opening of Wal-Mart (unintelligible).

There were no further questions of Chief Reik.

FIRE CHIEF WHITTINGTON

Chief Whittington: I have nothing to report and am open for questions.

There were no further questions of Chief Whittington.

Mr. Morley: Ms. Vaughn?

Ms. Vaughn: I have a question for the Mayor. There is a grand opening Thursday for Good Cents. Is the City going to participate in their grand re-opening that they are advertising?

Mayor Andrzejewski: They have not invited us.

Ms. Vaughn: I just wondered.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I have not received any invitation.

Ms. Vaughn: It is very nice inside now, by the way.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Wal-Mart, I am sure that you guys all got an invitation?

Council: No.

Mr. Klammer: On Wal-Mart did we need to do that yet, or do we still have a little time?

Mayor Andrzejewski: I have been waiting for you.

Mr. Klammer: I responded back, a motion to extend, we have a little time.

Mr. Morley: That is back so we can get

Mayor Andrzejewski: What Randy is talking about is Wal-Mart is open 24 hours. He just recommends that we do it now officially.

Mr. Morley: Did you have a question on the pharmacy with that?

Mr. Klammer: I was hoping that would show me that we did it years ago and that we wouldn't have to do it again. We are not going to hold them up though. We still have a little bit of time.

Mr. Morley: We need a motion to go into executive session to talk about the employment of our Council Clerk Ms. Cendroski.

Ms. Vaughn: So moved.

Ms. DePledge: Second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:02 p.m.

DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____
DEBORAH A. CENDROSKI