

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Eastlake City Council was held at Eastlake City Hall, 35150 Lake Shore Boulevard. The Meeting was called to order by Council President Mr. Elshaw at approximately 7:38 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Vaughn.

ATTENDEES

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

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Mr. Condrón, Law Director Mr. Klammer, City Engineer Mr. Gwydir and CBO Mr. Voros.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE WITH ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – APRIL 8, 2008

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to approve the minutes of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting with adjournment into Executive Session of April 8, 2008. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 8, 2008

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 8, 2008. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was received from the City of Mentor urging Eastlake City Council to adopt a Resolution in opposition with the existing law regulating exploration and drilling of oil and gas wells. This was referred to Ordinance Committee. Mr. Elshaw further explained that after

review from our Law Director we will also be referring into Ordinance Committee the Eastlake oil and gas well legislation that was proposed earlier and placed on hold.

A Liquor License Transfer Request was received from 35757 Lakeshore, Inc., 35757 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake to Ivan Kristo, LLC dba Wings, Food & Spirits, 35757 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio and a Liquor License Request from WalMart Stores East LP dba Store 1863, 34440 Vine Street, Eastlake. These were referred to Planning Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee met on April 14, 2008. All Committee members were there. Also in attendance from Council were Mr. Zontini and Mr. Lajeunesse. Council members Mr. Knuchel and Mr. Elshaw were absent and excused. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Mr. Condrón, Law Director Mr. Klammer, CBO and Fire Marshall Lonnie Futchi. We had several items on the agenda for discussion and some appear on the agenda tonight. We will be considering Legislation No. 04-22-(02) – an amendment to City Ordinance 1347.31. “Height of Poles Signs at Freeway Interchange Areas” this matter will be placed back in Committee for further discussion. Also, an amendment to City Ordinance Section 1143.06 “Use Regulation for all Districts” which the Committee recommended to move this forward, an amendment to City Ordinance Section 1149.02(c)M-1” Use Regulations for all Districts” - the Committee is recommending that this go on First Reading tonight to allow for more input from the public. Also discussed was an amendment to City Ordinance Section 1501.14 “Control and Regulation of Propane Tanks” which the Committee is recommending to move forward. We also had a considerable and lengthy discussion on the Rental Property issue with the Committee finding that there would be no action at this time. This is a disappointment to some people and a relief to others. This doesn’t mean that this issue is dead. I, personally, would like to see the Building Department demonstrate their expertise at the exterior enforcement and possibly bit by bit we can move into something more comprehensive. At this time this concludes by report. I will be setting a meeting but not in the near future.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Zontini

Mr. Zontini was excused and absent.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Morley

Mr. Morley: The Safety Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting and nothing is pending in Committee. I do have a question for the Mayor - the new Command vehicle that we have seems like it never moves out of its place - do we have any issues that are around the Command vehicle and is it operative?

Mayor Andrzejewski: The last time I reported to you, I spoke with Acting Fire Chief O’Neal and asked him to take a look at using the existing radios because we are going to need new communication equipment to tie in to the County system which would involve all the radios for

police, fire and service. I also asked him to look at why the price went from \$32,000.00 to \$66,000.00. He has not gotten back to me since last week.

Mr. Morley: I don't know.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I gave you the answers.

Mr. Morley: Not that I don't believe you, Mayor. Is there anyone here from the Fire Department that is representing Acting Chief O'Neal?

There was no one present to answer for the Fire Department.

This concludes by report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Morley.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse: I have not had a Recreation Committee meeting since our last Council meeting, therefore, there is nothing to report in that regards. However, the retirement party for Chief Sabo is May 2, 2008 at the Patrician Center. All those are invited to this for our favorite Fire person, and they will see to it that you can attend it for a very nominal cost. Also on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the Captains Stadium – Chief Sabo will be throwing out the first pitch. I believe the Fire Department is responsible for the Color Guard and the National Anthem. So this is a great opportunity for our community to give our Fire Chief on last hurrah.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D'Ambrosio

Mr. D'Ambrosio: The Planning Committee had a meeting on April 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance from the Committee were myself, Mr. Zontini and Mr. Knuchel. In attendance from Council were Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Morley and Mr. Lajeunesse. Council President Mr. Elshaw was absent and excused. There was one item on the agenda and it was a Conditional Use Permit Request for Lucio's, 35583 Lakeshore Blvd. This is a restaurant/pizza type business. Mr. Afsarifard was the previous owner and is going to take back ownership. He was going to lease the property to somebody else; unfortunately, the new people could not make a go of it. So Mr. Afsarifard decided to take the business over again. There was one item that came up in the Committee Meeting. The original Conditional Use Permit was only good for one year and the lease that was submitted was going to expire is going to expire in January of 2008 – so it doesn't go as long as the permit. I had spoke to Mr. Klammer regarding the lease expiring.

Mr. Klammer, do you see a problem with the lease expiring before the Conditional Use Permit?

Mr. Klammer: No.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: As Mr. Klammer said there was no problem in issuing Lucio's a Conditional Use Permit there is going to be a Public Hearing on this on May 13, 2008 at 7:29 p.m.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. D'Ambrosio.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee has not met since our last scheduled Regular Council Meeting, therefore, I have no formal report. I am in receipt of the March numbers and will be scheduling meeting to clean up a few items in the near future.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Knuchel.

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.

Mr. Mattingly, 747 Stevens Blvd., Ohio

Mr. Mattingly: My concern is the walkway that goes from Scorchers across Vine Street to Biagios. Is that the City's responsibility or the restaurant's responsibility to take care of that walkway – there is a big hole in the road and it does nothing for Vine Street.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: I did receive a few phone calls on that and I spoke to our Service Director, Mr. Semik and he is going to do something to repair that walkway because it looks terrible – perhaps the Mayor knows more about this than I.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We have been talking about this for a few months. That walkway was put in by the previous Administration. I guess it was suppose to be some sort of walkway for the employees to walk next to Biagios and walk across the street by Scorchers to the Captains Stadium. The employees are parking elsewhere. As soon as the asphalt can be laid on the road that will be the first project that will be done and we will have the bricks taken out of there and filled up with asphalt.

Michele Slokar, 871 Audrey Road

Ms. Slokar: I live a couple of houses down from Mr. D'Ambrosio. I have no idea what is going on in the last four years because I was not here. I went to live with my daughter at West Point because she is teaching there and I was taking care of her children. Now that I am back I was charged a bill for \$36.00 to pay the garbage bill. Because I was not home I do not feel that I should have to pay for this charge. What's the answer?

Mr. Condon: You lived at your residence?

Ms. Slokar: I was not here got four years.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Was there anybody living at your house?

Ms. Sloker: Nobody.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Was it a vacant house?

Ms. Sloker: It was a vacant house and I came home for four days and then I went back to my daughter's home. There was no garbage to pick up for four years. I think I should get that money back.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Well, who's been paying the bills?

Ms. Sloker: My daughter did.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We have a procedure when people have a vacant house and let us know then we would look at it. Since this has been going on for four years I'm surprised nobody has called us to tell us that nobody was living there.

Ms. Sloker: I had all my mail forwarded to my daughter.

Mayor Andrzejewski: If your daughter paid the bill that would indicate to me that she knew what was going on.

Ms. Sloker: She was wondering why I was getting this bill for garbage since the house was vacant because I didn't have to pay for the garbage before.

Mr. Elshaw: Why don't you discuss that after the meeting.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Call over to the Finance Department and talk to Mr. Condrón and see what we can do. It just seems a little bit out of line since it took four years to say that nobody was living in that house.

Ms. Sloker: Well, I'm back now.

Jim Mikus, 1662 361st St, Unit #5, Eastlake

Mr. Mikus: I am part owners of Advanced Gas and Welding Solutions and am here to reiterate my co-partner's comments that we are here to comply with whatever needs to be worked on at our facility. We've enjoyed working with Eastlake and we would like to continue to be here if it is feasible for us to do that. Just to let you know we are still here and would like to stay here.

There was no one else who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2008-029

RESOLUTION NO.: 04-22-(01)

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Mr. Morley

A Resolution supporting and recognizing the month of April, 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Eastlake and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to adopt as amended. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-029.

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	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 04-22-(02)</u>
Requested by: CBO Mr. Voros	An Ordinance amending Section 1347.31
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn	“Height of Pole Signs at Freeway Interchange
	Areas,” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of
	Eastlake, and declaring an emergency.
Mr. Elshaw explained that if there were no objections this matter would be referred back to	
Ordinance Committee with no action taken at this time.	

There were no objections.

Legislation No. 04-22-(02) will be referred back to Ordinance Committee.

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	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 04-22-(03)</u>
Requested by: CBO Mr. Voros	An Ordinance amending Section 1143.06 “Use
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn	Regulations for all Districts,” and declaring
	an emergency.
MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in	
full. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.	

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Elshaw: This is with the strike through on Section D, Subsection 3. Interior/Exterior Alterations.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as amended Ordinance No. 2008-030.

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	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 04-22-(04)</u>
Requested by: CBO Mr. Voros	An Ordinance amending Section 1149.02
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn	“Schedule of Permitted Building and Uses,” of
	The codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake,
	Specifically subsection 1149.02(c) “M-3 (General
	Industrial District),” and declaring an emergency.
MOTION: Mr. Vaughn moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in	
full. Mr. Morley seconded.	

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

Motion failed. Legislation No. 04-22-(04) is placed on First Reading.

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Requested by: Fire Marshall Futchi	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 04-22-(05)</u>
Sponsored by: Mr. Vaughn	An Ordinance amending Section 1501.14
	"Control and Regulation of Propane Tanks,"
	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. 2008-031.

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Requested by: Service Director Mr. Semik	<u>RESOLUTION NO.: 04-22-(06)</u>
Sponsored by: Mr. Zontini	A Resolution authorizing and directing the
	Mayor and Director of Finance to purchase
	through the State of Ohio Cooperative
	Purchasing Program, One (1) 2008 Case 580
	Super M Series 2 Loader/Backhoe from
	Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc. in the total
	amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred
	Thirty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents
	(\$65,735.96), and declaring an emergency.
MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.	

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-032.

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RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-(07)

Requested by: Service Director Mr. Semik
Sponsored by: Mr. Zontini

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to purchase through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, One (1) 2008 Duraco Model 125DJT Trailer Mounted Spray Injection Patching Machine from Leader Machinery Company, LTD in the total amount of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$56,997.25), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-033.

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RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-(08)

Requested by: Service Director Mr. Semik
Sponsored by: Mr. Zontini

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to purchase through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, One (1) 2008 9' Zoresco Rugby Z-spec Dump Body with Options from Classis Ford in the total amount of Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$40,778), and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to remove this item from the agenda with no action taken. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 04-22-(08) is removed from the agenda with no action taken.

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Mr. Morley made the following Motion:

Legislative Recommendation

Legislation No.04-22-(09)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 04-22-(09) authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids for One (1) 2008 9' Zoresco Rugby Z-spec Dump Body with Options for use by the City of Eastlake Service Department, said bids to be in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the director of Public Service. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 04-22-(09) is added to the evening's agenda

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Zontini

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-(09)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids for One (1) 2008 9' Zoresco Rugby Z-spec Dump Body with Options for use by the City of Eastlake Service Department, said bids to be in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the Director of Public Service, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-034.

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Additional Comments

Mr. Elshaw: The funds for the last three items will be coming from the Road Levy.

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: Appreciation Day held on Saturday, April 19, 2008, was held at the Stadium and was very successful and we sold 2,700 tickets and that money went into the Bond Retirement fund account. Most of the people did attend the game. We had a beautiful day for it and the stadium was crowded.

The other big announcement is that we are working with the Captains and we will be holding the July 4th Fireworks at the Stadium. They are going to open up their concessions stands. We are going to be working with the three community groups who are going to be putting out literature

and sell certain things. It's up to their discretion. We may get a few high school bands. We thought that it would be nice take a seat and watch the fireworks.

The other thing is that I met with the Athletic directors of North and South High Schools and we are going to pursue holding the North/ South football game this year for the next two years. Hopefully, that will come about - we still have to have a little bit of discussion yet with the Captains. I'm pretty sure that is a go.

Re-appointment for Lake County Health District:

Mayor Andrzejewski: I would like to appoint Juan M. Hernandez, M.D. for the Lake County Health District.

Mr. Lajeunesse made the following appointment:

MOTION: I hereby move to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Juan M. Hernandez, M.D. to the Lake County Health District. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: unanimous.

Motion carried: The re-appointment of Juan M. Hernandez, M.D. for the Lake County Health District is approved.

Additional Comments

Mr. Morley: The Stadium fireworks are just going to be inside the stadium – you are not shutting down any streets like you did in the past?

Mayor Andrzejewski: No. There's no ball game.

Mr. Morley: I just wanted to get that straight.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We are actually looking to hold the fireworks a little higher at the Stadium.

Mr. Morley: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mayor, I commend you on your effort of getting the North-South High School football game at the Stadium. It's very good for the Willoughby-Eastlake residents and for everyone.

Ms. Vaughn: I would like to thank you and bless you, for the record, for moving those fireworks from behind North High School.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Ms. Vaughn, I know we will be getting complaints for doing that but you can't please everybody. People will be asking why did you move those fireworks from North? And I'll tell them to have their party - go to the stadium to see the fireworks – then go back to their party.

Mr. Knuchel: What Ward is the Stadium?

Mayor Andrzejewski: That's Ward 1. Actually you should be getting good calls saying thank you for having the fireworks at the Stadium.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: I get lots of good calls from Ward 1.

There were no further questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: I find the positive energy over the last few minutes simply remarkable. I would like to continue in that direction. I think the recent articles that have been in the newspaper with the accolades of the recent success the City has had with reducing the stadium debt. That's just one more mention and one more attention. The Mayor and Council should be proud. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Did you hear anything in regards to the Tesar property?

Mr. Klammer: Briefly, outside of Executive Session and some e-mails that you have seen going back and forth that we have proposed to him the reposing of that walk way through. There's been a response back – I am hoping there has been some middle ground that could make everybody happy. The City Engineer kindly gave me some color photographs that I need to copy to get over to them but I suspect the file might be too large to send over. I specifically included you Mr. Lajeunesse.

Mr. Elshaw: We'll make sure that everyone is copied on this.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Since you are our Legal Counsel we are now four months into union negotiations and I'm quite concerned, as a Council person, that we haven't heard much of anything. Are you able to share anything with us?

Mr. Klammer: I don't particularly handle the negotiations. I have been involved in some of the grievances and arbitrations. You know that we have outside Counsel that advises me and the Mayor as to the negotiations. I can get with the Mayor and can get you an update or get a direct e-mail to you regarding this matter.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I would appreciate that because at this point it has been four months and we haven't heard a word.

Mayor Andrzejewski: The union negotiations follow the same course of action they always follow. It's a process, you talk to the various unions and you keep talking and talking and at some point it reaches a point where it has to go to fact finding and arbitration. I can tell you it is proceeding – both parties are cooperating and it's just a process.

Mr. Klammer: The specifics would need to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I understand that and I appreciate your information.

There were no further questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Brian Condron

Mr. Condron: We closed out the month of March and you should have received by reports late last week. We are going ahead with the sprinkling program. To date, from the registration which began Monday, March 31st we had about 565 residents apply so far. We are taking applications in our office through next Wednesday, April 30th. Even that it's their first time it appears to be going okay. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Condron since you answered by memo I would like to refer to it – it's about the HUD homes. The answer wasn't really in as much detail as I would have liked. I just wondered if you realized that the purchasing of the HUD homes for the \$1 has been halted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Condron: No.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I wanted to bring this to your attention and if you could do us some research because I noticed either you or the Mayor put in a request to put this in a Committee or as far as the special fund. I did read the Sun Press Messenger last Thursday, April 17, 2008 and the title of the article is HUD Aborts Purchase of Foreclosed Homes. I also went on the internet tonight under the Columbus Dispatch and it said HUD Homes - Ohio's \$1 Home Purchases and it is quite detailed – it is two pages. I printed it out and you might want to look at that and it gives you quite a detail as to why that was halted. You might want to do some research on that before we bring that to Committee so you some of the answers that I have been looking for.

Mr. Voros: If I'm not mistaken the reason why they were halted - and that's only temporary – there is a new law has taken over and I believe they are located in New Jersey. They have not been set up yet. They should be back on line the 2nd or 3rd week of May. That's the information I have. As far as I know they have not been halted it's just a new law put in place.

Mayor Andrzejewski: And even if they were, Mr. Lajeunesse, we have two and are in the process of gaining a third and all that would means is if the government decided to not do it that way that would be it – no harm no foul. I don't know what your point was bringing that up.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I just wanted to get some clarification on my memo and as far as clarification on the article because obviously Council wasn't included on any part of this, but other Cities include their Council. So I was just curious to what Council's involvement is going to be.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I beg to differ with you because from day one Council President Mr. Elshaw and Finance Committee Chair Mr. Knuchel were advised what we were doing and why we were doing it.

Mr. Elshaw: I do not want to get into all of this – you had mentioned you were looking into these HUD homes for \$1.00. It is my understanding the Law Director was not included within the original talks on this and it was encouraged in the one meeting we had after a Council meeting to include the Law Director in anything you do. If Council is not involved in this - at the very least our Law Director needs to be involved.

Mr. Klammer: The Mayor did come to me - there were initial discussions – the process moved faster than I had expected but it is overstated that he did not come to me for my opinion. Candidly I expected to go over it in more detail but they took on at \$1.00 per piece of property with the intention of selling it as owner-occupied – their intentions were good.

Mr. Elshaw: An informal conversation where you say you are looking into this does not mean that I have unilateral approval to say to go ahead and do anything like that. I think that would have to come to Council.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mayor, to be more specific with my answer to you – when I am reading another paper that that is saying that City Council is angry and frustrated with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development when allowing the City to purchase HUD Homes and it goes on about the City Administration and Council – and, I find out through the grape vine outside of the City that we purchased HUD homes for \$1.00 and it was mentioned very causally at a Committee meeting. So, I did research on it because I was given a seven line response in my memo that the City's costs would be negligible and no outside contractors would be used and City employee would be used prior to the bid. Some Cities have programs set up that do the renovations. I am just asking questions otherwise I would not have printed out copies of the internet article.

Mr. Elshaw: This was brought up at a Finance Committee meeting – that the Mayor was looking at the HUD homes. It is in the minutes and on the record that this has been discussed and all members of Council were present, but maybe one. It has not been discussed but was brought forward. Mr. Lajeunesse, please forward you information to the Administration.

There were no further 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 – Joe Voros

Mr. Voros: I do not have too much to say – I do agree with Ms. Vaughn's earlier statement that something has to be done with the exterior property maintenance. I need additional manpower to do that. If Council gives me the funding for that manpower I will be more than happy to work on the property maintenance. We do not have the manpower to do a lot but we are covering most of the streets and addressing things such as painting and eyesores. The smaller things we cannot see from the public right of way we are not addressing at this time – we are just working from the sidewalk. Thank you for passing the landscaper legislation on an emergency basis. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: To continue - the article reads that Cleveland Heights authorized the City's participation in the program in December. Mr. Voros, could you check with Cleveland Heights and see how they did that - if you could research them.

Mr. Voros: When I have time – it is a busy time of the year.

Mr. Lajeunesse: If Mr. Condrón requested a separate fund for this – I will not have a problem with it but I would like as much research as possible.

Mr. Voros: I will get to it as soon as I can.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I wonder if it is a legal matter - I do not understand why Cleveland Heights Council authorized participation in the program and we didn't.

Mr. Elshaw: That is a valid question – why don't you look into that with the Law Director.

There were no further questions or comments.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: I have been working with the Administration concerning the residents' concerns about the reconstruction of the areas along Roberts Road. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel: Do we have a time frame as to when the reconstruction will be done?

Mr. Gwydir: The restoration should be done sometime between now and the end of May.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Chief Ruth was absent and excused.

ACTING FIRE CHIEF – Daryl O'Neal

Acting Chief O'Neal was absent and excused.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

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DEREK W. ELSHAW, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____
DEBORAH A. CENDROSKI, CMC
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