

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 24, 2010**

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 7:19 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. DePledge.

ATTENDEES

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

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Slocum, Service Director Semik and City Engineer Gwydir.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING – JULY 13, 2010

Re: 2011 Tax Budget

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of July 13, 2010 regarding the 2011 Tax Budget. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – JULY 13, 2010

Re: Conditional Use Permit: Sherwin Shooting Sports, LLC, 33140 Vine Street, Eastlake

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of July 13, 2010 regarding a Conditional Use Permit for Sherwin Shooting Sports, LLC, 33140 Vine Street, Eastlake. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – JULY 13, 2010

Re: Conditional Use Permit: Karl W. Koch, dba K & E Automotive, 1585 East 361<sup>st</sup> Street, Eastlake

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of July 13, 2010 regarding a Conditional Use Permit for Karl W. Koch, dba K & E Automotive, 1585 East 361<sup>st</sup> Street, Eastlake. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 13, 2010

MOTION: Mr. D’Ambrosio moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 13, 2010. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – AUGUST 3, 2010

Re: Amendment: City of Eastlake Ordinance Section 939.26 “Sewer Service Charges”

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of August 3, 2010 regarding the amendment to City of Eastlake Ordinance Section 939.26 “Sewer Service Charges.” Ms. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2010

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of August 3, 2010. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Morley

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Morley: The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting.

An Economic & Community Development Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Ms. Vaughn and Mr. Matheke on their blue ribbons they won at the Lake County Fair.

We have two events – the Eastlake Soccer League Opening Day is Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the soccer fields. Also, on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> we are having a fund raiser for the Blvd. of 500 Flags maintenance and flag replacement. There will be a swing-time band show and dance at Post #678 American Legion Hall, East 328<sup>th</sup> Street off Vine Street. The dinner is from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with the show and dance to follow. There will be a cash bar. Donations are \$10. Tickets are in the Mayor’s office, the American Legion and the VFW. All Council members have tickets also. They are hoping to get 200 people to go.

There will be a Never Forget Ceremony on 9/11 at the Blvd. of 500 flags at 11:00 a.m.

## COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was received from the Administration regarding the S.R. 283 Preventative Maintenance Overlay. This was referred to Finance Committee meeting.

A recommendation was received from the Administration regarding a Conditional Use Permit Renewal for Donald Austin, Auctioneer, 34090 Oak Knoll, Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee.

A request was received from the Administration to advertise for bids for the 2011 Housekeeping Supplies. This was referred to Service/Utilities Committee.

A communication was received from the City Engineers, C.T. Consultants, Inc., regarding an application to NOACA for reconstruction of the SOM Center Road Shared-use Path. Mr. Morley explained that this was discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee and will be added to the evening's agenda as Legislation No. 08-24-(01).

A communication was received from The Walter Drane Company regarding the August, 2010 Replacement Pages and an invoice for services rendered. This was referred to Finance Committee.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE - Ms. DePledge

Ms. DePledge: The Service/Utilities Committee met on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Present from the Committee were Mr. Hoefle, Mr. Lajeunesse and me. From Council were Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. D'Ambrosio and Council President Morley. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Slocum, City Engineer Gwydir, Service Director Semik, Fire Chief Whittington and Police Lt. Gutowski. Also in attendance Mr. Brzozowiec, Project Mgr. for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who was there specifically to discuss our involvement in the Chagrin River Feasibility Study. He gave us quite a bit of information. This is to help ease the flooding situation around the Chagrin River. He talked about the cost of it and is going to get back to use with more information and photographs of projects they have done in the past. That is all it was – it was an informational meeting. The minutes are available through the Council Clerk and will also be available on line if anyone is interested in reading more about it. It is a long term planning issue and is obviously something that will require a hard look at finances before we venture down that path. Congratulations to Ms. Vaughn and Mr. Matheke. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. DePledge.

### SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse: The Safety Committee has not met since our last scheduled meeting; therefore, there is nothing to report.

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Hoefle

Mr. Hoefle: The Recreation Committee has not met since our last scheduled meeting and I have nothing pending. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Hoefle.

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D'Ambrosio

Mr. D'Ambrosio: The Planning Committee has not met either. As an item has been referred into my Committee I will coordinate with the Clerk and my Committee to schedule a meeting very shortly. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions asked for Mr. D'Ambrosio.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee met on August 17<sup>th</sup> here at City Hall. There was one item on the agenda – that was the 6-month budget review. After looking at the budget numbers we had several questions and it was a very lengthy meeting. I will key in on a few of key issues. One was our year-to-date variance from our budget as far as income tax collections. We were kind of disappointed at this point in time – as of the end of June we were \$268,000 down from our projections. Part of that issue had to do with money we are to receive from the State – for which we have no concrete numbers on how much or when we are going to receive that money. Actions have been taken by the Administration to try to find out how much money and when it is due. We look forward to hearing answers to those questions when they become available. Thank you to the Mayor and Mr. Slocum for looking into those issues for us because that will guide the rest of our year. We really want to be cognizant of where we are with the budget. That is a key component to our overall budget. The sooner we find out those numbers the better off we will be and the more comfortable we will be with the rest of the spending and the revenues that come in for the remainder of the year. As far as revenues go – we will be taking some big hits. We are looking at CEI – which many noticed in the paper last week – we will be losing some jobs and therefore losing revenue from those jobs. We have other issues that are impacting our budget. Mayfield Village has raised their income tax rate to 2% which is equal to ours so we will not be receiving the extra .25% that we usually receive from them. That will make a difference in our budget also. We looked over items such as what we are doing with our delinquency tax collections. Mr. Slocum was able to provide quite a few details on some issues he sees with the way our Income Tax Department is structured and some of the things he will be looking at to make sure that runs more smoothly and efficiently. One of the things would be to have another person come in free of charge from a federal program. That is always good. They will be working on some of these tax delinquency issues. We mentioned we still have a company in Eastlake that still owes us a substantial amount of money. We will be looking at increasing the efforts to collect some of that money. We talked about police and fire overtime and how we are dealing with that. I am sorry Chief Whittington is not here tonight because I was going to ask him about implementation of the part-time firefighters and when we could expect that to happen. That is moving along and will be an immediate relief to some of the expenses we have had with overtime in the Fire Department. That is about it. If you have more specific questions or would like to look at the minutes in full – there are 37 pages of them – they will probably be available the next couple of days on line – as soon as I approve them. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: Just to add to the minutes Mr. Knuchel is talking about. The minutes will be on the web site after the Chair person of whatever Committee it may be signs off after he or she reviews it. All our minutes will be on the web site for the people who cannot make the meetings.

Mr. Knuchel made the following Motion:

Legislative Recommendation

Legislation No. 08-24-(01)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 08-24-(01) to the evening's agenda authorizing and directing the Mayor to make an application to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for the purpose of acquiring Federal-Aid Funds necessary to make safety improvements to the SOM Center Road (SR-91) Shared-use Path.

Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 08-24-(01) is added to the evening's agenda.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee has not met recently but I am scheduling a meeting for August 31<sup>st</sup> at which time we will continue to discuss the property maintenance ordinance that is before us. We are taking our time reviewing this. Throughout our break the number of complaints and problems with ill maintained property has grown by leaps and bounds – at least in my Ward. So this is a priority of mine to get this legislation passed. I will also be discussing a piece of legislation that I will ask my Committee to refer out of Committee to the ECDC. I have nothing additional to report and am open for questions. Thank you all for your congratulations – I had a great time at the fair this year.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

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.

Richard N. Fatur, 950 East 346<sup>th</sup> Street, Eastlake (by North High)

Mr. Fatur: Ms. Vaughn, I appreciate all the help you gave us in trying to solve a problem. Mayor, thank you for your help. But, it took too long. I am going to make a statement – get rid of your ordinances. Start from scratch. The reason for it? You don't do anything to help the homeowner. You harass them. He takes out a permit – he gets crucified. He doesn't take out a permit –he can do whatever he wants. I don't think it is right. Something has to be done. Raise the costs for things being done incorrectly – for people that are running businesses who shouldn't be running them. For storage of junk that should not be there. You have a Building Department that looks at my house to check the house next door where the problems are. You can't see it folks. Until Ms. Vaughn finally got someone out there to take pictures nothing was done. And, I am going to say something. Mr. Klammer, Sr. would have never let this go that long. It is not your fault. There is some coordination that has to be done between the Law Department, Administration, different organizations, etc. You guys have got something missing. I am going back to when I was on Council – we never had problems last this long. We never had problems go on like this. Yes, we were growing. We

grew, guys. Take a look around and look at stuff that is done. Boats stored in the front yard, cars parked on the grass – is it being done – is it being taken care of? No. They have been there for years – been there for weeks. Nobody seems to care. My solution? Get rid of the ordinances. And I am serious when I say this. Because they are not being taken care of correctly. Just go take a ride someday – forget your Ward – go in everyone else’s Ward. Just ride around. You will see what I am talking about. The other thing is – and I am sorry to say – back in the 1960’s – and this is no offense to you, Mr. Semik - in order to patch a street – I was not on Council – I lived in Cleveland – guess what we used? Concrete and epoxy – an epoxy base was put down and concrete was put over top of it. We did not have chip and seal at that time. We had concrete roads – we had asphalt roads. Asphalt is for asphalt – chip and seal is country roads folks. We have more crap around our yards. When the waterline broke on East 346<sup>th</sup> Street – what a mess – we had concrete all over kingdom-come, didn’t we? But, how many did you tell me that night were done? Five different waterline breaks? Not just in Eastlake – Willoughby had it to, okay? That is nobody’s fault but Mother Nature and weakness in pipes. But, I hate to tell you – your ordinances – or some way Mayor we can get the Police Department out of the episode. Why does the Police Department when the dog barks at night – in fact the poor one next door who is all white and is lying in the greasy oil and is all black now – he used to be a pretty white dog. Why does that have to be done? Why when stuff is done and people go in and out of the yard without mufflers on their car that have to blast and we have to have the police. There is something that you guys can do without getting the police involved. They have more important things to do than having to answer a phone call and come out there for that. Something, somehow – you have to be able to fix this. I don’t know what you suggest. Something has to be done, Mr. Klammer. You are taking a burden on the Police Department that does not need that burden. Hire someone in particular to answer those kinds of calls. But, guys, the cops have more to do than just that. Again, either raise your fees for your permits or tell everyone don’t take one out. I am serious. Because I plan on putting up a stockade fence since I could not get that sound barrier put up. Guess how high it is going to be? Eight foot. Guess what? No permit and I don’t think anyone will bother me because they have not done it yet.

Mr. Morley: We have put in new legislation with bigger criminal charges. I have had Mr. Klammer sit down with Mr. Stigalt in the past to go over some of the things Mr. Stigalt can enforce and since we have all been getting more of this – as Ms. Vaughn said – over the last few months are working on it to correct the problem.

Mr. Fatur: I am glad to hear that.

Mr. Morley: We are working on it. I wish you had been here a few meetings ago when we had half of the room filled with residents from around 340<sup>th</sup> Street. We started working with the Administration as we always do and we are working on getting it done.

Mr. Fatur: Thank you, I appreciate that. I live by North High and everyone says why would you live by North High? Guys, when we moved in it was fantastic – kids went to Longfellow, Kennedy and North. You did not have to have a car. Now I am sorry I live there because it has been nothing but chaos. But, it is not North High’s problem. I am about ready to take the owner to Court. I have pictures of the side of my house. If any damage is done – he will be in Court along with the management company. And, I don’t see any way I am going to lose. Because this has been ridiculous and it should have never, never – and Mayor I think you will agree with me – taken so long. Am I right or am I wrong, Sir.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We do everything we can.

Mr. Fatur: I know but there has to be something else.

Mayor Andrzejewski: To answer one of your questions – and this is maybe where an ordinance has to be changed. When it comes to unlicensed vehicles the ordinance says the Police Department has to go out and issue the citation.

Mr. Fatur: How do you check...

Mr. Morley: Mr. Fatur, this is how I work the meeting – unless someone you talk to has an issue with you talking to them...

Mr. Fatur: Can I sign in again?

Mr. Morley: No, it is fine – if the Mayor has no issue.

Mr. Fatur: I was going to say – check the VIN number – that is how you know the car belongs or it doesn't belong to the person who is there.

Mayor Andrzejewski: In the ordinances that is the responsibility of the Police.

Mr. Fatur: But, isn't there a way to delegate it to someone else?

Mr. Morley: The last three we have had we sent the police over and every one I am aware of have been taken care of.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Then the person we get after calls me or calls the Building Department and raises holy hell because we are picking on them and they say why don't you check that one and that one. We tell them we check everyone we get a call on. The other side of it is when we do enforce it we get calls that say you are picking on me and I am going to take you to Court because this is America and you cannot do this to me. And, we are perfectly willing to accept their criticism because we are doing the right thing. But, you have to see the other side of the coin. Come sit with me a day and see how many of those calls we get.

Mr. Fatur: I have been with Mayor Morris and Mayor DiLiberto on a lot of that – I know where you are coming from.

Mayor Andrzejewski: When you do enforce the codes it does not make the people they are enforced upon very happy.

Mr. Fatur: Why are they illegal? That tells me I can do whatever I want as long as I don't tell you.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I just said we enforce them but the other side of the coin is we get grief.

Mr. Fatur: I know – you are damned if you do and damned if you don't.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Right.

Mr. Fatur: I agree with you but there has to be something in the law that Mr. Klammer can find to do it right and solve the problem. And evidentially that is not there.

Mr. Morley: We are working on it – thank you.

There was no one else who wished to speak

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2010-087

RESOLUTION NO.: 08-24-(01)

Requested by: City Engineer Gwydir  
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to make an application to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for the purpose of acquiring Federal-Aid Funds necessary to make safety improvements to the SOM Center Road (SR-91) Shared-use Path, 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 Resolution No. 2010-087.

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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 want to comment a little further and give you a couple of instances we have dealt with this week. One is – there is a store in Eastlake that sells water heaters. We have told that store many times when you sell a water heater to residents of Eastlake the contractor must come to the City and get a permit. That store for close to two years now has not done that. We found out from a resident that they have been charging the residents for permits but not getting them. We followed up with the contractor who admitted he was not getting the permits. Here is the other side of the coin – we got tough with them and said either you are going to comply or I will have our Law Director get a hold of you. That guy just yelled and screamed over the phone. Then he came down to City Hall and yelled and screamed at us. So, we are having a meeting with their District office to try to settle this.



They told us – fine, we won't sell any water heaters to residents of Eastlake. Then we also get this – you are the only City whose Building Department gives us a tough time. What are we doing? We are asking them to get the permit to install a water heater. Instance number two – there is a piece of property in the City that is zoned R-60 “Residential.” I have been having discussion with the realtor trying to sell it. He does not seem to comprehend it is R-60 – why can't you put this in there – why can't you put that in there? Because it is R-60 – we are going to protect the residential property owners in that area just like it would be with any other property in the City – Surfside, Valley Creek, Garrets Cove. Well, that realtor is not very happy and is screaming and yelling at me. So, when we do enforce the ordinances – and I know Council is supportive of this – when that particular realtor comes in and says your ordinance is wrong – you need to change the ordinance – I hope you guys have the guts to stand up to him and say no, that is resident property and it will stay residential property. Those are two instances on the other side of the coin, Mr. Fatur. A couple of positive things – remember about Edwards Road a month or so ago – we did as we promised. We put in for a grant – although it is not 100% approved yet it does appear it will be approved for Issue 2 money. That will give us the funds we need to redo that area and address the flooding problems once and for all. The NOACA bike path thing is a great opportunity for us to add some recreation improvements in the City for a bike path that is used by walkers, dog walkers, bicycles – whatever. We are working on a couple of Vine Street projects – I have as best as I could kept Mr. Morley informed of one of the major ones – and I asked that he keep that under wraps for now. I want to make sure it is 100% approved – it would be a great addition to our City. There is also another spot on Vine Street in which a certain business will be changed to another business. I am always superstitious about announcing these things until we are 100% sure. UVerse Channel 99 is now up and running. You can tell your residents that the Mayor's report and Council's reports – all the announcements – are now on UVerse Channel 99 and Channel 12 on Time Warner. Robin Swoboda from Channel 8 will do a show from our Eastlake Community Center on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. It is a good thing for the City. It is a morning show and they will do the show from the Community Center. We will probably end up going over to the stadium and fishing pier or somewhere like that.

Ms. DePledge: Isn't there some place here?

Mayor Andrzejewski: I offered that but I think they actually do the show from the Community Center – they may do one or two remotes. They are going to email me the details. All I know is it will be September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Vaughn: Why did they pick the Community Center – why not Council Chambers or somewhere more attractive.

Mayor Andrzejewski: They requested approximately 100 chairs. So, we will set up after gymnastics tears down. Also September 6<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day – is Coats for Kids – it is a very nice car cruise. They collect coats for kids and have a Chinese raffle and a regular raffle. If you come to that you can get some pretty good stuff. I got a foursome of balls for a pretty good price because no one was bidding on it. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt was absent and excused.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: As you know I am still working on a final conclusion to this internet sweepstakes issue but my initial inclination is that it amounts to gambling but I am giving the attorney and one of the applicants the opportunity to give me some stuff and I will review it. To respond to some of the things Mr. Fatur said in case some of the residents read the minutes. First and for most he is right – everything Judge Klammer does is better than me. He would be the first person to tell you that. With all seriousness, I do not know Mr. Fatur's home or what he went through but when I came here we had a process where we did prosecutor's meetings and they went on forever. We rarely took enforcement. We now have a fairly active criminal enforcement practice. There are some hiccups from time to time and some miscommunication between the Building Department and Police Department and the Prosecutor. There was a time when you would have to go to the Police Department to get some of the information you need to file the complaint. There are hiccups but it is fairly streamlined and it has some affects. When things make themselves to me for enforcement by their very nature it will not happen quick – because what I do is litigation and it will slow things down. We do have that fairly active criminal enforcement action which we did not have before. We have revised methods where they apply for those things – for building permits in the Building Department. We have revised the penalties upwards from the way they were before. We have actually changed some of the penalties. If you remember we changed all those notice provisions and moved them to a whole new section in the City Ordinances. Those caused a lot of aggravation for the Building Department because the notice provisions were all over the board. A lot of times Mr. Stigalt will call me or we will meet at a Director's meeting and he will think something is a violation and I will have to tell him it is not a violation. In that case the complaining resident unfortunately hears the bad news that their suspicions and aggravations unfortunately do not amount to a violation of the ordinances. So, that happens too, like the Mayor says. I have been out to neighbors homes who complain about their neighbors. With Mr. Knuchel and Mr. Elshaw we scared some kids out of Jakse Park or one rainy afternoon. I have been out with the Building Department to see additions because the ceiling fans were too low. We do everything we can and sometimes I go so people can see the Law Director there. But, certainly the Building Department does much more than me with those things and they are in and out of them all day long. If there is anything I can do to make them better I will – if you have any suggestions I welcome them and I am sorry I cannot make all the residents happy and I wish I could. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Michael Slocum

Mr. Slocum: After last week's Finance Committee meeting I know I still owe Council a couple of responses on some issues. They are high on my priority but I have not been able to fully investigate them to my liking. You can anticipate something within the next week – I will have that finalized. We have begun the process for a five-year plan which will really be the basis for next year's budget also. We are requesting capital expenditures from all Departments right now as the jump off point and we will move forward from there. We had a meeting today with the representatives of Huntington Bank on the Quentin Road Pump Station project. I thought the meeting went extremely well and I do anticipate we will be

bringing back a request for some financing for the pump station – which if we are able to do will actually relieve the need to transfer funds out of the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. I hope to have that finalized within the next two weeks. Finally, the Tax Budget that we spent so much time on was passed by the Budget Commission last week. What we had sent to collect on all of our different levies has been approved. I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel: In looking at that Huntington deal – is that in lieu of doing the deal with Willoughby? Is that still on the table?

Mr. Slocum: No – that is still on the table. We are working with Willoughby. The advantage of doing that with Willoughby is for future projects it could give us the foot in the door to get further financing if the SSES study shows the need for other projects.

Mr. Knuchel: So, we are still in the evaluation stage?

Mr. Slocum: Yes, and Willoughby is in actually more than an evaluation stage on their side with the loan. I talked to their Finance Director last week and he indicated he is meeting with their Council President because there are various bits of legislation that will have to go forth with this. We are proceeding.

Mr. Knuchel: One other thing – with your prompt responses to some of the questions raised in the Finance Committee meeting. I appreciate that. It really gives a heads up on what is going on and when I am looking through the minutes at the questions we had I am looking at your responses and saying this is checked off and this is checked off – it makes my job a lot easier. Thank you.

There were no further questions of Mr. Slocum.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: We had the preconstruction meeting this morning for East 347<sup>th</sup> and East 348<sup>th</sup> Streets and anticipate having a residents meeting sometime next week in the evening. The work is scheduled to start on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We just sent the information over on the bid recommendation for Edison/Mondamin to the Mayor for his consideration and I expect that will be coming forth as a communication to Council. I have been working on some miscellaneous items including the wrap up of the Conrail or the railroad costs for the crossing so we can get that one off the books. I have been supplying information to Mr. Slocum and picking up some other general items. I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: Do you know when the S.R. 283 (Lakeshore Blvd.) slope failure work will start?

Mr. Gwydir: We are currently waiting for ODOT to finish up the agreement between the City and DLC. I anticipate that either this week or next. I have been working on this – obviously we want that to move forth before the weather turns. Also, I saw the article in the News Herald about Edwards – we made it just above the funding line – we were 105% of the available funds. At the meeting they led us to believe that once the funds from projects come in that are unused they will refund projects. I would anticipate Edwards moving forward and

we will be making a final application in the next couple of months. So when that money comes in next year the project will be able to go forth pending your approval.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik: We finished the paving program for the season and will continue patching chuckholes as weather permits. We are starting to look at the leaf machines and getting them serviced and checked out for the up and coming leaf season which I expect to be early due to the dry weather. I believe we will be having an early fall.

There were no questions of Mr. Semik.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Police Chief Ruth was absent and excused.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington was absent and excused.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.

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DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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