

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 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 7:34 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Vaughn.

ATTENDEES

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

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

PRESENTATION BY EASTLAKE GIRL SCOUTS

Rose: I am an ambassador in Girl Scout Troop 320. We were hoping to get permission to hold a food drive for Eastlake on February 13th. This food drive is for our local community which has a real hunger issue. Our collection points will be at K-Mart, Eastlake City Hall, Eastlake Library and Longfellow Elementary School. We would take all the food to the Eastlake Food Bank at the Taft Senior Center. I hope you will consider our request because it is very important to us.

Mr. Morley: This is a great thing you guys are doing – to collect food for the needy and for the food bank. I have no objections – are there any questions from Council?

Ms. DePledge: I want to thank you for coming up with this idea and you should be very proud of yourselves. I hope the drive is very successful.

Mr. Morley: Make sure you get with the Mayor's office and coordinate this through them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 15, 2009

MOTION: Mr. Lajeunesse moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 15, 2009. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

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

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Morley

Meetings Scheduled

The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with the Regular Council Meeting being scheduled Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Charter Review Commission:

Mr. Morley: We will be opening the Charter Review Commission according to Article XI. Sections 5 & 6. The appointments will be two from the Mayor, two from Council President and a Councilman, and two from Council-as-a-Whole. I would like those names handed into the Clerk's office by January 22nd. I would like to appoint the Committee by the January 26th Regular Council meeting. If anyone on Council would like to be on the Committee please let me or the Clerk know and if you know anyone who would like to be on the Charter Committee please let the Clerk know.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A recommendation was received from the Planning Commission regarding Conditional Use Permits for D B Motors, 34682 Lakeland Blvd., Eastlake and A T Automotive, LLC, 1601 East 361st Street, Unit B, Eastlake. These were referred to Planning Committee.

A recommendation was received from Mayor Andrzejewski regarding the purchase to two homes on Roberts Road, currently owned by PAL. This was referred to Finance Committee.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Knuchel: I have a question on items 2 & 3 – we have received not a whole lot of communication about this and pursuant to Council rules items must come to Council office with full documentation. I think it may be premature to assign these to Committee at this time but that is your choice Mr. President.

Mayor Andrzejewski: No offense was intended. We just wanted to put that in Committee to see if Council was favorable to the PAL thing. We did not expect you to vote on it in one meeting. If Council was favorable to purchasing the homes with the funds Mr. Condron pointed out we would get the appraisals and everything else needed. We did not want to do a lot of work if Council did not like the idea.

Mr. Morley: Send over the information.

Ms. Vaughn: I would like to recommend when this comes to Committee that we include the representatives of the PAL Board to discuss their rationale as to why they are selling these houses – which were originally purchased so PAL could build their Center.

Mr. Morley: This matter will not be placed in Committee until we receive the other information.

A communication was received from the Administration requesting Council consider the award of contracts for Houston Fisher Pool. Mr. Morley explained as we do not have any information on pricing this matter will not be referred into Committee.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Andrzejewski: Mr. Gwydir, did you get it over to Council?

Mr. Gwydir: The communication sent over was for review pending our due diligence on the bidders.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Just answer my question – did you send them the bids?

Mr. Gwydir: No, we sent a communication asking them to consider the bids.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Okay, Mr. Morley, we will take care of it.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Morley: I will set the Committee assignments as follows:

Finance Committee -	Chair:	David Knuchel
	Member:	Joe D’Ambrosio
	Member:	Laura DePledge
Planning Committee -	Chair:	Joe D’Ambrosio
	Member:	Bryan Lajeunesse
	Member:	David Knuchel
Service/Utilities Committee –	Chair:	Laura DePledge
	Member:	Ken Hoefle
	Member:	Bryan Lajeunesse
Safety Committee -	Chair:	Bryan Lajeunesse
	Member:	Laura DePledge
	Member:	Donna Vaughn
Recreation Committee -	Chair:	Ken Hoefle
	Member:	David Knuchel
	Member:	Donna Vaughn
Ordinance Committee -	Chair:	Donna Vaughn
	Member:	Joe D’Ambrosio
	Member:	Ken Hoefle
WPCC Committee -	Chair:	Ken Hoefle
	Member:	Joe D’Ambrosio
	Member:	Dennis Morley

Port Authority Liaison: Laura DePledge

Lake County Economic Development Center: Dennis Morley

Storm Water Management Committee: Joe D’Ambrosio

Economic & Community Development Council: David Knuchel, (to be announced)

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: I will be scheduling a meeting for Tuesday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the flood plain amendment as well as a request referred into Committee by the Chief of Police and something from the economic development department. It will be a relatively brief meeting and my Committee will be available. I would also like to remind members of Council that tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. is a Block Watch meeting at Taft Senior Center and you are all encouraged and invited to come. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel: Ms. Vaughn, for your Ordinance Committee meeting - Ms. Rachael Web from the Chagrin River Watershed Partners should be included because she was instrumental in putting things together with Mr. Gwydir. There are a lot of things we have to consider when we consider passing the storm water management issue. If you could it may be a good idea to have her present at that meeting.

Ms. Vaughn: Thank you Mr. Knuchel.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE - Ms. DePledge

Ms. DePledge: The Service/Utilities Committee – at this point I have just been appointed to it this evening and I have not had an opportunity to speak with the previous Chair as to any issues pending. I will do that as soon as possible. I look forward to working with everybody. 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 the last regularly scheduled Council meeting and I am glad to be Chair person for this Committee – it is my first time as I have been on Ordinance and Recreation. It will be something new and I am looking forward to working with our Safety Departments in that regards as well as the Administration. Also, Ms. DePledge, the Port Authority has a lot of good things happening – you will find it very interesting. I have been a part of that for four years and they do meet tomorrow night – the second Wednesday of every month – certainly very interesting. I wish you the very best. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Hoefle

Mr. Hoefle: The Recreation Committee has not met yet as I was just appointed this evening. I would like to schedule a meeting so I can bring myself up to speed with all the recreational needs so we can move forward to provide the best recreation for our residents. I will get together with my Committee and we will set a meeting. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Hoefle.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D’Ambrosio

Mr. D’Ambrosio: I will be scheduling a meeting as a few things were referred into Committee from Communications and Petitions this evening. I may try to do it on Tuesday after Ms. Vaughn’s meeting. I would also like to suggest moving out of Committee the Conditional Use Permit for Walgreens for the drive- thru pharmacy. I would like to poll my Committee – Mr. Lajeunesse and Mr. Knuchel. We could probably move this forward and put it to a vote tonight if you are okay with that?

Mr. Lajeunesse: I am fine with that.

Mr. Knuchel: Seeing that my objections were handled in the Architectural Review Board I have no objections to moving this forward.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: I agree. We will move this forward and I will make the following Motion: Legislation Recommendation

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 01-12-(01) to the evening’s agenda authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Walgreen, Co., an Illinois corporation, JND Properties, LLC, Agent, 35279 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio 44095 for a drive- through window. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous

Motion carried. Legislation No. 01-12-(01) is added to the evening’s agenda.

Additional Comments

Mr. D’Ambrosio: This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. D’Ambrosio.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: I will not be scheduling a Committee meeting until we receive from the Administration the budget from 2009 and the revised five-year projections. I assume those are coming shortly. As you all know this is budget season and we are looking forward to getting into that very shortly. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Knuchel.

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.

There was no one who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2010-001

01-12-(01)

Requested by: Planning Committee

Sponsored by: Mr. D'Ambrosio

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Walgreen, Co., an Illinois corporation, JND Properties, LLC, Agent, 35279 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio 44095 for a drive- through window, 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 Resolution No. 2010-001.

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LEGISLATION PENDING (Placed on First Reading 12/15/09)

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Mr. D'Ambrosio

ORDINANCE NO.: 12-15-(01)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1990-018, adopted February 13, 1990, and authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Sonia & Brothers, Inc., dba Radisson Hotel & Suites, 35000 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio, 44095, 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 Resolution No. 2010-002.

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 12-15-(04)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Contract with Honeywell International, the most responsible and best bidder, for the repair of the HVAC system at City Hall for the total amount of Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$57,312.51), and declaring an emergency.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Knuchel: Mr. Mayor, one question brought up at previous meetings – will this contract include a service agreement?

Mayor Andrzejewski: It does not include a service agreement. That would be a separate item. We looked at that last year and I think we rejected it due to the cost. I would rather do it on time and materials. Once you get this system straightened out – that is the best way to do it – on time and materials because there is nothing wrong with the boiler. It is just the operation of getting the heat to the different rooms.

Mr. Knuchel: So, your understanding is this does not include a service agreement – except for the warranties on the parts?

Mayor Andrzejewski: Right. I think all of you are familiar with what happened last week. The system went – it was 57 degrees in here – the reason was the DOS operating system when haywire. So, one day it was 57 degrees and the next it was 80 degrees. I really would like to ask Council to approve this tonight so we can get this thing straightened out.

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. 2010-002.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR – Ted Andrzejewski

Mayor Andrzejewski: The reason I was a little late today was that the Captains had their annual Hot Stove – where they introduce the new players, the new managers and front end office. We sat around and talked about their plans for 2010 – they are still there now. I came away very enthused and very impressed. I think we are going to see a lot of nice things from the Captains this year as far as promotions. I know there are some things for Eastlake residents that I cannot announce yet but we are working on them – giving more things back to the City of Eastlake.

I would like to recommend myself as Safety Director, at no pay.

MOTION TO CONFIRM MAYOR ANDRZEJEWSKI AS SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mr. Knuchel: I hereby move to confirm the appointment of the Mayor of the City of Eastlake as Safety Director for the City of Eastlake. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous

Motion carried. Mayor Andrzejewski is appointed Safety Director for the City of Eastlake.

Additional Comments

Mayor Andrzejewski: Thank you very much. I appreciate that and I will do my best to fulfill the requirements of the position. Also, thank you for finishing up the Walgreens – that is an exciting project for us that will bring a nice addition to that corner. I know in working with JND properties over the last two years they will do an excellent job. Thank you for that and for also finishing up the Honeywell contract – I know the employees in this building will appreciate it. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: We have had a busy holiday. If you read the News Herald there has been a rash of fires in the area. It is one of those situations you can never anticipate. Luckily, for the fires that occurred in our Community everyone was able to get out of the homes and we did not have any serious injuries. That is fortunate. We are beginning our year at the Fire Station by looking forward to another strong year in 2010. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Chief Ruth: The Police Department has been busy as usual – finishing up our year-end reports and looking forward to a good year this year. I am open for questions.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: I saw that one of our dispatchers, Tiffany Salinas, was awarded the Lake County Chiefs of Police Association’s “Life Saving” medal. According to the paper the medal was given for any act performed in the line of duty that disregards personal safety or when prompt and alert action results in saving the life or a violent effort is put to an end. Per the paper, apparently there was a call from a frantic mother whose 18-month old child was not breathing – the dispatcher began giving instructions to the mother to give CPR and other

measures until the child began breathing and a rescue squad arrived – and, everything worked out well. Chief Ruth, anything else other than what the paper said?

Chief Ruth: Thank you for bringing that up - I was remiss in not bringing that up. I think you have it all.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: Great job and I see there were also a couple of police officers from Willowick that also received that award. Congratulations.

There were no further questions of Chief Ruth.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: We have oral arguments in the Fatur matter at the Court of Appeals this week. We have briefs filed in Federal Court on the adult book store – the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. To Chief Ruth, my congratulations to you. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Brian Condron (Assistant Finance Director Vuckovich)

Mr. Vuckovich: The financial reports should be out on Thursday and in your weekly packets.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Mr. Condron asked to be excused as his mother is ill.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Vuckovich, it is nice to see you back out here. A lot people and residents don't realize that you are the wheels in the Finance Department – or part of it – you certainly are a big part. I wanted to thank you for your efforts. I do not get the opportunity to stop in there as much as I used to – thank you and the rest of your staff.

There were no questions of Mr. Vuckovich.

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: It is the beginning of the New Year. We will be starting to the project with Walgreens shortly. I appreciate the vote for the Conditional Use Permit. I am working on revamping our property maintenance code and should have that to Ms. Vaughn's committee in the next two-three weeks. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Stigalt.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: We are working on the reference checks for the bidders on the Houston Fisher pool and I thank Mr. Klammer for his assistance. Also, the City wide signal project is closing out – we have requested ODOT to quantify the City’s liabilities in the matter and also return any unused funds post haste. I am open for questions.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: I received a couple of emails and calls about the flashing sign on S.R. 91. As some of you may remember the intersection of S.R. 91 and Stevens used to have a strobe light – the strobe was not ODOT approved so it was removed. The Mayor was involved in this and Mr. Gwydir – we tried to get some other type of indicator there when the light turns red because the traffic signal is obstructed by the bridge. A sign was put up that says “Prepare to Stop when Flashing” – so, when the traffic light turns yellow it starts to flash and indicates that it is going to turn red and you need to stop. Thank you very much for that.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I think that is much more effective. I noticed that sign driving down there much more than the strobe light. I think that will do the trick.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: Yes. One more thing – was there anything on the Roberts Road railroad crossing?

Mr. Gwydir: I think the piece of equipment has not broken through. I did get two copies of invoices from CSX – the rail has been delivered but I don’t anticipate any asphalt work being done now.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

Mr. Morley: I will say good luck to the Girls Scouts again. It is a great job that you are doing for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m.

DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

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