

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 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 7:50 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Knuchel.

ATTENDEES

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING – June 10, 2008

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of June 10, 2008 regarding an amendment to City Ordinance Section 1147 "Business Districts." Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

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

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 10, 2008

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 10, 2008. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

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

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, July 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Vaughn made the following Motion:

Motion to approve Council Break

MOTION: I hereby move to approve, in accordance with Article V, Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Eastlake the suspension of the last meeting in July, 2008 and the first meeting in August, 2008 for the summer break. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Council break is approved with the last meeting in July, 2008 and the first meeting in August, 2008 being suspended.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was received from Service Director Mr. Semik requesting to advertise for bids for backup rock salt for the 2008-2009 season. This was referred to Service/Utilities Committee.

A communication was received from Service Director Mr. Semik requesting the removal of Legislation No. 06-24-(03) from the evening's agenda as a City Public Auction is no longer required. Mr. Elshaw explained a motion will be made to remove Legislation No. 06-24-(03) from the evening's agenda.

An invitation was received from JFK Senior Center Coordinator Mr. Doberdruk to attend the Grand Opening of the JFK Senior Center Pavilion on July 2, 2008 at 4:45 p.m. Mr. Elshaw explained this is for each Councilperson's individual consideration.

A communication was received from City Engineer Mr. Gwydir recommending the bid results for the Robin, King and Forest Drive Pump Stations Improvements. This was referred to Finance Committee.

A communication from Eastlake Economic & Community Development Council Chair Mr. Elshaw regarding a Master Development Plan for the City. This is referred to Planning Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee met on June 17, 2008 at 6:10 p.m. at which three items were discussed – the 2009 Tax Budget – Mr. Condrón would you like to comment on that?

Mr. Condrón: This was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting – we went over the funds – basically it shows funds that we receive property tax fund – either from our inside millage or voter levies. We discussed the General Fund – 2007 expenditures, 2008 budget and 2006 expenditures. For 2009 we discussed that we used one of the five year projections from the March budget which is subject to change. We looked at the other funds – the Police and Fire Pension are statutory at .3 mill – both are approximately the same amounts. In the Fire Levy we discussed the need to have that fund build up for the County upgrade to the radio system. With the Road Levy we looked at some of the larger projects and know the expenditures are subject to change as new projects come about.

Mr. Knuchel: The Tax Budget was unanimously moved forward by the Committee but it was taken off this evening's agenda because the Ohio Revised Code requires 10 days public hearing notification – this will be on the July 8th Regular Council meeting agenda. The second item was a bid recommendation for replacement of the JFK Senior Center. Mr. Condron, do you have any comments on this?

Mr. Condron: We discussed this in Committee and the contractor was the low bidder.

Mr. Knuchel: The third item was the State Contract for the 2008-2009 Rock Salt – this is our primary source for rock salt which was unanimously moved forward by the Committee and appears on the evening's agenda.

Mr. Knuchel made the following Motion:

The Walter Drane Company: Services Rendered

MOTION: I hereby move to approve payment to The Walter Drane Company for services rendered in the amounts as follows:

\$2,500 to convert into Folio VIEWS electronic infobase and installation of the City of Eastlake Code on the Internet

\$30.00/month rental fee to maintain the Code on the Internet

Said funds to be taken from Account #101.120.5750 "Council Contingency"

Mr. Zontini seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Knuchel: This is a very interesting thing we are going to be doing – it is putting our Ordinances on-line so any resident is access them at any time during the day or night. A lot of times there are questions of the Building Department – you can go right to the Ordinances for an answer as far as building code violations. Also on the site will be the Police violations as well as our Charter. It will be a very interesting item. We also have many communities around the area who are also doing this. A gentleman from Walter Drane came to talk with us about doing this – it is a very worthwhile project and I think it will benefit not only the residents of this City but all those who do business in the City.

ROLL CALL: Yes unanimous.

Motion carried. The payment of the services of The Walter Drane Company is approved.

Additional Comments

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

There were no questions of Mr. Knuchel.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee has not met since the last Council meeting. However two items which were referred by the Committee appear on the evening's agenda – Legislation No. 06-24-(01) and Legislation No. 06-24-(02). I would also like to remind everyone that tomorrow night there is another Block Watch meeting in Ward 2 at Jakse Park at 7:00 p.m. It is such an enthusiastic, active group that is really doing something – led by volunteers – to help take back our Jakse Park. Those people are hard working, enthusiastic – they do their homework

and we have coordinated with the Police Department and other Councilmen who participated. My personal thanks go out to all of them – it is a fine network. There are over 25 people signed up for i-neighborhood.com which is a web site on which even the Police Department shares information on all the activities of a criminal nature which are happening in our Ward. I am urging the residents of Ward 2 or any other residents who are interested to please join us tomorrow night – our next meeting will be the third Wednesday of July at Jakse Park at 7:00 p.m. That concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Zontini

Mr. Zontini: The Service/Utilities Committee met on June 17, 2008 with me and Mr. Lajeunesse present from the Committee. Committee member Mr. Lajeunesse was absent and excused. Also present were the rest of Council. In attendance from the Administration were Law Director Mr. Klammer, Finance Director Mr. Condron and Service Director Mr. Semik. The Mayor was absent and excused. On the agenda was a purchase request for a Service Department road program state bid advertisement for one drop hammer – at the meeting Mr. Semik asked us to remove this from Committee and the Committee did refer it out of Committee with no action taken. Also on the agenda was a proposed service contract for Honeywell Heating and Air Conditioning systems – at a previous meeting Mr. Klammer was asked to provide us with an opinion as to whether or not we would have to go out for bids. Upon receiving that opinion we had the meeting – the contract that was proposed was past time and no longer valid. So, we again asked Mr. Semik to provide some comparables even though it is not going out for bid and he has agreed to do that – Honeywell is preparing another contract for our review. The existing contract that was presented to us was referred out of Committee with no action taken. The final issue on the agenda was the bid advertisement for the two HUD homes which we discussed ad-nauseam tonight and they are both on this evening’s agenda. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Zontini.

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 and no meeting is scheduled. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

I would like to thank CBO Mr. Voros for his service to this City – he will be sorely missed.

There were no questions of Mr. Morley.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse: The Recreation Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting, therefore there is nothing to report. I would like to thank Mr. Voros for his time and effort he has given to me personally – educating me on our housing and also our rental properties. I also realized over the last several months that Mr. Voros and the Fire Marshall have been working extensively to clean up our community and doing the right thing – that has gotten back to me in a few different ways and I appreciate Mr. Voros’ efforts in that regards. Mr.

Voros, please put it on record – how are you leaving the Building Department at this point – is it in pretty good shape?

Mr. Voros: Absolutely. Things still need to be done.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I appreciate your time given to this community.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

Mr. Elshaw: For those of you who do not know – Mr. Voros has submitted his resignation to the City of Eastlake.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D’Ambrosio

Mr. D’Ambrosio: The Planning Committee met on June 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. with me, Mr. Knuchel and Mr. Zontini present from the Committee. In attendance from Council were Ms. Vaughn and Council President Elshaw. Mr. Morley was absent and excused. One item was on the agenda – a liquor license request for Beef O’Brady’s – it was moved forward and I will be making the following Motion:

Liquor License Request

MOTION: I hereby move to approve, and send back to Columbus, Ohio, the liquor license request for Beef O’Brady’s, 35400 Vine Street, Eastlake. Mr. Zontini seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The liquor license request is approved.

Additional Comments

Mr. D’Ambrosio: I would also like to wish you, Mr. Voros, good luck – you responded to a lot of complaints I get and things got handled quickly and the communication was great. I really respect that. I wish you the best – wherever you go you will be an asset and will be a difficult person to replace. Your credentials, personality, and attitude towards the City – I will miss you – you were a great asset. There is a saying – you don’t know what you had until it is gone – I know what we had with this guy and it is unfortunate that he is going to be leaving but I am happy for you and I wish you the best.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Voros was here early – he spent a lot of time here at 6:30 in the morning and leaving at 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. I do not know if many residents understand what goes on but I had to add that on – 14 – 15 hours and when you live as far away as you do – that is a heck of a drive.

There were no questions of Mr. D’Ambrosio.

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.

Bob Houston, 961 Waverly Road, Eastlake

Mr. Houston: I ran for Council in 1998 and with everything that has happened in the City I am glad I did not win because I think they got a good group of people and you have all done fantastic jobs in bringing the City back. I saw the Mayor at TOPS a few years ago and told him I was going to give him a chance because I liked what was happening – if you run again you have my vote. I would also like to touch on economic development and recreation. I saw in the paper recently about re-opening the Jakse swimming pool – the correct name is the Houston-Fisher Memorial swimming pool. That is personal with me because Richard Houston was my brother – he was killed in Vietnam. Fisher was also killed in Vietnam. The City of Eastlake at that time cared enough about two of its residents to name the pool after them. When my daughter was living here she was talking to a past Vietnam vet at the swimming pool who wondered why no one ever did anything and she told him that this is a City that did something and now constantly I see in the paper it is the wrong swimming pool. I am asking you to remember my brother remember Gary Fisher and remember the other veterans we have in Eastlake and all the people who served – some of them have a flag in the back like my brother has at half mast. Please keep the name going in the right direction. You have done an outstanding job with recovery but I have kids – I love the City – I moved out and I moved back and I love it – it is just beautiful. But I also have grandkids and great grandkids – some of which have never swum in any of our swimming pools. My granddaughter who is now in Eastlake Middle School wanted to come but she chickened out. She is very persuasive. I intend to talk to her into getting some of her friends to come here. I would love to see not just my kids and grandkids but the kids in the City. I drive down the streets – I used to sell insurance and drive down the streets – I used to see kids playing outside – today I do not see kids – they are all sitting in front of the computer and I think if we had the swimming pool open we would get our kids out – get them active again – get the people talking again about Eastlake. Professionally, I work for a non-profit company – we just received an \$118,000 grant from United Way and I counsel people who are in debt – people who are in danger of losing their homes and are trying to make a dollar bill go farther. If some of these people who live here in Eastlake could take their kids to a swimming pool in the area their money may stay at Anthony's or Flavors on the Vine – or their house values may go up which would indicate more taxes to the City. People would have fun – the kids would have fun – you as a Council would have more money to work with. The school systems would have more money. And I think we would be doing a fantastic thing for the City and the children today. If according to the newspaper article we do have money to bring the pools backs then I am asking you as a resident, a parent, a grandparent, a great grandparent – let's put some of that money into getting the swimming pools open – keeping the people here in Eastlake – when vacation time comes maybe they won't go somewhere else to spend their money – maybe they will stay in Eastlake and maybe when they talk to their friends and when they visit the City maybe they will buy some of these homes. I live on Waverly and walk Waverly, 332nd and 331st – in all the years I have lived in Eastlake I cannot recall one or two vacant homes – now I see homes on all the streets that are not selling but sitting. Maybe if we had the swimming pools and some of the things gradually starting to come back – I understand and everyone in the City understands things had to be cut back. But, if we had some of those things maybe people would be more active in buying homes in Eastlake – bringing people in – spending money here. One of the

things we are doing at work is working with community development corporations – these are people who are trying to bring back the City of *comments could not be understood* --- her kids used to go to the swimming pool – her neighborhood was a beautiful neighborhood at one time – it is run down – I am active in that neighborhood and I have seen some of the little things there I am seeing here in Eastlake with the empty homes. I am asking you – if you can find money – if you can find time – if you can find the effort to get these swimming pools open – get the parks more populated here in Eastlake – make an effort to the people of Eastlake and to yourselves – bring more tax money in so we can pay off the stadium you guys got stuck with. I was on the City Center Committee – the baseball stadium – so I know about the work and hopes and dreams we had back at that time and I see a Council today that I am proud of what has happened. I talked to Ms. Vaughn when I ran for Council and you gave me some good ideas. Unfortunately I did not win but if I ever run again I would sure love to work with some of you people to help move the City forward.

Ron Giangiacomo, 35445 Mondomin Drive, Eastlake

Mr. Giangiacomo: I live on Mondomin Drive which is right across the street – many of you probably never heard of Mondomin – that is not to my surprise because I have not seen a lot of faces down there from this Council. I have lived there for 40 years and have served on many committees here in the City of Eastlake – I currently sit on the Civil Service Committee. I was a business manager, financial secretary of Local 673 Electricians for 21 years. I was on the Committee that built this building. I don't tell you that to beat any drums – I tell you that because with all those connections and all those years I never asked for anything more than any other citizen in this City. It is a wonderful City and I would not move anywhere else. As you know a couple of years ago to the day we had a terrible flood and many of us in that area lost thousands of dollars worth of personal goods, furniture, buildings. We were hit pretty bad. It has come to my attention that we are finally getting a little work done down there – some sewer work is finally being done and I understand there is a Councilman who has been asking questions as to why they are working down in the neighborhood the Mayor lives in – what special favors is he getting? The question that should be asked is – why did it take two years to get down there and do anything. Gentlemen, there is nobody in our area that wants anything special – we just want what we think we have coming. And we want to be able to go to sleep at night knowing that we do not have to worry at the sound of thunder – that we will have to come running outside and drag everything we have and run down the street carrying our kids. For years we never had a problem – why we had it I don't know – we did. We just want to be assured that something is being done and we want it known that we do not feel that we are getting anything special.

Dan Matheke, 361 Bayshore Drive, Eastlake

Mr. Matheke: This will be the 25th anniversary when David Daugherty was killed in Beirut, Lebanon. Twenty-five years ago this City had done nothing to commemorate his memory – put up any type of memorial. Yes, he does have a flag at half staff. He was a year younger than I am – we went to Middle School together – but, he made a bad choice and went to South High School while I went to Eastlake North. Please, 25 years is long enough – can we please name a park after this man – a Surfside Park because he did grow up in Ward 4 – in the Plymouth area – maybe name that park after him. Every day when I leave Eastlake going into Willoughby and see the sign for Brian Montgomery I look at that sign and say that was a good thing they did in the City of Willoughby – naming a stretch of highway after a young man who gave his life in Iraq. Twenty-five years later we need to do something nice for a young man who gave his life.

There was no one else who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2008-041

ORDINANCE NO.: 06-24-(01)

Requested by: CBO Mr. Voros
Mr. Elshaw

An Ordinance enacting new City Ordinance Section 1147.15 "Exception for Existing Lots of Record in Business Districts," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, and declaring an emergency.

Sponsored by: Mr. D'Ambrosio
Ms. Vaughn

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. 2008-041.

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ORDINANCE NO.: 06-24-(02)

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn

An Ordinance amending Section 731.04 "Percentage of Tax; Issuance of License; Fee" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, specifically Section 731.04 (a) "Percentage of Tax," 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: Ms. Vaughn, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Morley, Mr. Elshaw.
Nay: Mr. Zontini

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2008-042.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 06-24-(03)

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for a Public Auction for the sale of various items deemed no longer usable by the City of Eastlake, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 06-24-(03) is removed from the agenda with no action taken.

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| Requested by: City Engineer Mr. Gwydir Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel | <u>RESOLUTION NO.: 06-24-(04)</u> A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Contract with T.C. Construction Co., Inc., the lowest and best bidder, for the 2008 Concrete Road Rehabilitation Program, in the total amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$228,760.00), and declaring an emergency. |
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MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-043.

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| Requested by: Administration Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel | <u>RESOLUTION NO.: 06-24-(05)</u> A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Lease Agreement between the City of Eastlake and the Eastlake Gymnastics for use of the City of Eastlake Community Center, and declaring an emergency. |
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MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-044.

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fall to service these machines. I have asked our Service Department to look at it and they said they have no idea what is going on and, they don't. We need the people who put this system in to service it. Fireworks are at the stadium – it is hard to believe by the time we have our next meeting that the fireworks will be over. We advertised everywhere – gates will open at 7:00 p.m. – we have bands, community groups with tables and the concession stands will be open. The Eastlake Home Days will be the weekend of July 10th-13th with the parade on Saturday the 12th. We had a meeting earlier with Mr. Gwydir and Mr. Condrón to figure out the projects we want to prioritize and submit to the new funding for State Issue 2. The top project is the Quentin Road pump station. We will replace three more pump stations this year. We hope we will get the minimum of two projects – we are submitting five. I agree with the speaker – when I looked at the areas of this City that were flooded we identified Morris, Mr. D'Ambrosio's Ward, North and South Riverview, and the Mondomin-Edison area where we are doing the same work as in Ward 1. The residents got very upset when they heard someone was trying to make an issue of the fact that the Mayor lives there and that is why the work is being done. I think that is totally inappropriate and when my neighbors approached me on it I suggested they come and speak if they want – I can't say anything and I won't but the speaker spoke with his heart. It does not matter if I live there or you live there – that area was flooded. Finally, after all these years there is some action and the work is being done the right way to divert the water. To insinuate that the work was being done because the Mayor lives there is wrong. This concludes my report.

Mr. Knuchel: Mr. Mayor, as soon as you get us the information we need for the Honeywell contract I am sure we will be very amicable in looking at it – until we receive that information we can't move forward.

Mayor Andrzejewski: There are no other comparables – that is what we are trying to say.

Mr. Knuchel: You also have not provided us with an updated contract.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Because time ran out because we delayed so much.

Mr. Knuchel: Those delays were because we did not receive the information.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I will talk to Mr. Semik, but understand there may not be comparables from other companies to get. Why not try Honeywell for one year – see how it works – if it doesn't work we can go back to square one. We will try to get you whatever we can.

Mr. Elshaw: Regarding Honeywell. Mayor, you and I had spoke about this and I also talked to Mr. Zontini about this – personally, I am not saying I am against going with Honeywell we just want to make sure – if that is your only entity out there we are looking at – we just want to make sure – if you can provide any type of comparables – just to make sure they are in the ballpark. That is what we are looking for. We understand Honeywell did do the original work – we understand they probably know their system. But, we would like to see whatever can be put together as far as comparables – we talked about that.

Mr. Morley: Regarding the fireworks – there is a grand prix race there in the parking lot – will that be cleared up for people to park the night of July 4th?

Mayor Andrzejewski: No, unfortunately the grand prix race was held last year at this same time. There is parking all around the stadium, especially on the side where the Visitor's Bureau is. The grand prix will try to provide some places up front – we have also sent letters to all parking attendants asking that they allow free parking. I think it will be fine. We booked the grand prix event long before the fireworks came up.

Mr. Morley: As to Honeywell, I am on the Service/Utilities Committee – when we removed it the first time if people would answer our questions I think we would be done with this. I have asked Mr. Semik for comparables – it is not particular that Honeywell work on it – just like if you have a Chevy – you do not have to take it to Chevrolet. There are other people who can work on these things and maybe we can get a better deal. That is a lot of money and it can escalate every year for the three year contract. I am good even if we go with Honeywell but we need to see some other things. As to the sewer work issue – I hate rumors about someone on this Council – if what is being insinuated that there is special treatment for the Mayor – I definitely do not agree with that if someone on Council did do that. Also, my street has been on the list for two years and the only reason they started fixing it in the last month and one half is because two basins on my street fell in on both sides of my neighbors and they finally had enough.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I think the point was taken – if we start getting into where Council people live – the Mayor lives we have real problems. On Honeywell, we have tried other companies and they do not know what they are doing. They have had issues at the Police Department – I am sure the Chief can add to this.

Mr. Elshaw: If you don't mind I would like to have that discussion in Committee – we will probably put that back into Committee if you can forward the information – you understand the requests.

Ms. Vaughn: All I wanted to know is where we are going to park to watch the fireworks and that question has already been asked. I know the parking was built to accommodate the stadium and if people like fireworks as much as I think they do I think we will have very unhappy people when they have no place to go.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Every time we do something there is someone who doesn't like something about it. We are trying something new – is everything going to be perfect – no. We have made every accommodation we can make. There is a lot of parking places at the side of the stadium – there is parking at WalMart, Kmart, and they can walk. There is parking at the office buildings next to the stadium. I don't think there will be a problem. I am sure someone is going to complain because the parking lot was used for the grand prix – but, if people use their ingenuity they will find a place to park. I am asking everyone to take a positive approach – with the help of the Captains we had a bigger budget for a bigger firework display.

Ms. Vaughn: I hope there is enough people so there is a parking problem.

Mr. Elshaw: On a positive note – I think it is going to be very successful – when you offer free stadium seating and free parking for fireworks that will be extremely popular – I have mentioned it to people at work and outside the City and they are very interested – not only the residents but outside the City. I agree – I hope that parking is not a problem but if we see that it is highly successful it would probably be a good idea to clear up the parking lot next year.

Mayor Andrzejewski: If I would have known I would have scheduled it the weekend before or another time.

Mr. Zontini: As often happens when something is thrown up against the wall and names are not named – I don't want the rest of my Council members to be thought of as being the person – the culprit so to speak who questioned the sewer work on Edison. It is my job, as it is their job, when a resident comes to us and there is an appearance of impropriety – whether it is valid or not – if there is an appearance of impropriety and we have not been kept in the loop – I had no clue as to what was going on out there. It is my job – it is their job – to try to find out what is going on out there to get back to the residents to let them know what is going on. I made inquiries of Mr. Ramski as to what is going on and I had Mrs. Cendroski call Mr. Gwydir to find out what was going on. Never once did I make any implication that he was getting special favors or any of that nature. The residents did get that implication only because of the appearance. It is my job to either verify or say – no, you are wrong. That was what I did. These people are not the Council people who were guilty of that – it was me – now it is out in the open.

There were no further questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: I have nothing substantive to report. I think it is fair to give you an update on Tesar outside of Executive Session. You know the plans have been circulated – they have gotten plans to C.T. Consultants – they have to pay the fees – that is with C.T. Consultant's to review – they have given it a priority. The Clerk graciously put together a calendar – they are aware of the calendar. Candidly, I have courtesy copied your memos to me to their attorney so they are aware of it. There may be a question as to what degree you want to schedule special Council meetings to accommodate that effort but that is the status – we need to get the final okay from C.T. Consultants. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Elshaw: Mr. Klammer, regarding the Tesar situation. At this point you are waiting on something to be put together to provide a settlement document?

Mr. Klammer: Yes, the objective was to preserve the pathway – one of the Plaintiff's objectives was to insure a certain lot configuration. We have always said that is a separate issue on the approval – it is a critical part of the settlement agreement to him. So, we circulated that to C.T. to do the review that they would typically do had it gone to Planning Commission – they are doing that right now. There was one comment by Ms. Brusas which I forwarded to Council. The real hiccup would be the timeframe to get this to the Board of Elections which may cause some heartburn due to special Council meetings over break.

Mr. Elshaw: I do not want to speak out of Executive Session – but, there may have been other concerns by C.T. Consultants.

There were no further questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Brian Condron

Mr. Condron: We received the FEMA money last week to reimburse us from the State – we received \$30,400. We will reimburse Fund #203 for the salt expense, Fund #202 for the overtime expense and out of the Road Fund the use of the equipment. You will see that in June.

We talked about the Tax Budget. The auditors have not yet come in – they are expected after the July 4th weekend to begin the City’s 2006-2007 audit.

Mr. Elshaw: I believe the Audit Review Committee wanted to set up a preliminary meeting with them.

There were no questions of Mr. Condron.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik was absent and excused.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – Joe Voros

Mr. Voros: This is the last time I am going to say it – it is business as usual. It is really busy in the Building Department. I want to apologize for leaving the Mayor and the City stranded – I hope it won’t be long – I am sure there are other people out there who can do the job I have done - if not better. I appreciate everything Council has done – I appreciate what the Mayor has done – the Fire and Police Departments. It has been a real pleasure working here and I will miss each and every one of you – I appreciate everything you guys did. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Voros, once you leave who is going to be able to do some of the inspections you were doing – does that go to the County?

Mr. Voros: I think that should be answered by the Mayor because he is handling it Administratively.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We have contacted an individual from C.T. Consultants who has the CBO designation and he will approve any occupancy permits or anything else that has to be approved by the CBO. He is registered with the State and well known with the State by the name of Bill Gallagher. In discussions with our Building Inspector – he can do all residential inspections except for electrical – so, I have contacted an individual who works part-time with the City of Euclid who will handle our electrical residential inspections until we hire someone new. Any commercial work that has to be done and we cannot handle we have contacted and sent a letter to the County advising them we may be sending them some commercial inspections.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Is there a price tag on any of this?

Mayor Andrzejewski: I have no idea – of course there is a price tag. The main priority is to get people to fill in for the Building Department while we search for another CBO and I am sure their fees will be reasonable and I will make sure they are reasonable. What they are at this point I don’t know.

Mr. Lajeunesse: When you find out those fees if you or Mr. Condron can send a memo to me as far as what those fees are I would appreciate it.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Can you elaborate as to what type of fees you want?

Mr. Lajeunesse: Sure, if you are getting someone from Euclid who is doing inspections I am sure he will not do that for free – and if you are getting someone from C.T. Consultants I don't think that will be done for free – if you can please at least send me those two - and, I as to the commercials does the County charge for that?

Mayor Andrzejewski: Probably.

Mr. Lajeunesse: If you can give me that also.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Whatever those fees are I am sure they will be far less than the salary we would have been paying a CBO while we are searching for one.

Mr. Lajeunesse: That is very possible

Mayor Andrzejewski: It will be well within the Building Department's budget. We will do what we can to get whatever information we can gather.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I appreciate that since you and I both don't know the answer to that question – so I have some knowledge as well as you I would appreciate if we can find that out.

Mr. Elshaw: Thank you, Mr. Voros. I think you have done a great job for our City. I agree with the comments made earlier that I think you have worked very hard to help our City and it is much appreciated. It is very much appreciated and we wish you the best of luck.

There were no further questions of Mr. Voros.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: We submitted for Issue 1 funds on June 13th – we made six applications and they were in order – Quentin Road pump station, South Lakeshore Blvd., North and South Riverview storm sewer improvements, Edison-Mondomin storm sewer improvements, East Overlook Drive improvements and St. Lawrence Blvd. improvements. Prior to the submission of those applications I did meet with the Mayor and Mr. Condron to discuss the finances and the levels of funding to be applied for each of the particular items. In addition, I have also met with the Mayor and Mr. Semik with regard to the North and South Riverview storm sewer system – there were eight options available for drainage of that area – we discussed the costs, the options, what we thought were the best potential options and I believe Mr. Semik is moving forward to set up a meeting with the residents of the area to discuss the matter further.

Mayor Andrzejewski: It is sometime in July – we will notify Council.

Mr. Gwydir: Other than that things have been generally quiet and I am open for questions.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Realistically, how many of the projects do you think we will receive funding for?

Mr. Gwydir: It is predicated on the number of points you get for the project – there are a number of facets depending on how much money you ask for – health and safety issues – clearly, the Quentin Road pump station ranks the highest among them – it is a health and safety issue – it is a sanitary issue and it is a compliance issue. South Lakeshore Blvd. falls a close second due to its poor condition and its point ranking is very high. North and South Riverview storm sewer improvements and Edison-Mondomin are nearly as high in points. East Overlook Drive improvements and St. Lawrence fall way at the end due to their expense – we requested a significant amount of funding for those projects – the more money you request drives you down in points. But, in the event we get those we certainly want to be able to proceed. We are expecting – hoping – to at least get Quentin and South Lakeshore and hopefully pick up one or two more – but, that is pure speculation on my part.

Mayor Andrzejewski: The cost of the Quentin Road project will be split between the City and State – what will be total cost be?

Mr. Gwydir: Approximately \$1,059,000.

Mayor Andrzejewski: For East Overlook and St. Lawrence?

Mr. Gwydir: East Overlook was \$731,000. St. Lawrence Blvd. was \$3,400,000.

Mayor Andrzejewski: You can see the amount of money that is required to redo streets. That would be great if we get the money.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Chief Ruth: At the last Council meeting I reported our police dog was in service. That was not correct – he is currently on disability. However, I do expect him to be in service within the next couple of days – he had a slight mishap with his tail. His tail was shut in a door and required stitches – it was not repaired correctly and we had to have it redone. Three of the five police cars we received are up and running – I expect the other two to be completed within the week. I would like to compliment Mr. Voros – his departure is a loss to the City. I do not believe there is anything that contributes more to the decline of a community than the appearance of its buildings, lands and homes. Mr. Voros has just done an outstanding job of getting out there in the Community ensuring that the vacant lots were cut, the vacant homes were maintained, that buildings were repaired – broken windows were not allowed to exist. That goes a long way towards the value and the quality of life in a community and the decline of a community. I want to give Mr. Voros a lot of kudos in that regard – I think he has done an outstanding job and I do believe his loss will have a negative impact on this City. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel: Chief Ruth, did we ever decide about putting the fire suppression systems in the cars that were put into service to deal with the gas tank problem?

Chief Ruth: We ordered the systems and our mechanics are going to install them. I have to meet with Mr. Semik to see where we are with that project. It is our intention to put them on all the Fords.

There were no further questions of Chief Ruth.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: We spoke last Council meeting about the new command vehicle expected to be in service – it is in service – we completed the first phase of what we wanted to do to get it into service. I invite anyone who would like to look at it to do so – Councilman D’Ambrosio was over the other day. The objective we want to get across as far as the Departments may be a little bit easier if you see what we are trying to accomplish. Yesterday, we replaced three retirees from 2008 by swearing in three new members – we put them right to work yesterday so we are going to get them through the training program and get them on shift and working – so we expanded our family a little bit. To expand on Chief Ruth’s comments about Mr. Voros – from the Fire Department – not only did he make the buildings look nicer there is definitely a cooperation that is critical between the Fire and Building Departments. A good example of that is the new construction and re-occupancy of different places – we find things that are not safe or we need to bone up on and Mr. Voros has done a really good job with that – working with our Fire Marshall – and I agree the Chief that he was definitely an asset to this Department and I know what he has done for the Fire Marshall and the Fire Department and we wanted to make sure we pass all a good luck to him and we definitely will miss him – anything we can do in the future let us know. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Chief Whittington – we spoke about overtime - there be a considerable about of overtime with regards to your new hires until they get properly trained. Could you please send an updated memo in regards to what you think the estimated overtime will be until you have a full, adequately trained staff?

Chief Whittington: Absolutely, we have a federal training program we need to go through to follow the standards – they are not allowed to be put in a position until we feel they are ready to do so. The three hires we have – one was a full time firefighter at another City and the other two have been trained to a certain level. We are getting them trained to the Eastlake way of doing things – we have a training plan and are hoping by at least near the end of July to have them in a position where they can be put on shift. I can definitely pass along the information as far as finances for that.

There were no further questions of Chief Whittington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:58 p.m.

DEREK W. ELSHAW, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

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

