

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

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. Elshaw at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Knuchel.

ATTENDEES

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

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Condron, CBO Stigalt, City Engineer Gwydir, and Police Chief Ruth. Fire Chief Whittington was late in arriving.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING WITH ADJOURNMENT INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION – SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting with adjournment into Executive Session of September 22, 2009. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 25, 2009. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Elshaw
Meetings Scheduled

The Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

The Economic & Community Development Council meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening is cancelled and we will reconvene on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was received from the Administration requesting to purchase a mainline camera. This is referred to Finance Committee.

A Conditional Use Permit recommendation was received from the Planning Commission for Castle Café, 33419 Vine Street, Eastlake. This is referred to Planning Committee.

A liquor license request was received for Walgreen Co. dba Walgreens 03454, 33693 Vine Street, Eastlake. Mr. Elshaw explained that due to time sensitivity this matter was discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee – a Motion will be made to approve it.

A communication was received from the Administration regarding a proposed contract with Honeywell Building Solutions.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Elshaw: Mr. Klammer, is it necessary to go out for bids on this item?

Mr. Klammer: I issued a legal opinion sometime ago and I concluded that it did not have to go out for bids.

Mrs. Cendroski: You did issue a legal opinion if Honeywell was servicing Honeywell products that it would not have to go out for bid but Mr. Condrón has some thoughts on that matter.

Mr. Klammer: Refer this to Committee and we will discuss it further.

Mr. Elshaw: This was referred to Service/Utilities Committee meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS, con't.

A donation request was received from the FOP #116/FOPA #69 Education Fund Reverse Raffle. Mr. Elshaw explained that this is for each Council person's individual consideration.

A communication was received from Law Director Klammer regarding the repeal of City Ordinance Section 1347.24 "Political Signs." This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

A Conditional Use Permit renewal recommendation was received from the Administration for the American Croatian Lodge, Inc., 34900 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee.

A recommendation was received from CBO Stigalt regarding an amendment and renewal of a Conditional Use Permit for R & K Enterprises, Inc., dba Surfside Sunoco, 36241 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee.

A communication was received from Finance Director Condrón regarding the acceptance of an ODNR Capital Grant for the Chagrin River Lakefront Park project. This was referred to Finance Committee.

A communication was received from Council President Elshaw proposing the enactment of City Ordinance Section 155.41 "Political Activities." This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

A recommendation was received from the Eastlake Economic & Community Development Council regarding an amendment to City Ordinance Section 1147.04 "Minimum Yard and Parking Setback Requirements." This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

A liquor license transfer request was received from BP Products North America, Inc., dba BP Food Mart 4687, 35068 Vine Street, Eastlake to EZ Energy USA, Inc., dba Easy Trip 1121, 35068 Vine Street, Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee.

A communication was received from Safety Committee Chair Mr. Morley requesting that the request to purchase a fire truck be referred into Safety Committee. This was referred to Safety Committee.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Elshaw: I wanted to make it clear – this is a one-time item – this is a demo and it is my understanding that the demo is not available in 2010. But, in the future we definitely need to stick to our budget and our recently established capital plan. Other than that I don't have any issues with this going to Safety Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS con't.

A communication was received from Finance Director Condrón regarding local phone service. This was referred to Finance Committee.

A request was received from the Administration to advertise for bids to construct a building to house the JFK Sr. Center's bus. This was referred to Recreation Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee did meet on October 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and four items were on the agenda that evening. The first item was the 2010 Tax Budget acceptance. Mr. Condrón, would you care to comment?

Mr. Condrón: It is pretty much as we discussed in the Council-as-a-Whole Committee – the amount is a little bit less – we knew that with the economy and the real estate taxes being re-evaluated.

Mr. Knuchel: The second item on the schedule was Stainless Steel Specialties Tax Incentive Program. I would like to thank Mr. Condrón and Mrs. Keneven-Zanella for putting together all the paperwork and the Mayor for the work he did in bringing this new business to the City. There was one issue on the Tax Incentive Agreement – that was in point #6 – to have Council approval of any change in the agreement and I would like to thank Mr. Klammer for his work and Mr. Condrón's work on that. The third item was the bid recommendation for the towing contract – this was discussed at length during the Council-as-a-Whole Committee and we will be holding this matter in Council-as-a-Whole until the next meeting. The fourth

item was the OPWC Round 24 projects final application – there were four items granted to us. Mr. Gwydir, would you care to comment?

Mr. Gwydir: This is for badly needed road work on East 347th Street and East 348th Street and storm sewer work on Mondomin & Edison *inaudible*. These are the final applications to the OPWC. We were very lucky.

Mr. Knuchel: Yes, we were. We appreciate your hard work on that. Mr. Gwydir, have you found out anymore about the issue of the aprons on Roberts Road?

Mr. Gwydir: I have spoken with the contractor who is going back to his subcontractor and I am awaiting a schedule.

Mr. Knuchel: This concludes my report and I am open for questions – I do have some motions:

Legislative Recommendation

Legislation No. 10-13-(06)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 10-13-(06) to the evening's agenda determining to accept a gift of land from Alice A. Leskovec, William B. Pierce and Robert J. Pierce to the City of Eastlake. Mr. Morley seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yes unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 10-13-(06) is added to the evening's agenda.

Towing Contract Extension

MOTION: I hereby move to authorize the extension of the towing contract between the City of Eastlake and O'Connor's Towing Services, Inc., authorized per Legislation No. 2006-070 and adopted by Council on July 11, 2006, with said extension to be until November 13, 2009 or until such time as a contract is awarded.

There was no second.

Motion failed.

Liquor License Request

MOTION: I hereby move to approve, and send back to Columbus, Ohio with no objections, the liquor license request for Walgreen Co. dba Walgreens 03454, 33693 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH. Mr. Matheke seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Liquor License Request for Walgreen Co. is approved.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Elshaw: I would like to go back to the motion on the extension of the towing contract. In Council-as-a-Whole it was agreed with one objection to holding it in Council-as-a-Whole Committee. If we do not extend it we will not have a contract.

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ROLL CALL: Yeas: Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Morley, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. Elshaw.

Nays: Mr. Matheke

Motion carried. The towing contract is extended until November 13, 2009 or until a contract is agreed upon.

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 our last Council meeting but I will be scheduling a meeting for Wednesday, October 21, 2009. And, this concludes my report as I have nothing controversial to report.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE - Mr. Matheke

Mr. Matheke: The Service/Utilities Committee has not met since our last Council meeting. I plan on piggy-backing with Ms. Vaughn and hold a meeting on October 21st to review the items that were referred into my Committee tonight. There was no meeting of the Service/Utilities Committee meeting however on September 29th we did have a Joint WPCC meeting with the City of Willoughby. Pretty much everyone was present from Council – their City Council, our City Council and most of the Directors and people in play. We are going to be doing a sewer assessment of the whole sewer system at cost of about \$500,000. This is required by the EPA – it will be split between us and Willoughby and our portion will be split between us, Timberlake and Lakeline. The SSES has to be finalized by January, 2011 – this is to find out where we may be having infrastructure and infiltration problems and things of that nature. Another highlight is that once we do get this study done then we will qualify for low interest loans through the State of Ohio and other agencies to help us fix things that we do find in that program. Mr. Gwydir, we have fourteen pages of minutes – I have tried to hit the highlights – but, I think that is about it – but, since C.T. Consultants is going to be one of the players in this for us and Willoughby I think maybe you can speak to whatever I may have overlooked.

Mr. Gwydir: I think you hit all the highlights. We are looking to get the study underway this January and have the monitoring in place for the spring rains. We will be looking for

infiltration and inflow in the sanitary sewer system and what goes into Lake Erie. We are directed to stop and identify the overflow. This also assists in developing a capital program for the City and getting loans to help support that program. The point is to identify the areas that do need work and concentrate on those – this helps the drainage into the system, it helps not having to expand the plant.

Mr. Matheke: When we do this survey, anything we find we are not required to fix immediately. We will have a plan and will get these things fixed over the next 20-25 years. If we find \$12 million worth of problems they do not have to be fixed right away. We will be coming up with a plan and prioritizing the projects and areas to improve. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Matheke.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Morley

Mr. Morley: The Safety Committee has not met since our last Council meeting – I do have a couple of items on my agenda and I will get with Mr. Matheke and Ms. Vaughn. The only thing I do need to have would be - Mr. Klammer when we start discussing the part-time firefighters' issue. We are thinking about next Wednesday for meetings has been referred into Committee. Also under Communications – there is something from the FOP – that is a reverse raffle and is their biggest money-making thing for the police education fund – if you need tickets see Lt. Reik and it is \$50 per ticket. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel: Along with what Mr. Morley said – dinner tickets are \$50, your dinner ticket for \$25 or your main board ticket for \$50.

There were no questions of Mr. Morley.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

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

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D'Ambrosio

Mr. D'Ambrosio was absent and excused.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Elshaw recognized the public input at this time; he reminded the speakers that there is a 3-minute limit for their comments; all comments are to be directed to the Chair and not include any personalities or individuals.

Mr. Elshaw: We have the Willoughby/Eastlake School Board members here for a brief presentation regarding the upcoming levy.

Mr. Wade Mitchell, President, Willoughby/Eastlake Board of Education, Dr. Keith Miller, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Cliff Rhinehardt, Treasurer made the presentation

encouraging the public to vote November 3rd for Issue No. 7, an additional 3.24-mill Levy.
(document attached)

There was no one else who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2009-110

RESOLUTION NO.: 10-13-(01)

Requested by: Finance Director Condron
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

A Resolution accepting the Tax Budget for 2010
as presented by the Director of Finance, and
declaring an emergency.

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. 2009-110.

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ORDINANCE NO.: 10-13-(02)

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the
Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into
an Agreement for a Tax Incentive Grant with
Stainless Specialties, Inc., and declaring an
emergency.

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. 2009-111.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 10-13-(03)

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel
(East 347th Street)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the
Mayor to prepare and submit an Application to
Participate in the Ohio Public Works
Commission State Capital Improvement and/or
Local Transportation Improvement Program(s)
and to Execute Contracts as required, and
declaring an emergency.

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. 2009-112.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel
(East 348th Street)

RESOLUTION NO.: 10-13-(04)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to prepare and submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as required, and declaring an emergency.

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. 2009-113.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel
(Modomin/Edison)

RESOLUTION NO.: 10-13-(05)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to prepare and submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as required, and declaring an emergency.

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. 2009-114.

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Requested by: Finance Director Condron
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

ORDINANCE NO: 10-13-(06)

An Ordinance determining to accept a gift of land from Alice A. Leskovec, William B. Pierce and Robert J. Pierce to the City of Eastlake, and declaring an emergency.

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. 2009-115.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Elshaw: We want to thank the Leskovec and Pierce families for the generous gift of land to the City of Eastlake. It is very much appreciated.

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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 would like to recognize some gentlemen who wanted to come to one of our Council meetings – to see what went on – three gentlemen from the Building Trade Union – thank you for attending this evening. The agreement with Mr. Tesar is signed, sealed and delivered so the people in Surfside will now have their pathway to Lakeshore Blvd. I would like to thank Mr. Klammer, Mr. Condron, several of the Council members – Mr. Elshaw, Mr. Morley, Mr. Knuchel who were all involved in this at one time or another. I would like to reemphasize the significance of the \$671,000 in grants that we received – both East 347th Street and East 348th Street are badly in need of repair – this money will pay for approximately 40% of the repairs. That means, along with the Mondomin/Edison drainage improvement because of flooding, that \$671,000 can be used to pave other roads. That is a way of stretching our road dollars. We received \$1.5 million a year for road repairs from the residents of Eastlake and this is another \$671,000 we can use. Regarding the tax incentive

for Stainless Steel Specialties – we have been working on that for three months – this is a company with about a \$1 million payroll. There is one other we are currently working on but are not ready to present at this time. Mrs. Keneven-Zanella has reported that year to date we have collected \$153,000 of back taxes – these are companies and individuals who owe money to the City – that \$153,000 is enough to pay for at least two employees. This was very good work on their part and we will continue that effort. I have been talking to Mrs. Keneven-Zanella about having a tax amnesty program to try to bring in more. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Matheke: How long is the agreement for with Mr. Tesar?

Mayor Andrzejewski: One year. It goes from year to year and if he builds then it goes into effect on a more permanent basis.

Mr. Elshaw: I am glad we could come to a final agreement on that.

There were no further questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: The Mayor has mentioned the Tesar Agreement for the path. I would like to thank Mr. Condrón and Mrs. Keneven-Zanella for providing the tax incentive agreement. As far as litigation – the Fatur matter will have been set for oral argument in January, 2010. *Inaudible* I would like to thank Mr. Pierce for his effort on the land donation - we will be filing the documentation. *Inaudible*. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Elshaw: I just wanted to thank you for all your hard work on that land donation – I know you did a lot that was beyond your scope and it is much appreciated. And, thanks for keeping on the Tesar matter also. I know that has been going on for a long time.

There were no further questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Brian Condrón

Mr. Condrón: We are in the process of closing the month of September – you should have the reports by the end of the week. *Inaudible* This concludes my report and I am open for questions

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Condrón, how is the de-evaluation of our properties going to affect our budget?

Mr. Condrón: *inaudible* about 10% *inaudible*.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Is there an estimated amount?

Mr. Condrón: We will know for sure at the end of the year. When the evaluation is done we will have the exact amounts but they should be pretty close to *inaudible*.

Mayor Andrzejewski: *inaudible* The City of Eastlake and all cities only receive 11% of the real estate taxes. Unfortunately, the majority of the hit will be taken by the schools and the

counties. 50% of the real estate taxes people pay go to the schools, 30% goes to the County programs such as the Metroparks, MRDD Board, crime lab – all the different County programs. The City of Eastlake gets 11% so thank goodness it is a very small part of our budget – we will take a little bit of a drop but it is not as significant as it is to the schools and County.

Mr. Elshaw: That is a good point but the City is impacted as we discussed at our mid-year budget review – that was a full discussion.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Condrón, I have a clarification in regards to the September 24th memo I sent about jobs gained and lost and also businesses gained and lost. You will have that in your mailbox if you don't already. So, if you could – could you please get that to me in a timely manner – I asked for jobs lost and gained from 2005 – 2009 and also businesses lost and gained from 2005-2009. I just want a clarification. At our last Council meeting Mrs. Keneven-Zanella, our Tax Administrator, stated that we had lost 200 jobs and only gained 18. So, if you could please maybe get that information to me and make sure those numbers are correct. The other question is in regards to the pool. I want to make sure that you realize I am against rehabbing of Houston Fisher pool for this reason – and maybe we can clarify some things – back on June 12, 2008 it was stated that “the \$150,000 price tag for repairs for the Houston Fisher pool was derived from a cost analysis study performed by Whitmer Co., a Cleveland based institution of commercial pool consultant” and that was quoted by someone. My question is – we started at \$150,000 – then we went to \$325,000 – then we went to \$375,000 and our bid came in at \$559,000. And, I still don't have the figures for the in-house work, engineering costs, pool consultant, restroom and stall amounts. I guess in my mind this seems to be going the same way as the stadium issue – where the stadium started at \$12 million and went up to \$48 million – now, I know we have cut some of that down but at the same time that is one reason why I am against rehabbing the pool. So, if you can help me out and I did ask for clarification – I gave you a list of items, line by line, for revenues, expenses. I have done more research and I do not know how we can figure out where our revenue of \$71,500 and our expenses of \$71,500 for next year for that pool. I don't know of a municipality in the country that broke even on a pool. So, several weeks later I still don't have any information in regards to that. Are you able to get that to me?

Mr. Condrón: I think I have most of your memos. *Inaudible*

Mr. Lajeunesse: What would you think would be a timely manner?

Mr. Condrón: By the end of the month.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Mr. President, we have gone over and over and over this time and time again. Every Council meeting it is like a broken record from Mr. Lajeunesse. First of all the bids for the pool are coming in this week. Mr. Gwydir has already taken the time to explain what had happened with the first bid and the errors that occurred. Secondly, Mr. Condrón should not be the one the questions are directed to – Mr. Lajeunesse knows I have been involved with that pool much more than Mr. Condrón and it puts Mr. Condrón in a very hot seat and he should not be put through that type of questioning by Mr. Lajeunesse. All he has to do is to come in and talk with us and he will get all the information he wants. But, here

is the point – how many times at Council meetings are we going to go over the same stuff – when does it end?

Mr. Elshaw: Why don't you guys get together and get answers to your questions, Mr. Lajeunesse?

Mr. Lajeunesse: I can do that but I do have a follow-up.

Mr. Elshaw: Alright.

Mr. Lajeunesse: If I would get my answers I would not be asking the same questions. So, whether I go in and talk to anyone it doesn't really matter. If someone would give me the answers – there are other answers I received and I have not gone back over those questions. How will we move forward on a bid if we don't even have the expenses and revenues estimated out for every single line item? Are you going to go from \$500,000 to \$700,000 to possibly \$1,000,000 for a pool?

Mr. Elshaw: Mr. Condrón, can you please get Mr. Lajeunesse that information? My understanding when this was discussed at the beginning of this year – it was this year's budget – we talked about how we can integrate a pool into the budget and the only way we could do that is with zero cost. I refer you back to our Finance Committee meetings on how that was done. I understand your estimates were based on prior costs for the pool – is that correct Mr. Condrón?

Mr. Condrón: Yes.

Mr. Elshaw: Very good. So, if you can get that information over to Mr. Lajeunesse, I certainly would appreciate it and I am sure many people would. So, let's move on with this one.

There were no further questions of Mr. Condrón.

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: We have Walgreens on our Planning Commission meeting Thursday – they have brought the plans in and Mr. Gwydir has looked them over and that will be moving forward shortly. Biagios is moving along very quickly – they have picked up some speed there. We are issuing a lot of permits for driveways, additions and remodeling. *Inaudible* some of the homes that are foreclosed or abandoned have been looked at to purchase and rehab. The new inspector started on Monday – she is working along pretty well so far. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I walked on Michelle Lane and Christine Court today and there is a house on the corner of those streets with the back windows still out from the explosion several

months ago. This was brought to me from a resident complaint – has the City gone over there to inspect that?

Mr. Stigalt: Without the exact address I could not tell you – there was one that had not yet been repaired. I am not sure that is the same home.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Sure, that is on the corner of Michelle Lane and Christine Court – there is only one corner and one house – the only house with boarded up windows. I will get you that address.

There were no further questions of Mr. Stigalt.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: Thank you for passing the legislation so we can move forward. As far as the road work on South Lakeshore Blvd. is flying along on schedule – the western half is completed and they will be working on the eastern half over the next three – four weeks. Things are going well so far. *Inaudible* I have also been working with Mr. Semik on the City-wide signal along with ODOT and trying to get some upgrades in the City's signal system. We also received a request form CSX on a notice to proceed for the Roberts Road railroad crossing. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: I walked South Lakeshore a few nights after they started the construction and talked with a few residents – they are very happy with how it is going. I was surprised how fast they got the one section done and they have started the section east of St. Lawrence and it is going well. Perhaps you want to forward that to the Perc Company.

Mr. Gwydir: We have received no complaints as far as I know – everyone with a special need or a handicapped has been accommodated with ramps.

Mr. Morley: Yes, I saw the ramps yesterday.

Mr. Gwydir: Things seem to be going along well and as quickly as possible as we are up against the weather.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I also live right down the street from that project and they do seem to be very professional so please pass that along. Can you tell me when the bids for the pool will be opened and as of now how many do you have?

Mr. Gwydir: Mr. Condrón is receiving the bid documents – most bring them the day of the bid opening.

Mr. Condrón: The bid opening will be tomorrow

Mr. Matheke: Those will be open tomorrow at noon?

Mr. Condrón: At noon.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Chief Ruth: There was a fire - tomorrow there will probably be a small space in the newspaper about the fire. As Police Chief I am not always at the first response but this time I was one of the first people to arrive at the scene. And I witnessed something that I wanted to impress on you – what amazing safety forces we have *inaudible* when we first got there the building itself was inundated with smoke – we learned that one person and possibly others were still in the apartment. Officers immediately gained entry into the apartment while others went around outside the building trying to alert the residents. One person was evacuated from the first floor apartment – the second from a second floor window and with the efforts of the Fire Department was pulled out of the burning building. One of the things about the efforts of both Departments was just the aggressiveness *inaudible* The outcome could have been far different. The person that was taken out of the building will survive but given a few more seconds there is no doubt in my mind that he would have succumbed to the smoke. Had the outcome been different there would have been headlines in the News Herald where tomorrow it will probably be on the second page. It was just an opportunity to be extremely proud of the efforts I saw – to see the aggressiveness of the police officers in trying to get into the building – trying to determine who was there – trying to get people out. The professionalism and dedication of the Fire Department and *inaudible* this all happened with one dispatch who transmitted all the calls and coordinated all the departments' response. It all worked out very well but it could have been extremely damaging. I say this as a very proud Police Chief who was there and saw it firsthand. It was a small fire but the outcome and the consequences could have been so different. When you see how quickly the smoke can spread and how quickly it can take you out. It needs to be said – as a Police Chief who is not always the first person on the scene – what being the first on the scene means. I am extremely proud and I saw how extremely proud you should be of the safety forces you have here in this City. This will probably pass away unnoticed but it shouldn't. As far as anything else we are finishing up our *inaudible* we had for the year – we sold our boat for \$3,200 and are in the process of finishing up the on-line auctioning of City Police property. We will see how successful we were with this experiment. We will be having our community Christmas program this year – this will be all of the City – all the services – Police, Fire, PAL and others – we were successful last year – we will be providing gifts to children of needy families and those of servicemen. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Elshaw: Thank you for your perspective on the fire and thank you to both Chiefs for your Departments efforts – it is much appreciated. I think all of us understand what we have as far as quality in our employees and we do appreciate it.

There were no questions of Chief Ruth.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: I apologize for being late – I was finishing up some paperwork from the fire. We sponsored an Open House at the Fire Station and we had several hundred in attendance. *Inaudible* I am not sure how many attended but we went through about 17 dozen donuts and about *inaudible* hot dogs – it was a good response. *Inaudible* I considered it a big success. I appreciate Chief's Ruth's comments – my sentiments are exactly the same. I spoke with several people today – it is a very humbling experience especially now that I am a Fire Chief and my job is now the business. *Inaudible* I know that you have supported me and supported Chief Sabo when we pushed for training and equipment – we push for things

along those lines – it is because of situations like this. When we have to handle those calls we are very aggressive in doing. Today there were several guys out there who put themselves in harms' way and we got through it – we were able to rescue people – everyone got out safe and our firefighters were safe. We train hard – our residents deserve that so we can provide service. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: Chief, the ambulance was put in Committee – if you could send over the specs before Friday so it could be put in our packets for review before the meeting.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

DEREK W. ELSHAW, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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