

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
JUNE 28, 2011**

Council President Mr. Morley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members of Council in attendance were Mr. Knuchel, Ms. Vaughn, Ms. DePledge, Mr. Hoefle, Mr. D'Ambrosio and Council President Mr. Morley. Mr. Lajeunesse was absent and excused. Also attending was Council Clerk Mrs. Cendroski.

Attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Slocum, City Engineer Gwydir and Police Chief Reik.

Also in attendance were members of the public.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

06-28-(01): AGREEMENT: CITY OF EASTLAKE & CENTRAL COLLECTION AGENCY

Mr. Morley: Mr. Slocum?

Mr. Slocum: As we discussed last week in the Finance Committee meeting the purpose of this agreement is not to replace our Tax Department here at City Hall but to augment. CCA has some special services to offer that we have no access to without going through CCA. The only thing this can do is to help increase our tax collections because of their ability to access the IRS data base.

Mr. Knuchel: Mr. Slocum thanks for your hard work on this. It does look like it is going to turn out to be a pretty good item. Again, there was a \$2,000 expense and a \$300 monthly expense and we are going to do re-appropriations for that.

Mr. Slocum: Correct, we will need to do that but that expense will not have to be incurred for a couple of months.

Mr. Knuchel: In my mind the expenses are minimal when we look at the potential of the revenue generated from that relationship with CCA.

Mr. Slocum: We will track it. It will be a full year before we go through a whole cycle with CCA with this. It is not going to be immediate but I do believe it will be fruitful for the City. It is a win. We have been talking so many times about cutting costs and the flip side is increasing revenues. This is increasing revenues – not by establishing any new tax but just enforcing what we do have. They give us a vehicle to do that.

Mr. Knuchel: I think it is a good idea to go for it. Mayor, thank you also for being amenable.

Mr. Morley: I see a lot of new faces in the crowd. Just to you are aware – the things we go over on Council-as-a-Whole we have already discussed in Committee except for the miscellaneous items. We have Committee meetings in between the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays when we hold our Council meetings. If you do not hear a lot of conversation going back and forth that is why – we have already talked about things. At Council meetings we go through the formality to pass the legislation. If anyone has any questions there is an appropriate time to speak and you can ask any questions you like.

There were no further questions or comments. This matter was moved forward to the regular Council meeting agenda.

06-28-(02): CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT: THE EASTLAKE BAPTIST CHURCH OF EASTLAKE, OHIO, INC., 35401 STEVENS BLVD.

06-28-(03): CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT: EASTLAKE VFW POST #3863, INC., 33641 VINE STREET

06-28-(04): CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: ALL THE PERKS COFFEE, LLC, 36616 VINE STREET

06-28-(05): CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: JOHN L. BOWLES DBA LOFTY DREAMS, 258 SHELTON BLVD.

Mr. Morley: These are all Conditional Use Permits – Mr. D’Ambrosio?

Mr. D’Ambrosio: These items were discussed in the Planning Committee meeting which was held on June 21st. The amendments are typical and are renewals with the amendment changing the permit from the agent’s name into the establishment’s name. The other two are new businesses with the first being All The Perks Coffee which will be a drive-thru coffee shop and the other is Lofty Dreams which is a new graphic design business. They were discussed in Committee and it was agreed to move them forward to this evening’s agenda.

There were no questions or comments. This matter was moved forward to the regular Council meeting agenda.

LEGISLATION PENDING: (Placed on First Reading 05/24/2011)

(Placed on Second Reading 06/14/2011)

05-24-(02): BALLOT ISSUE: 4.0-MILL TAX LEVY

Mr. Morley: This was placed on First Reading 5/24/11 and Second Reading 06/14/11 and tonight - Legislation No. 05-24-(02) 4-mill tax levy issue – Mr. Slocum?

Mr. Slocum: As we have discussed in Committee and previous Council meetings the approval of this levy will help fill the gap we are going to experience next year due to the decrease in funding that is coming out of Columbus from the Local Government Fund, the Electric Dereg and the cessation of the CAAT Tax reimbursements. It is our strong recommendation that this be approved tonight.

There were no questions or comments. This matter was moved forward to the regular Council meeting agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RENEWALS:

THE EASTLAKE BAPTIST CHURCH OF EASTLAKE, OHIO, INC., 35401 STEVEN BLVD., EASTLAKE

EASTLAKE VFW POST 3863 (CORPORATION FOR NON-PROFIT), 36641 VINE STREET, EASTLAKE

WAYNE A. PRIGGENS, DBA TOP QUALITY SEALCOATING, 1194 EAST 362ND STREET, EASTLAKE

WALTER MEECH DBA SMJ PAINTING, 34047 IRIS LANE, EASTLAKE
GARY MAIDEN DBA GARY'S CREATIVE JEWELRY, 35341 EAST SHORE BLVD.,
EASTLAKE
KAREN BARTELL DBA KAREN'S KURLS, 1427 EAST 332ND STREET, EASTLAKE
Mr. Morley: Mr. D'Ambrosio?

Mr. D'Ambrosio: These also were discussed in the Planning Committee meeting of June 21st. I will be making a Motion on these during my report.

There were no questions or comments.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE REQUEST: IVAN ZAVASNIK, 36920 REEVES ROAD,
EASTLAKE
Mr. Morley: Mr. D'Ambrosio?

Mr. D'Ambrosio: This went to Council because the gentleman wants to build a structure that is larger than 750 square feet. The BZA cannot approve that because of the size – it can only be approved by Council. The gentleman wants to put this on a 3 ½ acre lot. A couple of other Council members and I went over there to look at where he was going to put the structure. You cannot see it from the road and it will actually enhance his property. The Committee agreed to move this forward and I will be making a Motion on this also.

There were no questions or comments.

THE WALTER DRANE COMPANY:
JUNE, 2011 CODIFICATION ACCEPTANCE/INVOICE: \$774.34
Mr. Morley: This has to do with our amendments to legislation. When we amend the legislation we have to have it codified for our ordinance book.

There were no further questions or comments.

OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$2,519
Mr. Morley: These are dues we split between the Mayor's and Council's office. We talked about this being the last year we are going to do this membership and will look at it again next year.

There were no further questions or comments.

AGREEMENT: CITY OF EASTLAKE & LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS: USE & OPERATION: 800/700 MHZ RADIO SYSTEM:
\$68,614.33
AGREEMENT: CITY OF EASTLAKE & LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS: ESTABLISHMENT & OPERATION: 800/700 MHZ RADIO
SYSTEM: \$23,889.37

Mr. Morley: Mr. Slocum?

Mr. Slocum: This agreement and the one that follows it – this one is for the current portion of the City’s share for the backbone costs. There is still some grants in process that may actually lower this amount if not totally eradicate it. But, Lake County has asked for our commitment for this backbone and we do use the system daily with both the Police and Fire. As a result we recommend we would agree to the backbone costs. The item will be paid January 15th of next year and as such is not in the budget this year. The second agreement deals with the annual agreement to operate within the system and this dollar amount is consistent with what we are paying this year – it is not a result of an increase and they do have a mechanism tied to the average CPI change over two years that will govern any changes to this contract.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I would like to recommend that the second one for \$23,000 be put on First Reading. I raised some questions about this and have requested a meeting with the County Commissioners and their telecommunications people because I want to find out if we are being hit with the cost that is to be shared by the people using the Emergency Management System. Let’s say there are 4 or 5 suburbs that use their dispatch. In that Emergency Management System is equipment that was purchased as part of this backbone and I want them to straighten out if the maintenance cost of \$23,000 in any way pays for the maintenance of that equipment. We are not part of that central dispatch system and it is my contention if we are not part of that system we should not be paying for annual maintenance costs. I have been told two different stories. I was told this was for maintenance costs of cell towers that operate the radio system and if that is the case we may have to pay this but before we okay this I want to make sure we are not paying for other cities use of the equipment. We are not part of the central dispatch system – we are part of the radio system and will be part of the county-wide system. The County is putting in a new system to allow Eastlake Police, Fire and Service to talk with Painesville, Mentor in the event of a county-wide emergency and they also will allow our radio cars to talk with dispatch through their towers. It is something we really don’t have a voice in but the maintenance part needs a little bit more work. We may very well end up paying this but put it on First Reading until I have a meeting.

Mr. Morley: Mr. Slocum, is there any deadline?

Mr. Slocum: The County had asked for June 23rd – in our discussions with the County they wanted to know whether we are planning on participating in the system which I had indicated that we are.

Mayor Andrzejewski: That is the backbone – the maintenance can wait.

Mr. Morley: You guys can get that worked out. I have no problem with placing this on First Reading but remember next Council meeting is our last meeting before break.

Mayor Andrzejewski: If you so choose you can pass the backbone legislation tonight.

Mr. Morley: That is fine but I suggest you get together tomorrow and find out if there is a deadline that that we need to have this approved by and provide that information before the next Council meeting.

There were no further questions or comments. Legislation pertaining to the backbone agreement will be moved forward. The legislation pertaining to the operation and maintenance agreement will be placed on First Reading.

BALLOT ISSUES:

CHARTER AMENDMENT: ARTICLE II, SECTION I

BALLOT ISSUE: CHARTER AMENDMENT: ARTICLE V, SECTION 3

BALLOT ISSUE: CHARTER AMENDMENT: ARTICLE V, SECTION 5

BALLOT ISSUE: CHARTER AMENDMENT: ARTICLE V, SECTION 9

Mr. Morley: We have the ballot issues from the Charter Committee. We received some information from the Board of Elections. It will cost us another \$250 each for each issue. I am proposing we hold off putting these on the November ballot. How does the rest of Council feel – it would be another \$1,000 towards the election?

Ms. Vaughn: It is my understanding that the changes are not substantive and do not require any change in procedure. A lot of changes to verbiage and I do not think it is imperative that we put these on the ballot with everything else that is going to appear on the ballot.

Mr. Hoefle: I agree with Ms. Vaughn.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: Yes, I have no problem with this.

Mr. Knuchel: I agree.

Ms. DePledge: I have no problem saving \$1,000.

Mr. Morley: We will hold on this. The Council Clerk will keep track of this for anytime next year when we can possibly put these on the ballot.

There were no further questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:13 p.m.

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APPROVED: _____

DATE: _____