

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2012**

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 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins, Mr. Matheke, Ms. Vaughn, 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, Finance Director Slocum, CBO Stigalt, City Engineer Gwydir, Police Chief Reik and Fire Chief Whittington. Service Director Semik was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 10, 2012

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 10, 2012. Mr. Matheke seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Matheke, Mr. Hoefle, Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins,
Mr. Morley
Abstain: Ms. Vaughn, Ms. DePledge

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Morley

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Morley: The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Conditional Use Permit renewal recommendations were received from the Administration for Zero Gravity Xtremes, LLC, 34675 Melinz Pkwy, Eastlake and Pete's Bar & Grille, Inc., 35700 Lakeland Blvd., Eastlake. These were referred to Planning Committee.

A communication was received from Finance Director Slocum regarding a Tax Incentive Grant for Best Supply, Inc. This was referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Morley: We also received a communication from Council Vice President D'Ambrosio regarding an amendment to City Ordinance Chapter 155 "Employment Provisions and Compensation." This will be referred to the Ordinance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee –	Ms. Vaughn, Chair Mr. D’Ambrosio Ms. DePledge
Ordinance Committee – Planning Committee Recreation Committee Safety Committee	Mr. D’Ambrosio, Co-Chair Mr. Hoefle, Co-Chair Mr. Matheke
Service/Utilities Committee –	Mr. Matheke, Chair Mr. Hoefle Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins

Mr. Morley: Safety and Ordinance Committee meetings were held last week – Mr. D’Ambrosio?

Mr. D’Ambrosio: Both Safety and Ordinance Committee meetings were held on April 17th with all members of Council in attendance except for Mr. Morley and Mr. Hoefle who were absent and excused.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Co-Chairs Mr. D’Ambrosio, Mr. Hoefle

Mr. D’Ambrosio: In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Service Director Semik and Fire Chief Whittington. One item was on the evening’s agenda – the bid advertisement request for the air fill station which we discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee and there were comments by Fire Chief Whittington. This was moved forward and appears on this evening’s agenda.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – Co-Chairs Mr. D’Ambrosio, Mr. Hoefle

Mr. D’Ambrosio: The Committee reviewed an amendment to Ordinance Section 951.01 “Certificate of Inspection Required” – we discussed this also in Council-as-a-Whole Committee. We deleted the language referring to the video camera and smoke testing. In Ordinance Section 951.04 “Fees” we deleted where it said the fee was established in 1983 but the fee remains the same at \$100 for a point of sale inspection. The other amendment was the sewer surcharge as commented on by Mr. Gwydir in Council-as-a-Whole Committee – this is Section 939.26(b)(3) and it mimics what the City of Willoughby does as far as the cost for discharges that go to the plant we share with Willoughby. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. D’Ambrosio.

Mr. Morley: Are there any comments from other members of Council?

Ms. Vaughn: I have no report but I would like to schedule a Finance Committee meeting for Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at which time we will be discussing the recommendation from Mr. Slocum for a tax incentive grant for Best Supply, Inc.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR – Ted Andrzejewski

Mayor Andrzejewski: We had a meeting with the County today. As you know the County proposed a month or so ago to change the allocation of the local government fund. In effect they wanted to keep more money for the County and give less money to the subdivisions – the cities, townships and villages. There is a Committee that met today and it went nowhere. I was asked to speak for the opposition and I pointed out all the things that were wrong with what they wanted to change and thank goodness the member cities voted 20-3 to let this go no further. So, that should be the last we hear of it. One of the things I pointed out was that the State cut our money by half and now the County wanted to take more of the local funds for itself and leave less for us. The County just enacted a ½ percent sales tax which is bringing in a lot of money for them. Guess how much of the sales tax the cities, villages, and townships would receive – zero. That is over and done with. They cannot address it for another five years. Monday, at our monthly Lake County Mayors and Managers Association meeting – I sent you all the resolution and I hope Council will adopt it – we are moving forward as a group to request grant money from the State of Ohio to study the implementation of a Lake County Fire District. There is a block of money that is available to study consolidations for things of that nature. I ask that you pass the resolution to show support for the study. This concludes my report.

There were no questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: Congratulations to the Mayor. I hope the residents understand how significant the fight the Council and Mayor had with the local government funds was. I have a bunch of arbitrations and try to update the Council President when they will be coming up – mostly with the police but also with a few other employees. I have nothing further to report.

Mr. Morley: There was an email on some litigation. After the arbitration on the Doyle case you can bring us up to date in an Executive Session?

Mr. Klammer: If you wish to do it before hand – they have not given us a date.

Mr. Morley: Why don't you plan on going into Executive Session during the next meeting on all the litigation – is that alright with everyone on Council?

Mr. Klammer: Okay.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Mike Slocum

Mr. Slocum: We are investigating the refinancing of the remaining \$3.8 million worth of stadium bonds that were not refinanced in the work we did in December. These did not have a call until the year 2014 and if we can do this we will be able to put money in escrow to retire those bonds and have a private placement which will keep the cost of the refinancing down. Based on preliminary figures provided by Mr. Sudsina we anticipate the savings will be about \$150,000 for the City over the course of the remaining years on this debt which

goes to 2031 so it is about \$7,500 - \$8,000 a year. I have nothing further to report and am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: What is your time frame with that?

Mr. Slocum: Actually I think this can move fairly quickly. We may be in a position to refinance it. Mr. Sudsina will be meeting with Atty. Sharb. I will need Council's authority to pursue the issue but as this is a private placement there will not be any official statement. This is a bond for someone who is familiar with the City and wants to invest in the City – taxable muni's which people don't really see that often.

Mr. Morley: Keep us updated.

There were no further questions of Mr. Slocum.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: It has been relatively quiet. The County has called for the preapplication of the OPWC grants and loans to start. They are due June 15th and I will be working with the Mayor and Finance Director on projects and funding and how we want to arrange our points to try to get some grants for the City for work needed. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Gwydir.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik was absent and excused.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt: We had a meeting last week with the members of the WalMart construction crew. They gave us a time frame for the building – by May 11th the building should be down and the foundation should be started. They are looking for an April, 2013 turnover date to WalMart and have to have a very tight schedule. We will be doing our best to keep them on track. The last two weeks we have had approximately 35 new building permits for additions, decks and pools – that does not include driveways, sidewalks, patios – about another 15. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Stigalt.

POLICE CHIEF – Larry Reik

Chief Reik: Sometime this week – maybe tomorrow – we will be receiving delivery of three Dodge Chargers and I am hoping by June 1st – they are coming in all black so we have to get the doors painted and have the equipment put in – the current equipment in the Fords do not transfer over. That was figured into the price. With the new radio system going in we are hoping that goes along with the plan. My plan is to send out a press release to whoever would want it. Regardless of whether we wait two or twenty years new cars will come with some questions from the public – we have financial issues and new cruisers. I will try to put something together so people understand the difference in time that we have waited and the cars we are now ordering compared to what we used to order. Just so people are aware. It

won't solve every criticism but at least the people who are in the gray area will have some answers. That is all I have.

Mr. Morley: For those in the audience who have been here over the last several months – in 2011 we were supposed to get four cars per our turnover schedule and we got none. So this year instead of four we are doing three. Most of the cars in the Police Department are over 100,000. As most of you know the Police Department is 24-7 with their vehicles and when you make that call to 911 to the Police Department you need to know those cars are going to be there. I am sure as the Chief said these cars will stick out because they are different than the cars we have now and some people who are naysayers will say we spent all this money on cars. But, so everyone is aware and those who read the minutes – we did hold off on getting cars last year and we reduced the number this year. If the Chief can write up something explaining that would be great.

Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins: Are we going to have dash cam's?

Chief Reik: We have them currently – they will transfer over. We received a grant for three new ones for the new cars so they will be more updated than the ones we have. The vehicles we purchased were through the State bid for the cheapest price. We did go locally to two local dealers and offered them the same opportunity and they were not that far off – about \$600 - \$700 each so the company on the State bid out of VanWerth, Ohio was lower – it is on the Indiana border.

Mr. Morley: They are delivering the cars for free.

Chief Reik: It would be \$120 per car for delivery. Even going out to get them would cost more.

There were no questions of Chief Reik.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Fire Chief Whittington: I would like to thank you for moving forward on the air fill station. Anything we buy over there you have our pledge to try to get the longevity out of it and that will continue with the air fill station. Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins inquired about some CPR classes along with the library. The hospital put together a video on the new standard for CPR where we are just pushing on the chest. It has had great results. We found out today in the first quarter they reviewed 33 cardiac arrest cases and out of those 33 cases 6 of those cases actually walked out of the hospital which is the success we are looking for. Per the prior standard it was about 6 out of every 100. We are increasing the amount of those we find in cardiac arrest – and they walk out of the hospital. Out of those 6 cases Eastlake has half. Our medics are out there turning cardiac arrests into people who are walking out. That is County wide and is a tribute to the medics. Also, we received a letter from the EMA. Our County Hazmat team was evaluated by the State. After September 11th the State put things into work. We have a state of emergency response plan with the fire departments – in theory if I needed 100 rescue squads for a catastrophe all I would have to do is to make 1 phone call to Columbus and they would arrange to get the rescue squads here. It is all 88 counties. They divided the State into five different regions. We try to give specific details on equipment and in the 2006 flood we implemented the response plan. We had water teams from Norwalk and

Brecksville. We tighten it specifically to say what teams have what capabilities. The County Hazmat team by our capabilities was typed by the State and we received the highest type 1 team. There are only three in the State of Ohio that are type 1 teams. It is a great accomplishment for those involved. We have three fire fighters and me from Eastlake in the County team and all the other cities contribute members. It shows what we are trying to work on to get things done. It is an incredible feat to be 1 out of 3 to receive that type of rating. They want one in each region. That typing gives us the ability for a major terrorist act or something along those lines. The typing we get is due to the equipment we carry – radiation equipment, biological detection equipment, chemical detection equipment and suits. It is a great feat and is something we are proud of. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

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