

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 27, 2011**

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 7:19 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hoefle.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were Mr. Hoefle, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Matheke, Ms. DePledge, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. D'Ambrosio and Council President Mr. Morley. Also attending was Council Clerk Mrs. Cendroski. Also in attendance was Councilwoman-elect Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins.

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Slocum, CBO Stigalt, Service Director Semik, Police Chief Reik and Fire Chief Whittington. City Engineer Gwydir was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION –
DECEMBER 10, 2011

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting to adjourn into Executive Session for discussion of matters of employment and compensation of public employees of December 10, 2011. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

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

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2011

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 13, 2011. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Morley

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Morley: The Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 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.

COUNCIL'S PORT AUTHORITY RE-APPOINTMENTS

Ms. DePledge moved to approve Council's re-appointment of Mark Cain, 20 River Road, Eastlake, OH to the Eastlake Port Authority for the term expiring December 31, 2015.

Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

The Council's Port Authority re-appointment is approved.

Mr. Morley: This is Mr. Knuchel's final Council meeting with us as Ward 3 Council person. Since 2004 he has been a Councilman in Ward 3. I started in 2005 and it has been an honor to work with Mr. Knuchel. He has done a great job as our Finance Committee Chair and also as the Chair of the Economic & Community Development Council. I would like to wish Mr. Knuchel the best of luck to both him and his family on whatever endeavor you come into in the following years. I appreciate everything you have done for us.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish you a prosperous and healthy New Year.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Conditional Use Permit Amendment and Renewal recommendations were received from the CBO for Aluminum Home Improvement, LLC, 36225 Reeves Road, Eastlake, Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC dba Circle K #5252, 36170 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Sherwin Shooting Sports, LLC, 33140 Vine Street, Eastlake, and Willo-Lake Church of the Nazarene dba Agapeland Daycare and Pre-school, 34950 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake. These were referred to Planning Committee.

A communication was received from Councilman D'Ambrosio regarding a Conditional Use Permit amendment for Zero Gravity Xtremes, LLC, 34675 Melinz Pkwy., Eastlake, OH. This was referred to Planning Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Hoefle

Mr. Hoefle: The Recreation Committee has not met since our last meeting. I have had nothing placed in my Committee so I will not be scheduling a meeting. I also would like to thank Mr. Knuchel for his years of service – you did a great job. I would also like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Hoefle.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D’Ambrosio

Mr. D’Ambrosio: The Planning Committee met on December 20th with all members from Council present. In attendance from the Administration were Finance Director Slocum, Service Director Semik, CBO Stigalt and Battalion Chief Richter. Mayor Andrzejewski and Law Director Klammer were absent and excused. There were three items on the evening’s agenda and we covered them during the Council-as-a-Whole Committee. There were two conditional use permit amendments and renewals and one conditional use permit renewal for the Captains Club. I will be making a motion on this:

Conditional Use Permit Renewal

MOTION: I hereby move to approve the Conditional Use Permit renewal request for I.A.C. of Eastlake, Inc. dba The Captains Club, 34820 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Conditional Use Permit Renewal for I.A.C. of Eastlake, Inc., dba The Captains Club is approved.

Additional Comments

Mr. D’Ambrosio: I too would like to say to Mr. Knuchel that it has been an honor to get to know you and your family. I wish you the very best. Thanks for all you did for the City and thank you for all you showed me when I first got on Council. I will never forget it and I wish you the best. I would also like to mention that on December 22nd there was a fire on East 360th Street. The people’s last name is Manches and they lost quite a bit that day. Mr. Klammer called me on the 23rd and we ended up tracking down where they were staying. I will not mention where they were staying because there were a lot of contractors trying to reach them to rebuild their house. Mr. Klammer dropped off a gift bag to them which was really appreciated by them. From what I understand donations will be accepted at Key Bank. They wanted me to thank the Fire Department and Police Department – their response was great. I know they had to take two people to the hospital for smoke inhalation. The Departments did a great job and they were very appreciative. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. D’Ambrosio.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee met on December 20th and as I indicated during the Council-as-a-Whole meeting we had several items to appear on this evening’s agenda. Legislation No. 12-27-(01) is an amendment to Section 155.01 “General Administration”; Legislation No. 12-27-(02) is to repeal the employer pickup of contributions to the OPERS retirement system; Legislation No. 12-27-(03) increases our insurance pickup by employees to 10%; and, Legislation 12-27-(08) deals with nonconforming buildings and responsibilities of the CBO. Held in Committee were an amendment to 155.06 “Sick Leave to be Accumulated: Retirement Provision” and the amendment to 155.31 “Personal Days.” This was at the request of members of the Administration. I will not be scheduling another meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to Mr.

Knuchel for the job he has done – everything with due diligence. We appreciate all the effort and time you put into your responsibilities as Finance Committee Chair. Good luck and I will see you again I am sure. Everyone have a wonderful holiday. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Ms. Vaughn made the following Motion:

Legislative Recommendation

Legislation No. 12-27-(12)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 12-27-(12) to the evening's agenda amending Section 965.16 "Cost of Garbage and Refuse Collection" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous

Motion carried. Legislation No. 12-27-(12) is added to the evening's agenda

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE - Ms. DePledge

Ms. DePledge: The Service/Utilities Committee has not met since our last meeting. There is currently nothing pending in Committee, therefore, I have no formal report. I want to wish Mr. Knuchel the best in his future endeavors – whatever he decides. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with him and to learn from him – even just to sit next to him. I will miss that. With that I wish him the best and for everyone else I hope you have a wonderful, happy, healthy and safe New Year. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. DePledge.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Matheke

Mr. Matheke: The Safety Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting. I have nothing to report. Mr. Knuchel, I echo what everyone else said. Thank you for everything and don't be a stranger. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Matheke.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee met on December 20th with three items on the agenda all of which were discussed in the Council-as-a-Whole Committee and were moved forward to this evening's agenda. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the City of Eastlake for giving me the distinct honor and privilege of serving them for the last seven years. We have been through fires, floods, and financial difficulties and we always came out on top because we have a lot of good people working in this City and a lot of good people serving this City. We have Directors who have gone above and beyond to make this City something to be proud of. As a resident that makes me proud to be part of the City and part of the City Council for the last seven years. Because it is not just us up here that make the difference it is the residents. In the Audit Review Committee as well as the Economic & Community Development Council as well as all the Commissions we have participation of

residents. That is what makes this City move and move forward. I wish I could take time to thank every one of you individually for the things you have meant in my life and for the help you have given me and the answers to all the stupid questions I had and continue to have and to Mr. Slocum for putting up with me. This concludes my report and I am open for questions. I will not be setting any meetings in the future and will not take any questions. Thank you.

There were no questions.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

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

Walt Ugrinic, 36630 Garretts Cove, Eastlake

Mr. Ugrinic: Mr. Knuchel, thank you for your service. I would have clarity on this cost of garbage and refuse collection. It is my understanding that no tax dollars will go towards the collection of the garbage and that all residents will pick up the costs through user fees. I would like to state for the record that you give it reconsideration. That is going to look like a fourth levy because people are going to be paying now. You are asking for a levy for the general expenses that I thought would help go towards that. Give it a thought and reflect on this. I understand the need for cost user fees but sometimes user fees are looked at as taxation. I think you should reflect on that. Maybe figure some way to come up with something with our tax dollars going towards that - if you look at past levies.

Mr. Morley: We have thought about it. Unfortunately we are in a no win situation. I know you understand that. We were going to not bring up any of this legislation until after the next levy. I don't even know how to answer – how to forecast the levies.

Mr. Ugrinic: I think this has a negative approach. I do commend you for bringing it up before the levy but I think it will hurt.

Mr. Morley: Thank you, I appreciate it.

Cindy Quinn-Hopkins, 35953 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake

Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins: I would like to thank Mr. Knuchel for his service to our community in such a fine way and congratulate you on so many years of great service. I want to say I am so looking forward to serving our Community and thank you.

Ted Beres, 36706 Lakehurst Drive, Eastlake

Mr. Beres: It was five years ago that I stood here when the City was trying to pass another levy and I mentioned the high salaries. This time two members of the Administration have said they will take a pay cut but not Captain Bly. You remember Captain Bly...

Mr. Morley: You have to comment toward me. The comments cannot be towards personalities – they have to be towards me.

Mr. Beres: Okay, if he had a personality maybe I would not even be here.

There was no one else who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2011-161

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn

ORDINANCE NO.: 12-27-(01)

An Ordinance amending Section 155.01
“General Administration,” of the Codified
Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, specifically
subsections “b and c,” 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 unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2011-161.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn

ORDINANCE NO.: 12-27-(02)

An Ordinance repealing City of Eastlake
Ordinance Section 155.20 “Employer Pickup of
Codified Employee Contributions to Ohio
Public Employees Retirement System (PERS);
Police and Fire Pension Included” adopted
March 24, 1987 per Ordinance No. 1987-051,
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 unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2011-162.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn

ORDINANCE NO.: 12-27-(03)

An Ordinance amending Section 155.38, "Insurances," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, 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 unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2011-163.

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Requested by: Planning Commission
Sponsored by: Mr. D'Ambrosio

ORDINANCE NO.: 12-27-(04)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2007-086, adopted August 28, 2007 and authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Crossroads Motorcycle Tire and Brake Service, LLC, 1226 Hulett Avenue, Eastlake, Ohio, to operate a home business, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to adopt. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2011-164.

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Requested by: Planning Commission
Sponsored by: Mr. D'Ambrosio

ORDINANCE NO: 12-27-(05)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1989-116, adopted May 23, 1989, and authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Misty Blue, Inc. dba Jeanne's Joynt, 36091 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio 44095, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to adopt. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2011-165.

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Requested by: Finance Director Slocum Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 12-27-(06)</u> An Ordinance to re-appropriate for the expenses of the City of Eastlake, State of Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011, and declaring an emergency.
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MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2011-166.

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Requested by: Finance Director Slocum Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 12-27-(07)</u> An Ordinance to appropriate for the expenses of the City of Eastlake, State of Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012, and declaring an emergency.
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MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2011-167.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn

ORDINANCE NO.: 12-27-(08)

An Ordinance amending Section 1153.01
“Nonconforming Buildings,” of the Codified
Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, to include
new subsection (5)”, 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 unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2011-168.

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Requested by: Administration &
Eastlake Fire Department
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

RESOLUTION NO.: 12-27-(09)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the
Mayor and Director of Finance, effective
January 1, 2012, to pick-up ten percent (10%)
of the mandatory contributions by the
employees who are members of the Ohio
Police & Fire Pension Fund by paying the
contributions on behalf of the employee, and
declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and
reading in full. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2011-169.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

RESOLUTION NO.: 12-27-(10)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance, effective January 1, 2012, to pick-up zero percent (0%) of the ten percent (10%) mandatory contributions by the employees who are members of the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund by paying the contributions on behalf of the employee, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2011-170.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Morley: Legislation No. 12-27-(09) had to do with what I talked about earlier about the Fire Department coming to the City to save an employee from being laid off. Legislation No. 12-27-(01) is to comply with the new contracts.

Mr. Klammer: You may want to clarify that there are some concession by the Fire Department – there is no cost to the City to save this employee.

Mr. Slocum: The cost savings from this exceeds the cost of the employee.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

RESOLUTION NO.: 12-27-(11)

A Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 2011-150, adopted December 13, 2011, and authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Contract with the State of Ohio Auditor for Compilation Services for the years ending December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 for the total amount of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) , and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2011-171.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn

ORDINANCE NO.: 12-27-(12)

An Ordinance amending Section 965.16
“Cost of Garbage and Refuse Collection”
of the Codified Ordinances of the City of
Eastlake, and declaring an emergency.

There was no Motion to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full.

Legislation No. 10-27-(12) is placed on First Reading.

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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: Mr. Knuchel, good luck in your future endeavors. I don’t know what you are going to be doing but good luck with what you are going to be doing. I don’t have anything to report and am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: Happy Holidays to everyone. I have nothing to report. Mr. Knuchel, you know I never let an opportunity to compliment someone pass but what I like about you is it is nice to see guys who are members of the trades – a salt of the earth guy who is a member of a labor organization –a guy you may not typically expect would dive into issues like finance and economic development and those types of things the way you have. I think it speaks a lot to not only your intelligence and your wit and discipline but to the intelligence, wit and discipline of the regular guy. I think to a larger degree what every councilman brings to a position is the idea that a salt of the earth guy can serve their community in this capacity and be elected by members of their community who obviously respect what they have done and have confidence in them. The way you took over Finance Committee and corrected everything Mr. Elshaw did wrong...

Mr. Knuchel: He is going to read these minutes and I am going to hear about it.

Mr. Klammer: It was obviously a pleasure to work with you. I hope I helped you out. Whatever you do you are going to do it with the same level of discipline and intelligence you did here. I wish you well and it was remarkable to watch you work. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Mike Slocum

Mr. Slocum: Since the last Council meeting and we talked about it last week we did refinance the \$9.5 million worth of bonds. The savings to the City over the life of the bonds were about \$750,000. Roughly \$50,000 of that will occur next year in 2012 and we will see that through the year 2027. I think people have seen the press release we put out with what we are working with CCA. If residents have any questions or are contacted by CCA they can contact my office or Mr. Miller, the Tax Administrator. What they are seeing is a valid collection effort from the City. Mr. Knuchel, it has been a pleasure – with both my terms here. I have worked with some other Councils but I have not seen people that are as dedicated. I know your colleagues did not always share your excitement and pleasure in the quarterly reviews but you were paying attention and I appreciated that. I say this to the whole entire Council and to the public – if people have questions how we operate I want a transparent operation from my side and I will do whatever I can to make that happen. Mr. Knuchel – going forward – best of luck.

There were no questions of Mr. Slocum.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir was absent and excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik: At this time I do not have a report. However, I would like to comment on the recent layoffs especially in my Department of which I had six people – two who were laid off and four who will not be replaced. For various reasons they retired or went out on disability. I would like to bring Council's attention and the members of the public who are here – the Service Department in 2002 had 46 employees plus 10 seasonal part-timers. Today that Department has 19. That is a reduction of better than 60%. And even though the Department has been reduced significantly the level of service remains the same. We still continue to maintain the services we did in 2002 with all those employees. The level of the service remains the same and the Department continues to maintain that level and we will continue to strive to maintain that level in spite of the reduction. The employees of the Department should be commended for stepping up and going above and beyond in my opinion. It is asking a lot for them to do this work. Although I do not share the high visibility the Police and Fire Departments do the Service Department is probably one of the unsung Departments. We are there to get the streets plowed when they need to be plowed. We are there to get them repaired. And, although we are not getting the cat out of the tree we are a very essential Department to this City. With that I would like to bring Council and the audience a brief overlay of just some of the things the Department with the 19 employees we currently have now will still be attempting to maintain. We have 14 parks the Department takes care of. Of

those 14 parks all the equipment has to be maintained, the grass has to be cut and trimmed and we mulch. Along with the parks we have the City grounds – City Hall, the Post Office, Fire Department, Police Department and Service Department which are also maintained. Other areas we cut are Erie Road, Lakeshore Blvd. to the corner – we cut a stretch of grass on Erie Road on the south side of Lakeshore Blvd. which was part of the Syracuse purchase – we have to maintain the tree lawn. We maintain Haliburton and a couple of City properties – especially one up on Courtland. East Overlook is maintained. Route 91 – east and west side and the center island – this is a little over a mile and when you are cutting this with a mower up and down is one mile and takes about four or five swipes to get each side down. Lakeland Blvd. is cut by us. Curtis is cut by us. Kenilworth, East 331st and East 332nd - we maintain the bike path along Route 91. Any fence repairs – we clean up branches and potholes along with any rubbish that has to be picked up. We also maintain all the trash containers in those parks along with the west parking lot – the trash cans around the stadium and we also maintain the ones along Route 91. Those are emptied periodically – at least two times a week – we attempt to get them – sometimes we don't but that is our goal. Also trash cans around City Hall and the Post Office are emptied. We try to maintain these buildings and when I am talking about maintaining them it is not just the interior and cleaning them it is when we have problems that go on at the Police, Fire, Service Departments, Community Center, Taft, and old JFK. Presently I have 4 people that specialize in that area because we are all one Department – I do not want to use the term Rec Department. Presently I have 4 people to maintain all of this. The other thing I would like to bring to everyone's attention is I have 168 road miles that are presently being maintained by 7 people. That is 24 miles per person. We try to pave 10 to 12 streets per year. We crack seal and use the DuraPatcher – we fill chuck holes and do concrete and asphalt repairs. We do ditching, culvert replacement – this is all done in-house. We stripe in-house – maintain the traffic signals and school signals – all these again are done in-house to try to save money. Through the years some of the things the Service Department has done to try to save money is crack sealing which used to be farmed out at a cost of \$35,000 and if you go back and historically look at those we average about 3 or 4 streets. We purchased a crack sealing machine and can do it on demand - weather permitting - and it costs us about \$12,000 in material. We have upgraded the lighting in the Service Department – the windows in the Service Department - and continually strive to find a better way to do our job to help cut costs so we are using the City money more properly. Not to say we did not in the past but we are looking at a better way to do it. Last but not least I have five people who are maintaining what we consider the Sewer Department. We have 9 pump stations which are maintained – they have to be checked daily. And of the 168 road miles multiply it by 2 because we have sanitary and storm sewers that we have to maintain. Catch basins are maintained by them. We do OPUS markings, point of sale markings and inspections for sidewalks and aprons. We also do laterals and the mains – we give them that information. So, the Department as shorthanded as it is continues to try to do the best we can for the residents of this City with what we have. I know that the cuts were needed to help balance the budget but I want to let everyone here and the public know that the Department is down to the bare bones. That concludes my report. I want to wish Mr. Knuchel all the best luck in whatever he is doing – it was a pleasure to work with you. I am open for any questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Semik.

Mr. Morley: My condolences with the passing of your mother.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt: We are trying to wrap up things for the end of the year. I want to let you know it is mostly housekeeping and by February 1st we will be doing commercial plumbing inspections and hopefully get our apartment inspection program started – letters are going out this week. As Mr. Semik has mentioned – my Department – the Building Department also lost a person. In 2000 we had 7 full time employees and in 2005 it went to 6 and as of this year we have 4.5 because I have 4 full time and one part-time worker for 20 hours per week.

Few of us have to worry about being electrocuted when turning on a light switch. We do not expect our roofs to cave in when a large snowstorm comes. We invite friends over for parties on our deck and do not think that the deck will collapse. Yet all these things are possible. The sense of comfort and confidence that we have acquired about the buildings we work in and visit and our homes that we live in are founded through the enforcement of building codes. Building codes and the men and women that enforce the codes are an essential factor to the safety and welfare of all citizens.

While the strongest building codes and the best enforcement of building codes cannot prevent disasters, crime or fire however what they can do is minimize the loss of life by having buildings withstand nature's forces. A tornado may rip a roof off a house but a family can survive the experience if they have a tornado safe room or a fire may begin in a structure and with properly installed smoke detectors can awaken a sleeping family for them to escape or with proper fire resistant construction provide them a temporary safe place for fire responders to get them out safely.

Having building codes provides a sense of confidence to the responders to enter a building knowing the floor will not give out from under them or a ceiling collapse on top of them unless the fire has compromised the structural integrity. Walls, floors and ceilings have fire ratings from 1 hour to four hours depending on the use of the building to provide the time that they need.

Neighborhoods that have homes that are vacant are a temptation for criminal activity which can place a policeman's life in jeopardy. Homes that are in disrepair lead to blighting conditions and can lead to a loss of pride in a community. Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

So with that in mind, building codes, fire prevention codes and property maintenance codes are an essential factor for the safety and welfare of all the citizens.

Just to give you some ideas – in 2010 we had 100 new occupancies issued and 1,653 permits issued. Our building valuation which is value that a person puts in a project was \$10,759,163. The revenue the Building Department brought in was \$344,468.23. We had 7,259 inspections. This year we had 103 occupancy permits issued and 1,545 permits. Our building valuation was \$7,108,200 and our revenue as of today is \$325,873.20. We are expecting three checks for \$15,000 by the end of the month which will bring our total to

\$340,873.20. We had 6,337 inspections. So, again, as the Service Department we too are going to strive to keep the Community safe and our homes maintained with the staff I do have. I want to wish Mr. Knuchel the best and thank you for working with the Building Department for the last 3 ½ years I have been here. I wish you and your family well. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Stigalt.

POLICE CHIEF – Larry Reik

Chief Reik: I have nothing to report other than wish Mr. Knuchel well and I am sure I will see you again.

There were no questions of Chief Reik.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Fire Chief Whittington: I want to thank everyone and Mr. Klammer who was involved with helping that family out. It is a difficult time of year to have fires – around Christmas. For us it is always hard to see a fire at this time. I appreciate your efforts to try to help the family out. On behalf of the Fire Department we want to wish Mr. Knuchel all the luck in the world. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Mr. Morley: I would like to wish the audience a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____
DEBORAH A. CENDROSKI, CMC
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