

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2013**

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 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hoefle.

ATTENDEES

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

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Slocum and City Engineer Gwydir.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting with adjournment into Executive Session – June 25, 2013

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting with adjournment into Executive Session of June 25, 2013. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Morley

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Morley: In accordance with Article V, Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Eastlake the last meeting in July, 2013 and the first meeting in August, 2013 are suspended for the summer break. The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting.

For those in the audience tonight, we do not have a quorum as Mr. Licht and Ms. DePledge are both on vacation. We only have one piece of legislation on this evening's agenda which will go on First Reading.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

There were no Communications and Petitions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Morley: Planning Committee and Service/Utilities Committee meetings were held.

Planning Committee – Mr. D’Ambrosio, Mr. Hoefle, Co-Chairs

Mr. D’Ambrosio: The Ordinance Committee met Tuesday, July 2nd with all members of the Committee and Council present except for Mr. Licht who was absent and excused. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Acting CBO Walsh, Service Director Semik and City Engineer Mr. Gwydir. Two items were on the agenda – the first was discussed in the Council-as-a-Whole Committee – the Conditional Use Permit for China Buffet Yu, Inc., 33550 Vine Street – they changed ownership. This appears on this evening’s agenda. The other item was a Conditional Use Permit for Rally’s Restaurant – they want to build a Rally’s at 340th Street and Vine Street. This item was forwarded by the Planning Commission and we held it in Committee because we were waiting for the site plan to be approved. The site plan came back not approved as there were certain things that needed to be taken care of. I spoke with Mr. Gwydir and some of the things have been addressed but a few things are still pending. So, I would suggest – if my Committee agreed – is that we send this back to the Planning Commission and let them review the site plan and get everything taken care of and then it can come back to us.

Mr. Morley: I am in agreement:

Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins: I agree.

Mr. Hoefle: I agree.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: So, this matter will be taken out of Committee and referred back to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Klammer: Just to clarify the procedure. When it comes to the site plan – usually it would have been reviewed and there would be a list of comments from CT Consultants at the Planning Commission and we would have those comments in front of us and the Planning Commission would approve it subject to them satisfying the engineer’s comments. So, essentially you have it exactly the same way it normally happens. Except they got the plans in late so the comments came later. The Planning Commission approved it the same way – they said they approve it subject to the review and meeting the conditions of the engineer. It is almost precisely the way it usually happens. The only reason it is an issue for you is you have a CUP at the same time as when the Planning Commission was looking at the site plan. It feels like they go together but they do not necessarily. You do not approve the site plan anyways.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: No, but I would rather have them review everything and then send it back to us.

Mr. Klammer: They already reviewed it. They reviewed it and approved it subject to them satisfying the comments of CT Consultants. They will work with CT Consultants and once they have satisfied all the comments it is done. It has already been approved by the Planning Commission.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: I am just asking – once CT Consultants does all this why not run it through the Planning Commission then send it back to Planning Committee?

Mr. Klammer: There is nothing to send to the Planning Commission – it has already been approved.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: How could the plans have been approved?

Mr. Klammer: They were approved subject to meeting the conditions of CT Consultants which really happens every single time. Usually when we get there – there is a list of comments by CT Consultants with the proposal – the Planning Commission approves it subject to the satisfaction of CT Consultant’s comments. At that point CT Consultants and the Building Department make sure they adhere to all the comments and it gets stamped. It never comes back to Planning Commission – it gets handled Administratively.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: I believe you – it is just that it has never come to us like this before. That is why it surprises me. I have never seen one come to us like this.

Mr. Klammer: The site plan has nothing to do with you - just the CUP.

Mr. Morley: You are saying we should hold it in Committee and go from there?

Mr. Klammer: Yes. You just have to deal with the CUP for the drive thru just like you would for the bank or anything else.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: We could just hold it in Committee then.

Mr. Klammer: Sending it back will get you nowhere. They will ask why you are sending it back to them.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: Okay, I just have never seen it done like this. If the Committee has no objections we will hold this matter in Committee.

There were no objections from the Committee.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: I will be out of town on the 16th but Mr. Hoefle could hold a Planning Committee meeting in conjunction with the Finance Committee meeting which is already scheduled. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Service/Utilities Committee – Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins, Chair

Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins: The Service/Utilities Committee met Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:34 p.m. with all members of the Committee and Council present except for Mr. Licht who was absent and excused. In attendance from the Administration were Acting CBO Walsh, Service Director Semik and City Engineer Mr. Gwydir. Mayor Andrzejewski was late in arriving. We reviewed the road work that had been done on Stevens Blvd. There were problems that were of concern on the east side of S.R. 91. With those concerns and considerations we discussed the corrections we might do when paving in a more quality way the west side of S.R. 91 and Stevens Blvd. Mr. Gwydir explained the need for a significant foundation for a durable, long lasting roadway. So, we will need to rebuild Stevens sometime in the future. Also we discussed the possibility of widening or changing Apollo to a one way road but no final decision was made. I am open for questions.

Mr. Hoefle: Mr. Gwydir, I know we appropriated almost \$100,000 for the asphalt overlay of the western side of Stevens from S.R. 91 to Jakse. We talked about the concerns with what was underneath and the problems we have right now on the eastern side. The comment was that right now it would be a bandaid that would last 3, 5 or 8 years. Do you have any idea of the cost if we would tear out the road and redo it?

Mr. Gwydir: I will say the typical rip out of a concrete two-lane road is about \$360 per linear foot. A roadway is a significant expense – you are pulling out the surface and redoing the base which is where your problem lies. The problem with the road depends on what is holding that road up. So you redo that because once you get openings and cracks water gets in and poisons the base below and makes it soft and spongy and the deterioration continues over the course of the years. I think that is typically what it costs. I would have to look at my program to be sure what it is calling for this year and Stevens is a little bit wider than most roads so the cost could go up per foot.

Mayor Andrzejewski: What did South Lakeshore cost?

Mr. Gwydir: I don't have that figure.

Mayor Andrzejewski: It was around \$900,000. South Lakeshore is smaller.

Mr. Gwydir: Much narrower.

Ms. Vaughn: Sometimes if something is bleeding to death you have to put a bandaid over it. That is what is happening with Stevens right now. We need to do something. There will be a considerable amount of traffic there with the school buses and students and teachers and the normal neighborhood traffic. It has to be done before school starts.

Mr. Gwydir: Clearly what is being done on Stevens is not without precedent in the City or not without precedent in any number of places. The thing is the expectations have to be managed to what you are getting. That is really it. It is not an uncommon repair – it is actually done everywhere – but, you have to understand it is not going to give you a perfect new road.

Mr. Hoefle: Mr. Gwydir, I appreciate your comments. I am just trying an idea because people have voiced their concerns. I want to make sure they are aware of the fact that we are going to spend close to \$100,000 and it is a bandaid. They have to realize it may last 3, 5 or 8 years – it is not perfect.

Mr. Gwydir: In deference to everyone's comments and the Mayor's as well we are speaking well into the millions to repair a roadway like this. East 347th and 348th Streets were about \$700,000 and they were rather narrow roads. If you scale that up to Stevens you are talking some very serious money.

Mayor Andrzejewski: The \$900,000 was probably our share – we got a grant for the rest.

Mr. Morley: As we have said before we have done as many roads as we can this year – there is about \$320,000 left, Mr. Slocum, by the time everything is done this year?

Mr. Slocum: Depending if we go into the reserve.

Mr. Morley: And there will be about another \$838,000 that we will get next year?

Mr. Slocum: That is roughly correct.

Mr. Morley: So, right now we have about \$320,000 left in our road repair fund. Unfortunately we do have to do the bandaid. We are getting a lot of calls about the roads – not just on Stevens but everywhere throughout the City. We will try to get as much done as we can.

Finance Committee – Ms. Vaughn, Chair

Ms. Vaughn: I wanted to remind all of the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, July 16th. We will be reviewing six months of the budget. I did a cursory look at it and it looks like we are in good shape. I do not see any major problems in the last six months and we have to look very carefully at the next six months. Thank you, Mr. Slocum, for getting us the reports in a timely manner.

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.

Kimberly Evers, 34137 Beach Park, Eastlake

Mr. Evers: I am here tonight because of a comment that was made in public after the parade. The comment was made – what right did my family have to put on such a ridiculous display. I am going to address that comment as a question. First I am going to give you a little history of my family. Vernon F. Evers, Sr. – 22 years U.S. Navy, World War II and Korea; Vernon F. Evers, Jr. – 2 years United States Army- 23 months in the Republic of VietNam; Keith Edward Evers – United States Marines – 8 months KIA; Dale Allen Evers – 25 years U.S. Air Force – 3 years combat; myself – 8 years United States Army – 7 months in combat Republic of VietNam and 8 months in a hot zone for the radiological clean up of ____Tonkin Atol, Johnson Atol and Bikini Atol; and now to my son Mathew Evers – four months service to the City of Eastlake and two years to the City of Richmond Heights as a police officer. Want to talk about rights? I have earned mine. Of the names I have listed there are three purple hearts, two army archons both with oak leaf clusters, two humanitarian service awards, and sixteen good conducts. My family and I firmly believe in the rights of the United States and I surely hoped that you did. You claim to be an educated person so I will address your statement as a question. What rights? I have earned my rights. Now to the ridiculous display. The display was the American flag, the flag of the United States Army, the United States Marine Corp., the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Air Force, Eastlake Police, Eastlake Fire and the Service. These are all people who protect and serve. I don't know how you came up with asking a question like that without addressing it right directly to me. Every day young men and women put on a uniform never knowing if it will be their last day. Our Police and Fire do the same thing. Do you think that is ridiculous? When you see the Blvd. of Flags do you think that is ridiculous? Our forefathers were a lot smarter than we think. When they chose the colors red, white and blue – a little history lesson for you about what they stand for – white is for honor, blue is for glory and red is for the blood that was

spilled and will be spilled. It all represents us. So, I ask one thing tonight here in public – before you make another statement or ask a silly, ridiculous question why don't you talk to the person who is involved and not behind their back? In leaving with that I will speak a language I have not spoken in many years – if you want to know the meaning of it come see me – *comments could not be understood*. Thank you.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: Mr. Evers, I can tell you are pretty upset – you deserve to be. This is the first I am hearing about this. I am sorry.

Mr. Evers: I don't want an apology. I want that person to know they were wrong.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: Absolutely they were wrong.

Mike Fink, 33650 Guilbert, Eastlake

Mr. Fink: I am still concerned over the rat problem we are having over there. At last week's meeting Mr. Semik said he would check on Wednesday and call us – he never did call us and tell us anything. My wife went over there Monday and spoke with someone at the Service Department and then he called and said they checked and were going to rebate the street and the company the City uses would be out Friday. Had he called Wednesday maybe they would have been out Tuesday or Wednesday this week. In this same timeframe the exterminator has been at my house 4 times – we have had some progress with finding dead rats but I am still concerned about the area just beyond the street. I have seen them running along the fence behind my house – Kenilworth. Maybe they need to go a street each way and try to make sure they do what they can. Like I said they have been to my house 4 times. I did not know anything about a rat problem. Had I known earlier I could have done things to help keep them from getting themselves so comfortable at my house. We have done what we can. The Health Department was out today to look at our house and see that we have done as much as we can to eliminate the problem. I just want to make sure it is followed through with. In thirteen years this is the first time we have had a problem. The things like the bird seed – I was feeding the birds for 13 years and never had problems.

Mr. Morley: Mayor, can you get with Mr. Semik?

Mayor Andrzejewski: I will talk with him tomorrow.

Mr. Fink: There are four houses in a row now where there are rats.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I will have Mr. Semik get a hold of you tomorrow.

Ms. Vaughn: We apologize because we understood he was going to contact you.

Mayor Andrzejewski: He said he did.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: He said he did not.

Mayor Andrzejewski: You said he contacted you the day after he said he would.

Mr. Fink: He said he would call Wednesday. My wife went up Monday and spoke with the secretary and right after that he called.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Alright.

Dawn Fink, 33650 Guilbert, Eastlake

Mrs. Fink: Like my husband said the Health Department came out today to check my property to make sure we have done everything we can to combat the rat problem. In talking to Katy from the Health Department she told me she was never informed that one of the streets – there were a bunch of streets – I think there were 55 sewers that were done last year in September and in April - one of those streets that was a problem before was rebaited and she was never aware of that. Nor was she aware that our street was being rebaited and had I not told her that our street was baited by the City the first time she would not have been aware of that. So, what I would like to see is some kind of communication with the Health Department because this is the problem and there is no way to check it and no one knows what is going on unless there is communication back and forth. I know everyone is not going to call the City but there has to be some kind of policy put into place because now my neighbors all have rats. This is horrific – horrific. I would not wish it on anyone else. And it is still going on – we still have them – I saw them today. It is quite upsetting. So, I would just like to make sure there is something put in place between the City and the Health Department and they can monitor it and keep track and if there is a hot spot they can address it and nip it in the bud. Also, I would like to know if there is any way we, as residents, could be informed when there is any sewer work or anything being done on the pump station because it seems to disturb them. That way we can be more aware to watch what is going around in our yards and nip this in the bud right away instead of being this huge thing. I wanted to know if anyone had a chance – I know everyone is busy – to check into see about garbage cans and if that is a possibility for us to have them for the City so that can help combat people putting out plastic bags?

Mr. Morley: We discussed the garbage can issue at length last year when we got a new contractor. We did not get the other garbage cans because we knew the residents were upset that we were charging for garbage and if we got the other can it would be another \$2 - \$3 a month. So, we did not do that. When this contract is up we can look into that.

Mrs. Fink: When is the contract up?

Mayor Andrzejewski: If we say we want the garbage cans and it will cost an extra \$2 per month we will get flooded with calls and emails asking why we did that and upped their costs. We certainly understand your point but there is a delicate line between what we can do and what people will put up with.

Mrs. Fink: If people understand what is going on – I don't think anyone wants rats in their yards.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I agree with you. I am just trying to tell you the reality of it. If we were to up it \$2 dollars a month and say we are giving everyone garbage cans this place would be flooded with people and my emails and all their emails would be flooded.

Mrs. Fink: But if they knew they were to combat animals – rats.

Mr. Morley: Maybe we can look into – and Mr. Slocum or the Mayor can look into reaching Republic to see if people who want to can have the other garbage can. I do not know if that is something they would do – depending on the volume – but, that is something we can look into. After the last meeting I did have our Clerk look up some ordinances but we are still waiting on some of the Clerks to respond. The Mayor can get with Mr. Semik and they can let people know when they are working on the pump station. All the Directors go through the Mayor. He has to direct them. We tried getting in touch with emails but have been told to go through the Mayor’s office.

Mrs. Fink: We need something because no matter what I do on my property it will not go away unless we all are doing something together – everyone at the same time. It will just move it from place to place to place. They will always be here. They are God’s animals. But, when there is too much storm water that goes down the storm system they come out and look for food, water and shelter. We need to be very active with this otherwise it will continue.

Mr. Slocum: If you went with the blue cans they use you are limited to how much garbage you can put out each week. Right now you can put out unlimited. You can have as many cans as you want and they will pick them all up. In the City of Willowick where they have the cans they have one can per house. And they limited to once a month on the other major pickups. There is a lot of give and take.

Mr. Morley: When we came up with the new contract last year we looked at all those things. I think it was a 64 or 90 gallon container. If you filled that up and had a bag out you had to pay \$5 or \$10 for the extra bag. That is why we did not go with the containers.

Mrs. Fink: What about no plastic bags? No one can put plastic bags out for trash. It all has to go into cans – something.

Ms. Vaughn: How about an ordinance indicating that the residents are responsible for covered garbage cans in their backyard or on the tree lawn. If you have a can with no cover the animals will get into them. My neighborhood does not have rats but people have come to me about the raccoons. Certainly people can buy a garbage can with a lid and put the lid on it. Is there an ordinance like that?

Mr. Morley: Mrs. Cendroski said she can check into that.

Mrs. Cendroski: I have requested ordinances from all the different cities. I have a few so far and am still waiting for responses.

Ms. Vaughn: I do not know how enforceable that would be. But we can put people on notice as to why we want this.

Mr. Morley: We could address this in our next Gazette articles.

Ms. Vaughn: I did.

Mr. Morley: The Mayor can talk to Mr. Semik to provide some follow-up. Thank you for your comments.

Ted Beres, 36706 Lakehurst Drive, Eastlake

Mr. Beres: I want to talk about signs. I noticed a sign on S.R. 2 going east before the S.R. 91 exit – it says “Classic Stadium Next Right.” I thought maybe the sign would be a little confusing because all the exits are on the right. Someone may think the stadium is on the right. There is also a sign outside on Lakeshore Blvd. that says “Bikepath Ends” but the white lines still continue down Lakeshore Blvd. almost to Vine Street. Is that still the bike path over there? It seems like we are inundated with signs. We have signs that tell us we have to stop and come to a complete stop when you come to a stop sign, warning of speed enforcement zones. Timberlake is just enforcing the laws. The problem is we have too many bad drivers. This July 4th there was a 29% increase in citations given in Ohio. The Mayor of Timberlake said that this intersection over here is the second busiest intersection on Lakeshore Blvd. and roughly 17,000 vehicles passed through that intersection. The Mayor says Timberlake has targeted Eastlake residents. I guess you call that civic profiling. But, how can the police know which of the drivers are Eastlake residents. To me it is just some more political B.S. I think that when these drivers start getting tickets maybe they will change the way they drive – maybe not. As far as the new WalMart parking lot – it was obvious that from when they started constructing that parking lot that it was going to be too small and there would be a problem with access. Didn’t the City approve construction of that parking lot and building? Instead of waiting until after it was completed and then going to them and saying we need some changes.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Mr. Gwydir and I and everyone involved in WalMart - the parking places – the landscaping – everything is approved according to code. There are plenty of parking spaces as required. There are more parking places than required. It is a great problem to have that they are busy. I have been to WalMart many times and I have never had a problem finding a parking place. Secondly, when you look at the statistics and statistics don’t lie. Timberlake went from issuing about 184 tickets in 2011 to 580 in 2012 to 800 as of the end of June. 800 as compared to 184. Anybody turning right on red at S.R. 91 and Lakeshore – guess where they are heading – they are heading to Eastlake. Right on red – S.R. 91 and Lakeshore is heading to Eastlake. Anyone coming up the hill from Erie Road to Timberlake is coming from Eastlake. They are not coming from Timberlake. At S.R. 91 and Lakeshore they are not going to Willoughby – they are not going to Willowick – they are going to Eastlake. The signs are there to help our residents. I will defend our residents to the tilt and if I said they are targeting Eastlake residents I meant what I said. I also mean to say that by putting the signs up it helps. If the Mayor of Timberlake is truly interested in safety – by warning people to come to a complete stop by S.R. 91 and Lakeshore how is that not helping with safety? By warning them to slow down on Lakeshore Blvd. how is that not warning them to be safe drivers? 800 tickets in six months as compared to 184 two years ago. At a Council meeting – you all read it in the paper – he said he was very proud of his police department because they are in effect going to pay for the police department from the revenue. Where does the revenue come from – it comes from one source – tickets. We have 18,000 residents – 6,000 households in this City. They have 300 households.

There was no one else who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2013-052

Requested by: Planning Commission
Sponsored by: Planning Committee

ORDINANCE NO: 07-09-(01)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a
Conditional Use Permit to China Buffet Yu,
Inc., 33550 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio,

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

Legislation No. 07-09-(01) is placed on First Reading.

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LEGISLATION PENDING

There is 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 want to commend our Service Department. We had a pretty bad storm over one section of the City. There were many trees down and many branches down and a lot of debris. Our Service Department for close to two weeks went out to 354th – 357th Streets off of Vine Street and provided good service to our residents by picking up the debris and removing it at no cost to the residents. The guys did a great job. You can do a lot of hindsight but I want to emphasize that the WalMart construction was done properly and according to the ordinances and the building codes. When we take a look at WalMart now it is like the Indians game last night. Why did Lonnie Chisam not bunt? In hindsight you can say he should have bunted instead of flying out and the Indians lost the game. You can look at WalMart and say why didn't you do this or that. The point is I got together with the people from WalMart and the owners of the plaza where Good Sense is and discussed improvements to the situation. Not what should have been done – not the 20-20 vision in reverse. What can we do to prove it and we are working on a couple of suggestions and solutions that I think will work out fine. I think I mentioned them before. We were all in agreement on things that should be done and are doable. Now we are working out the logistics. Mr. Gwydir is helping us on the engineering. WalMart and the owners of the plaza are picking up the cost. One thing I am sure will happen is we will have a cut through between the old WalMart plaza and the new WalMart plaza so people will be able to go between the two plazas without having to exit Vine Street and also people turning left onto Vine Street can use either one of the two stop lights. They do not have to go directly out of WalMart and try to turn left. Mr. Gwydir made a very good point at the meeting – as we do these changes it may take a month or so for people to get used to it. Like putting up a detour it takes people 3 or 4 days to realize that this is a detour and I can take it or find my way around. That is what will happen with WalMart. People will decide to go through the cut through or go to the stop lights. The other thing that Mr. Gwydir and the WalMart people came up with is rather than redoing the existing entrances there will be another entrance in the middle so people can turn left and right. We will look at adding another entrance on Vine Street. The one where the WalMart sign is was

designed to be a right turn only. I don't know how it ever became a left hand turn. People don't realize that they are supposed to turn left of 337th Street to WalMart rather than trying to battle traffic. So, where the entrance for WalMart is they are looking at keeping that right turn only and putting in a center entrance to allow right and left turns and keeping the existing exit. Those are things you can look at in hindsight. The important thing is we got all the parties together and they were in agreement to implement some of the things we need to do and we are progressing. The only reason I do not want to say it is a done deal is because I am waiting to have the engineering part completed and to know the cost. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: We had talked loosely about the possibility of an Executive Session. I do not need it. You have received the draft. I did some follow up with Mr. Hoefle about his concerns. If I could report back to opposing Council that no one is raising objections to the changes I will tell him if there is a Special meeting it will get on the agenda. If not it will wait until after break.

Mr. Morley: Just let me know in the next couple of days so we can figure out our schedule.

Mr. Klammer: I will tell him that you had reviewed it in Executive Session before and you had no comments today so we look like we are good. If you have a Special meeting – do not put it on unless.

Mr. Morley: We are planning to have a meeting because we have things that have to move forward instead of waiting until the end of August.

Mr. Klammer: Then we can put it on. The attorneys have reached the agreement.

Mr. Morley: We will try to schedule something. I have already talked to Ms. DePledge and Mr. Licht. We will have six people as Mr. D'Ambrosio will be out of town.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Will the 16th be a Finance Committee meeting or a Council meeting?

Ms. Vaughn: A Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Morley: There will probably be both a Committee meeting and a Special Council meeting. I need to find out about the issues with Rally's before I can make that determination.

Mr. Klammer: I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Mike Slocum

Mr. Slocum: I passed out a memo earlier today about the new recreation levy we are proposing. Because of the Governor's and Legislature's change in the lack of funding to the

cities – they are continuing to go after us. The cost of the levy - which will not change the amount of monies we will collect – will increase by 14.29% across the board. So before we were telling people with a \$100,000 home it would cost \$15.31 for a .5-mill levy – it will now cost \$17.50. That is for all new and any replacement levies starting in November. It is my understanding that renewal levies they will continue to match and they will continue to match the inside mills. It is something we will have to take into account in the future.

Mr. Morley: I just read something on that today about the school and the issues with their levy – that it will cost more for their levy.

Mr. Slocum: It will not change the amount of money they will collect.

Mr. Morley: No, but it will be more money for the residents.

Mr. Slocum: From our side of the equation there will be more interest in renewing levies and if you need additional millage to go for it as a separate item versus doing a replacement because the replacement will definitely cost the tax payers.

Ms. Vaughn: I spoke with Representative Rogers office because a resident had a question on how the property tax will impact us. They were very clear and concise and said it would not impact any of our levies now – city or school – but a new levy would be impacted by 12.5%.

Mr. Slocum: The State picks up 12.5% but you will go from paying 87.5% to 100% - to the tax payer that works out to 14%.

Ms. Vaughn: They told me 12.5%.

Mr. Slocum: That is what the State picks up but the math is definitely 14%.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Mr. Slocum, for the audience, can you explain in English how the Governor took away that portion they used to pick up?

Mr. Slocum: The State has been with everyone's taxes across the board since I have been involved has picked up 12.5% of your real estate taxes if you live in an owner-occupied home. In order to give tax cuts to other members they have now done away with that on any new levies and any replacement levies voted in the future – starting in November. If you have an August ballot it would still be covered. They are shifting who is paying the taxes and it means less money the State is actually sending to the cities to help – they are trying to get it to zero where they do nothing for the cities. They are getting pretty close to that.

There were no further questions of Mr. Slocum.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: The paperwork is being passed on Erieview similar to what you have seen with other projects which typically kick off after funding is awarded sometime in July. Next month we would expect to have the pre-con meetings and get the job on the road. I cannot speak to the exact schedule because I do not know the contractor's schedule at this moment. That is how it proceeded with South Lakeshore and East 347th and 348th Streets. We hope to

have the road done by winter. But, this rain has been nothing short of abominable in terms of trying to get a road project in place. I hope it abates somewhat as we get into the latter half of the year.

Mr. Morley: You think it will be in the next few weeks – a couple of residents have asked.

Mr. Gwydir: Yes, it is following a typical schedule for an OPWC project.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik was absent and excused.

ACTING CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – Edward Walsh

Mr. Walsh was absent.

POLICE CHIEF – Larry Reik

Chief Reik was absent and excused.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington was absent and excused.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:49 p.m.

DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

DEBORAH A. CENDROSKI,
CLERK OF COUNCIL