

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 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 7:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Vaughn.

ATTENDEES

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 24, 2012

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 24, 2012. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous

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 22, 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.

I would like to thank everyone who was at the Blvd. of Flags last Saturday. We got 50 flag poles up and are meeting again this Saturday at 8:30 a.m. to try to put the remaining 150 poles up and at 10:00 a.m. we are inviting people to come out to start putting up some of the flags as we work on the poles. Ask anyone you know to come out. 50 poles took about 5 hours so 150 poles may take us the day. If we do not finish on Saturday we will probably do it on Sunday. Our goal is to get all the flags up by Memorial Day.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was received from the Administration requesting a Resolution of Support regarding the Mayors' and Managers' grant application for a Lake County, Ohio Joint Fire District feasibility study. This was referred to Safety Committee.

A communication was received from Police Chief Reik requesting the enactment of a Codified Ordinance section prohibiting “synthetic drugs.” This is referred to Ordinance Committee.

A communication was received from Finance Director Slocum regarding the 1.8 mill renewal levy. This is a request for Resolution of Necessity which must be passed by Council and filed with the County Auditor prior to consideration of the 1.8-mill renewal levy legislation. If there were no objections from Council this item will be placed on the May 22nd Council agenda for consideration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Mr. Morley: Finance, Planning and Ordinance Committee meetings were held last week – Ms. Vaughn?

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chair Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Finance Committee met on May 1st with all members of Council in attendance. Also present from the Administration were the Mayor, Law Director, Finance Director and Fire Chief. We discussed the amendment to Ordinance 2007-063, adopted June 12, 2007 which adopted a tax incentive program. It was Council’s opinion that it was inadequate and ineffective so therefore on tonight’s agenda you will find Legislation No. 05-08-(01) changing the previous tax incentive program. Also discussed was the status of the program after the changes for Best Supply, Inc. and it was agreed to move forward with this project. We were going to discuss the budget but decided since we were awaiting the final figures from the Tax Department to review the budget on May 15th. We also discussed under miscellaneous various bills in the budget. I have nothing additional to report except for a reminder to my Committee that I am scheduling a Finance Committee meeting for May 15th. I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: Would you like to comment on the festival committee you are on?

Ms. Vaughn: We probably have more interest in that Committee than we have had in a very long time. There are probably 15 people active from the Rotary Club, Historical Society and various residents. It is for August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th. We are also planning a car show on the 5th here at City Hall. The entertainment is lining up – there will be a beer garden, the North High Boosters are conducting a Monte carol, PAL is involved. It is a really active Committee

and has already received a \$1,000 donation from Lake Health because one day will be Lake Health Day. We are also considering naming that Thursday evening – at which we will have a non-rain dance - after Channel 19 because Jeff Hanchek – a weather reporter – will be reporting from the site. There is a lot of exciting stuff going on. It has been interesting.

Mr. Morley: Chief Whittington, I told one Committee member to talk to you - Lake Health is planning on doing a free CPR session.

Mayor Andrzejewski: My secretary is pursuing that. She is going to present it to the Committee at their next meeting. I suggested to her that we have Lake Health schedule that for 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday for free CPR and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Vaughn: We will have one whole day that is being sponsored by Lake Health so we will work with them on whatever schedule they want – whether they want Saturday or Sunday.

Mr. Morley: I suggest your secretary talk to the Committee.

Ms. Vaughn: There is a sub-Committee meeting Thursday night.

Mr. Morley: The only reason I said that was because the person contacted my wife. That is how I knew about that. They actually called her regarding the donation of the \$1,000.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

PLANNING COMMITTEE - Co-Chairs Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Hoefle

Mr. D'Ambrosio: The Planning Committee had a meeting May 1st with all members of Council present. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Slocum, CBO Stigalt and Fire Chief Whittington. Two items were on the agenda with both being Conditional Use Permit renewals. We discussed these briefly in Council-as-a-Whole Committee and one was for Zero Gravity Xtremes, 34675 Melinz Pkwy. and the other was for Pete's Bar & Grill, 35700 Lakeland Blvd. They were moved forward by the Committee – there were no problems with them – and, I will make a Motion on them:

Conditional Use Permit Renewals

MOTION: I hereby move to approve the Conditional Use Permit renewals for:
Zero Gravity Xtremes, LLC, 34675 Melinz Pkwy., Eastlake
Pete's Bar & Grille, Inc., 35700 Lakeland Blvd., Eastlake
Mr. Hoefle seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Conditional Use Permit renewals are approved.

Additional Comments:

Mr. D'Ambrosio: I would like to thank Council and the Administration for recognizing Arthritis Awareness Month for May and to thank Mrs. Cendroski – you have to read the

resolution – she did a great job getting information – she actually got more information than I got and she put it all together. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. D'Ambrosio.

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

Mr. Hoefle: The Ordinance Committee met on Tuesday, May 1st. All members from Council were in attendance. From the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Slocum, Law Director Klammer, CBO Stigalt and Fire Chief Whittington. We had one item on the table for discussion. Chapter 155 "Employment Provisions and Compensation" for the position of Mayor. Everyone on Council the Administration and the public were given opportunities to express their point of views. I would like to make it very clear, we are reviewing the compensation package for the next term of Mayor which would start in January of 2014 and not the current term.

Every four years, individuals will campaign hard to return or be the next Mayor of Eastlake. Each individual throughout their campaign is vying for the position of Mayor, not Mayor/Safety Director. The Director of Safety is appointed by the mayor within 30 days of assuming office and confirmed by two thirds (2/3) vote of all members elected to Council. These are two different titles and the compensation package is a separate matter.

Over the past few weeks I have done a considerable amount of research on this matter. I have reviewed our Charter and the Ohio Revised Code, compiled statistics from our neighboring communities and the 2010 Census Bureau. In addition, I've had some great conversations with legal professionals with expertise in the field of Public Law.

Looking at statistics for Eastlake we are declining in many areas. Total population has decreased from over 20,000 residents to 18,577. General Fund revenue has decreased to \$11.1 million. Our workforce has been hit with many layoffs and now sits at approximately 100 employees. Home values have declined, the average per capita money income is \$25,098 and the medium household income is \$54,263.

With that said, my recommendations are:

- Salary for the position of Mayor: \$63,500.00
- PTO (paid time off) 4 weeks, years 1 & 2 of the term, 5 weeks, years 3 & 4 of the term. If re-elected to a second term PTO would increase to 6 weeks per year. A max of six weeks can be earned and there is no carry over from year to year. PTO is a combination of both sick and vacation time.
- Use of city car for city business or duties required for the office of mayor.
- All other health care and pension package benefits will stay the same.

The salary of \$63,500 was based on removing \$12,000.00 that was plugged in back in 2002 for the Safety Directors position and then reducing the salary approximately 10%. In addition, the salary was based on other local cities. For the record, the mayor of Willoughby is a full time position with a Mayor's salary of \$65,275. Population of 22,268, per capita

money income of \$29,553 and a General Fund Budget at \$24.4 million. Once again, these are my recommendations and are open for discussion. If it works for everyone, I would suggest that the committee meet again next Tuesday May 15th. That concludes my report and I'm open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Hoefle.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – Chair Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins.

Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins: We have an ECDC meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m.

PORT AUTHORITY – Liaison Ms. DePledge

Ms. DePledge: The Port Authority meets tomorrow, May 9th, at 7:00 p.m. here at City Hall.

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.

There was no one who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2012-033

ORDINANCE NO. 05-08-(01)

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Finance Committee

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2007-063, adopted June 12, 2007, adopting a Municipal Income Tax Incentive Program, 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. 2012-033.

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ORDINANCE NO.: 05-08-(02)

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Finance Committee

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

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Mike Slocum

Mr. Slocum: We published the financials yesterday and as you saw I was very pleased that the Tax Department collected for the first time in four years over a million dollars in the month of April. I have to take my hat off to the job Mr. Miller and his staff are doing. I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: I did take a quick look at the last month's finances and I was happy with them.

There were no questions of Mr. Slocum.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: I have no report and am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Gwydir.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik: The catch basins that were installed at North Riverview worked fine during these last heavy rains and some of the other problem areas have been addressed and were checked out during this past rain and were all working properly and we have no issues with any standing water. We are moving along with cleaning the catch basins and sanitary mainlines and when the weather starts firming up a little more we will get out the DuraPatcher and start making more permanent repairs on chuckholes especially on the concrete streets which are in dire need of it. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Ms. DePledge: You may not be aware of this but at the last committee meeting a gentleman said something about East 354th Street – that there is a sink hole. Mr. D'Ambrosio, did you talk to someone? Because I drove by there yesterday and you could still see where water was coming up and it was still muddy and I did not know if anything had happened.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: Mr. Semik, you may want to comment – it was an old water break?

Mr. Semik: That is an old water break. I spoke with Mr. D'Ambrosio about it. This was an old repair the Lake County Water Department made and over the course of 1 ½ years it has settled. We are going to go in and cut that out and bring it back up to grade.

Ms. DePledge: As long as you know about it. It was a week and that one time when something came up you were out there that night. And, for it to be six days I was surprised and wondered if no one told you – but, as long as you know about it.

Ms. Vaughn: Mr. Semik, can we anticipate getting a report on the concrete streets you will be working on this summer?

Mr. Semik: I will be forwarding that to the Administration and you should have it for Friday.

There were no further questions of Mr. Semik.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt: The last two weeks we have issued around 60 permits which include fences, pools, decks, and sheds. We have two commercial permits – one for the Dairy Mart for parking lot repair and Uncle Bob's for a footer foundation. Today we gave out one internet package for someone looking to open an internet café around Valu King at the WalMart Plaza. And, we had someone come in today who are the new owners for the Xtra Inning's – it will be called DJ's Clubhouse. Two young ladies applied for their occupancy and they will be going for their CUP to the Planning Commission. I am open for questions.

Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins: Are the number of permits we are giving for pools, fences and whatnot an increased number of permits compared to last year and previous years?

Mr. Stigalt: I can get that for you – I don't know that offhand. I can have it to you by tomorrow or Thursday.

There were further no questions of Mr. Stigalt.

POLICE CHIEF – Larry Reik

Chief Reik was absent and excused,

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Fire Chief Whittington: I did receive some information regarding the air compressor and I will forward it to the Mayor. Mrs. Cendroski has been helpful in my seeing what information I need. I have been trying to get it done this week but things have been crazy next door. I will try to get it done this week. We had a rescue at Jakse Park before I came here. We had a kid get stuck up in a tree – he could not get down so we had to go get him. You may hear there was a lot of equipment down there. He is doing fine. He was a teenager that got up there and when he got 50 feet up in the air he realized he was not going to be able to get down. We got him. We did not even take him to the hospital as he parents picked him up. He was fine other than being a little tired and shaken up. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:57 p.m.

DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

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