

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 22, 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 7:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. DePledge.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were Ms. DePledge, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Matheke, Ms. Vaughn, 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, and Police Chief Reik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2011

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 8, 2011. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

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

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Morley

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Morley: A Special Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting.

We took the flags down on November 12th and I would like to thank American Legion Post #678, VFW Post #3863, the North High football team and their coach, Girl Scout Troop #1375, the Greater Lake County Young Marines, Girl Scout Troop #70481, Willoughby South National Honor Society and Girl Scout Troop ##320. We usually have 25-30 people but that day we had about 150 people. A lot were kids – it was great to see them helping the community. We had the flags down in about 1 hour. We had donuts and coffee donated from DeMarco's Donut Shop and Biagio's. It was a great day. Thanks to all.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A Liquor License Request was received for Lin E of Eastlake, Inc. dba Final Score, 33329 Vine Street, Eastlake. Mr. Morley explained that this was discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee. Mr. D'Ambrosio would be making a Motion on this matter during his report.

A Fee Waiver Request was received from the Eastlake Women's Club for use of the Community Center on Sunday, December 11, 2011 for an evening with Santa Claus. Mr. Morley explained that this was discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee. Mr. Hoefle would be making a Motion on this matter during his report.

Bid recommendations were from the Administration for Housekeeping Supplies for 2012-2013. This was referred to Finance Committee.

A communication was received from Finance Director Slocum regarding amendments to Codified Ordinance Chapter 155 "Employment Provisions and Compensation." These were referred to Ordinance Committee.

Communications were received from the Administration regarding proposed levies. Mr. Morley explained that these were discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee and would be added to the evening's agenda as Legislation No. 11-22-(02), Legislation No. 11-22-(03) and Legislation No. 11-22-(04).

A communication was received from Finance Director Slocum regarding a contract with the Auditor of State for compilation services for the years ending December 31, 2011, 2012, and 2013. This was referred to Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE - Ms. DePledge

Ms. DePledge: The Service/Utilities Committee has not met since our last meeting. Therefore, I have no formal report. I would like to welcome Mr. Matheke aboard and wish everyone a happy holiday. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. DePledge.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Matheke

Mr. Morley: Mr. Matheke will be the Safety Chair. Mr. Matheke, do you have anything to say?

Mr. Matheke: I have nothing to report at this time.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Hoefle

Mr. Hoefle: The Recreation Committee has not met since our last meeting so I have nothing to report. I do have a motion to make:

Fee Waiver Request

MOTION: I hereby move to approve the Fee Waiver Request for the Eastlake Women's Club for use of the Community Center on December 11, 2011 for an Evening's with Santa Claus. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Fee Waiver request for the Eastlake Women's Club is approved.

Additional Comments

Mr. Hoefle: 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 has not met either. The only thing on the agenda was a liquor license request which we discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee. I will be making the following Motions:

Liquor License Request

MOTION: I hereby move approve and send back to Columbus, Ohio with no objections the Liquor License Request for Lin E of Eastlake, Inc., dba Final Score, 33329 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH 44095. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Liquor License Request is approved.

Legislative Recommendation

Legislation No. 11-22-(02)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 11-22-(02), Legislation No. 11-22-(03), and Legislation No. 11-22-(04) in regards to adding a levy to the March, 2012 ballot for a general operating, Police and Fire. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Legislation No. 11-22-(02), Legislation No. 11-22-(03) and Legislation No. 11-22-(04) are added to the evening's agenda.

Additional Comments

Mr. D'Ambrosio: I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you get to spend time with your families. The weather looks like it will be pretty nice so there will be no snow and the people who plow snow won't have to work. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. D'Ambrosio.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee met and there were two items on the agenda for discussion. One was about reciprocity and the other was about the garbage fee. We had lively discussions on both issues and the outcome was that no decision would be made to move forward with either item at this particular point in time. But, I am sure they will be brought up for discussion at some later date. We did discuss under miscellaneous placing issues on the ballot. This was taken care of and discussed tonight in Council-as-a-Whole Committee. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Knuchel.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee met on November 15th as I believe I previously stated. All members of Council were present and in attendance from the Administration were the Mayor, Law Director, Finance Director, Police Chief and Fire Chief. We discussed the problem with current ordinances restricting or allowing only a two car garage instead of a single car or 1 ½ car garage and we addressed that issue. It appears on this evening’s agenda as Legislation No. 11-22-(01). I have nothing additional to report. I will be scheduling a meeting to discuss the items referred into my Committee and I would like to congratulate Mr. Matheke and welcome him back. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

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 2011-143

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn

ORDINANCE NO.: 11-22-(01)
An Ordinance amending Section 1155.03
“Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces
Required,” of the Codified Ordinances of the
City of Eastlake, specifically subsection (a);
and, with the deletion of “Notes for Schedule”,
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. 2011-143.

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11-22-(02)
Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Council

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional 1.0-Mill Tax Levy for the purpose of current expenses and requesting the Lake County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that additional levy, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to adopt. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Knuchel: These three issues – it is my opinion that we should just have a single levy. But, with that being said there is merit in doing three separate levies and I will vote yes.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2011-144.

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11-22-(03)
Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Council

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional 1.5-Mill Tax Levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a Police Department, or payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, or the payment of the costs incurred by Townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a Police Department, and requesting the Lake County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar

amount of revenue that would be generated by that additional levy, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to adopt. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2011-145.

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11-22-(04)
Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Council

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional 1.5-Mill Tax Levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a Fire Department or Firefighting Company, and requesting the Lake County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that additional levy, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to adopt. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2011-146.

LEGISLATION PENDING

There was no Legislation Pending.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS:

Mr. Morley: For the people in the audience and for anyone who reads these minutes I would suggest to keep an eye on the paper and to come to our Finance Committee meetings over the next few months. We will be putting in a temporary budget by the end of the month and we will have the 2012 budget in March. As I said this Council understands with the levy being voted down that there will be comments about why are we doing it again - voters will just say no again - but already we are seeing the some of the things that will take effect due to the cuts – the job losses and services that will be lost. We will try again and people will tell us again how they want their City to be and we will make the necessary decisions if we have to. That is why we are putting the levy back on. I suggest everyone to come to the Finance Committee meetings so you can see just exactly where the money is going. Or, if you cannot make the meeting call the Mayor or Mr. Slocum or any of us - the best person would be Mr. Slocum because he can go over every line we go over in the meetings and explain where the money goes. The minutes are on line. You would be surprised what the costs are for everything just like you are when you run your household.

Mr. Slocum: The financial statements that are distributed to Council are on line. We put them on line within a day or two of when we distribute it to Council. They are available to anyone at any time.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR – Ted Andrzejewski

Mayor Andrzejewski: So everyone understands – even if a levy is passed next year the proceeds do not come in until 2013. So, there will be significant cuts in 2012 regardless because we have to balance the budget for 2012 based on the revenue we will get next year. I think we need to make that point. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: I have nothing to report. I submitted the Law Department’s cuts in writing to Mr. Slocum. I know sometimes it is hard for the residents to hear when things are tough but the City did do a lot not just over the past but the past five years to rein in costs. If you look at the savings done with the stadium – which is still killing us every year – but, those moves with the naming rights and the bonds were significant. It is easy to forget those things. The

Mayor made some savings by finding some administrative consultants and probably saved the residents hundreds of thousands of dollars and some of that stuff related to labor. You have to remember the work you did and I encourage you to include those in the conversations you have with the residents so they know the things you have done. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Mike Slocum

Mr. Slocum: We are making progress on the refinancing of the bonds. We have an official statement we have actually shared with Moody's. I have a meeting with Moody's tomorrow to review our credit rating. My guess is there is a chance it might go down one level. We will see how it actually works out. But, we do anticipate we will be in a position to refinance the bonds by the end of the year and we anticipate right now – provided the market does not go south – and, actually with the problems they are having in D.C. it doesn't look like that is going to occur. The savings will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50,000 - \$70,000 per year for the next 15 years. That is a significant dollar. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel: Which bonds are we refinancing?

Mr. Slocum: The tax free bonds – 2002 and 2004 issue.

Mr. Knuchel: These were our first call features?

Mr. Slocum: The first call in the 2004 occurs at the end of next year and we are putting money aside in escrow to cover the bonds. We are close enough that we can actually do the refinancing. We will put it all into one massive reissue and expand whatever our potential savings are.

There were no further questions of Mr. Slocum.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: Edward Avenue is substantially complete. All the driveway aprons are in and the sewers are in. We will finish restoration next year. The project is good to go for its purpose. ODOT has come in and finished their pavement in front of City Hall. We conducted the final walk through of the S.R. 283 slide failure with ODOT on Monday and they found all to be in order. I would like to wish everyone in this chamber Happy Thanksgiving. Congratulations to Mr. Matheke. I am open for questions.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: A comment on Edwards – the day we had that significant rainstorm I called a couple of the residents and none of them got flooded which was a first. I knocked on a few doors on Saturday and everyone is completely satisfied. I know you don't hear that part because you do the engineering. Great job by all who were involved and the residents are happy. I will pass on that they are not going to finish until next spring.

Mr. Gwydir: I will write a letter to the residents.

Mayor Andrzejewski: This is the second major project we have addressed in this City concerning areas that got flooded. First was Modamin/Edison and then Edwards. I will concur – it was raining real hard and I could hear the water being drained out of that area. We are working on a smaller scale solution on North Riverview. We have addressed areas in the City that were getting flooded and the funds came with 40% being paid by the State of Ohio. The rest is a result of our road levy or the sewer fund.

Mr. Klammer: I have been working on North Riverview and the Service Department will start working on it next week.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik was absent and excused.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt: We have been pretty busy. We are going to certify \$40,000 to the County tomorrow for maintenance we have done on vacant homes and homes that are not complying with the grass issues. We have nine bonds for companies to try to help residents with contractors that did not do work up to par. We have been successful with six and have three pending. We are still getting permits issued for furnaces and additions. We have a new house going up on East 342nd by the Western Reserve Development – they put the other ones up on East 343rd and Quentin. We have been actively going for occupancies and making sure all permits are active. We had a couple more requests for internet cafes. I am open for questions.

Ms. Vaughn: In March I sent you information on a program in Painesville where they are registering rental properties – not inspecting but registering. If they stand vacant for a while penalties come into effect. Have you had a chance to follow up on that?

Mr. Stigalt: We looked into this – they passed the measure to make sure the vacant properties in their city are registered. If they are vacant for so long the owners are penalized. The penalty is to encourage them to fill the vacant buildings.

Ms. Vaughn: Would it help our City?

Mr. Stigalt: We have 240 vacant homes and at least 50% are bank owned. However the banks have not put the homes in their name – they are still in the name of the former owners. That is a problem a lot of other cities are experiencing because they know if we go after them they will try to hide under the shield of the previous owner. It would definitely help try to curb that vacancy rate and also help with commercial.

Ms. Vaughn: Could you possibly, with the Mayor's approval, submit something to Council?

Mayor Andrzejewski: I have it on my desk and have been reading it. I know exactly what you are talking about.

There were no further questions of Mr. Stigalt.

POLICE CHIEF – Larry Reik

Chief Reik: I have nothing to report.

There were no questions of Chief Reik.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Fire Chief Whittington was absent and excused.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REMARKS:

Mr. Morley: I would like to congratulate Ms. Vaughn and Mr. D'Ambrosio for being unopposed for their next four year term. Mrs. Cindy Quinn-Hopkins is in the back and will be our new Ward 3 Councilperson and will begin January 1, 2012. I would like to welcome Mr. Matheke and her to Council. We have a tough road to hoe but we will get through it. I would like to wish everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:31 p.m.

DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

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