

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 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 7:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hoefle.

ATTENDEES

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

Those attending from the Administration were Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Slocum and Fire Chief Whittington. Mayor Andrzejewski and City Engineer Gwydir were absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 13, 2011. Mr. Lajeunesse 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, October 11, 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.

I would like to thank the Eastlake Police Department for the Citizens Police Academy that was held Saturday. There were probably about 25 people there including myself, Ms. Vaughn and Mr. Hoefle. I would like to thank Chief Reik, Sergeant Gutka, Patrolman Thompson, Patrolman Formick, Patrolman Tryon, Patrolman Kourn, Dispatcher Mandy Elkins and Victim's Advocate Bridget Roth and Captain Klein from the Auxiliary.

Today is Mr. Lajeunesse' last meeting as Eastlake City Councilman for Ward 4. He has been in office since 2002. I still remember the day he was on my porch when he was campaigning for Ward 4. I think he had a little more hair back then – it was not gray and he was a little taller. But, over the last nine years Mr. Lajeunesse has been dedicated to the City and residents of his Ward and I would like to wish him and his family the best and give him a plaque of recognition and thanks.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was from Finance Director Slocum regarding the establishment of a Donation Fund. Mr. Morley explained that this was discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee and is on evening's agenda as Legislation No. 09-27-(03) and Legislation No. 09-27-(04).

A communication was received from the Administration regarding the Lease Agreement with the City of Willoughby and the Port Authority. This was referred to Recreation Committee.

A bid advertisement request was received from the Administration for 2012 Housekeeping Supplies. Mr. Morley explained that this was discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee and would be added to the evening's agenda as Legislation No. 09-27-(05).

A communication was received from Council President Morley regarding an amendment to City Ordinance Chapter 965 "Garbage, Refuse and Recycling Collection." This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Hoefle

Mr. Hoefle: The Recreation Committee has not met since our last meeting but I will be scheduling a meeting.

I would like to thank Mr. Lajeunesse for his support to the City over the years. When I was campaigning and running he was there to help me out when I had questions – as well as other members of Council. Mr. Lajeunesse, I would like to thank you for that.

I will be making the following Motion:

Legislative Recommendation

Legislation No. 09-27-(05)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 09-27-(05) to the evening's agenda authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids for Housekeeping Supplies for 2012 with an option year for 2013, said bids to be in accordance with specifications on file in the Office of the Director of Public Service. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 09-27-(05) is added to the evening's agenda.

Additional comments

Mr. Hoefle: 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 September 20th with all members of Council present except for Ms. Vaughn who was excused. Mr. Slocum was present from the Administration. Everyone else was excused. There was not very much on the agenda and we discussed all of it during the Council-as-a-Whole Committee. One item was a Conditional Use Permit for Franchise USA, LLC dba Easy Trip. That is the convenient store that will sell fuel that is going in at S.R. 91 and Vine and taking the place of the BP station. The other items were two liquor license permits. Everything was moved forward by the Committee and I will make the following Motion:

Liquor License Permits

MOTION: I hereby move to approve and send back to Columbus, Ohio with no objections the Liquor License Requests for Thru Mart, Inc. dba Thru Mart, 35652 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio 44095 to 35752 Vine Street, LLC dba Thru Mart, 35652 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH 44095 and Convenient Food Mart, Inc. #334, 36201 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44095. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Liquor License Permit requests are approved.

Additional Comments

Mr. D’Ambrosio: Mr. Lajeunesse, when I first started you had more time on Council than I did. I asked him a lot of questions and you guided me through a lot of things. I know things change and I hope everything works out for you – I know it is going to. Thanks for all your help you gave me and I wish you and your family the very best. 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 on September 20th with everyone in attendance with the exception of Ms. Vaughn who was excused. In attendance from the Administration was Mr. Slocum. Two items were on the agenda – the replacement pages from Walter Drane which was covered in Council-as-a-Whole Committee and the set up of a donation fund as an easier way to track donations to the City.

I would like to concur with everyone on Council. Thank you, Mr. Lajeunesse for your years of service. We have gone through a lot personally together – up and down. I appreciate your input and your tenacity. Thank you for your years of service.

I will be making the following Motion:

The Walter Drane Company: Invoice:

MOTION: I hereby move to approve payment to The Walter Drane Company for services rendered regarding the update of the City of Eastlake Codified Ordinances, said payment to be \$3,950.05 and taken from account #101.120.5446. Mr. D’Ambrosio

seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The invoice for The Walter Drane Company is approved.

Additional Comments:

Mr. Knuchel: That 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 has not met since our last Council meeting. I will keep in touch with the Clerk to let her know if I have any evenings available next week. At the present time I am not sure if I do therefore I will not be scheduling a meeting.

I knew Mr. Lajeunesse before he was a Councilman. I knew him when he was Grover the Ground Hog and I remember a picture with you. It has been a joy working with you as a volunteer and sitting next to you on Council. Thank you for all you have given to the City and the many, many years you have been involved. We are going to miss you. Good luck – you will have a good time.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE - Ms. DePledge

Ms. DePledge was absent and excused.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse: Good evening residents, Administration and Council. It is time for change. Eight years and ten months ago tonight I was sworn in as Ward 4 Councilman for Eastlake. Henceforth I chose tonight as the date for my last Council meeting. I appreciate Mr. Morley respecting that.

A little reflection on my past to get to the present – before campaigning to be on Council I was involved in numerous organizations and activities – being a coach, manager and board member – even chaperoning PAL dances and when needed being Grover the Groundhog. I had much support from my family members, close friends and neighbors to represent Ward 4. I had a grass roots campaign to represent Ward 4. I thank the residents for their vote as I walked and visited 1,500 homes. Once on Council I took a long time to be the best Councilman I could. I did my ride alongs with the Police Department, overnights with the Fire Department and worked on roads with the Service Department. As Council liaison to the Port Authority I took a few boat rides down the Chagrin River to discover parts I never knew. Through a misfortune at my house several years ago I initiated the re-establishment of the canine unit. The Police Department, Council and the Administration worked as a team to have a fund raiser and made a canine unit happen. The canine unit continues today. With an

invitation from the Police Department I was able to go on an undercover drug case and with the help of the Fire Department I repelled down the back of the Eastlake North press box. That was cool. And, got a real taste of winter weather in the passenger seat of a snow plow with our Service Department. Remember the big flood of a few years ago? I was in the rescue raft assisting residents on Edwards. Between fiscal emergency and trying to pass the previous levy countless hours were spent at long meetings and presentations. Many hours spent away from family and friends. I was involved and committed to Eastlake but now it is time for change. A special acknowledgement goes out to Christy and my three children who are now young adults, Alyssa, Adam and Alana. Their energy and dedication gave me unending support.

I am appreciative of our Council Clerk Deb Cendroski for the many memos she would type. And, thank you to the past Administrations and Council people for their invaluable incite and knowledge they shared with me.

Mr. Slocum, I appreciate all the time you put in and you are right – in the past we sort of grow and learn so the second time around got better.

Mr. Klammer, your Dad taught me a lot and swore me in – from that you and I knew each other and I appreciate what you do for the City of Eastlake. Although we may not always agree in the end I think you have done a great job and I appreciate your efforts.

Chief Whittington, I think you were there the day I repelled down that press box – that was quite an interesting feat. I appreciate your making sure I got down safely and let the Fire Department and Police Department know I appreciate all they have done.

Sergeant at Arms Mike Rydzinski, I do not know anyone else who could be back there except for you. Thanks for all those years you have given and I appreciate you being there for us every Council meeting.

Mr. Knuchel, I remember you chaperoning at PAL dances and also Auxiliary. That is really when we came to know year other and I remember when you came over to my house when you first got on Council. I thank you for your support and your family.

Mr. Hoefle, I do remember meeting your family for the first time and helping you with your campaign and wish you the best in all that you do.

Mrs. Cendroski, thank you for all your help. I remember a little gathering at your house and those were some darn hot peppers I ate. Those are fun memories.

Ms. Vaughn, you have taught me a lot. The other night I came across that Grover the Groundhog article – boy, have times changed. That is how you get your start and I thank you for all you have done. I remember sitting in your office when you were the Human Resources person and you giving me some insight that is invaluable and hard to replace. I thank you for that.

Mr. D'Ambrosio, you are right, someone took away my thunder but 6:30 a.m. every morning after that Council meeting we would be on the phone comparing notes about interesting Council meetings and back then there were some interesting ones. Thanks for your respect and kindness and your professionalism.

Mr. Morley, I do remember the day I stood on your front porch and I suggested to you to get involved. I remember a few times before you got on Council some of the words that were shared and you did not quite understand but now I think you realize how it is. I appreciate you giving me the respect and I will miss all this. But, it is my last Council meeting serving the residents of Ward 4 and the residents of Eastlake.

I would like to invite my Ward 4 resident Ted Beres to come up – I have something for you. Mr. Beres, you have been a big supporter of mine so I would like to give you my Eastlake pin – thank you for your help. That is my way of thanking the residents for their support and Mr. Beres you have always been there for me and I appreciate it. I did not know what to do with the pin and I thought what a better person to give it to. You have been here for a lot of meetings through thick and thin and you have been there to support me and I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

In conclusion, this is a bittersweet moment and this is my final report. Thank you.

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

Additional Comments

Mr. Morley: The Gazette came out today – for those who have not yet read it I put in that I live in Ward 4 and if anyone needs anything in Ward 4 to give me a call or email me until after the election when we will be appointing someone else to finish Mr. Lajeunesse' term until they start their new term. We are waiting until after the election since the 30 days would be around Election Day. We will wait and appoint the winner of that race.

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.

Cindy Quinn Hopkins, 35953 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake

Mrs. Hopkins: I would like to thank Mr. Lajeunesse for serving our community so faithfully all these years. My first memory of you is from the Eastlake River Festival where you were entering your daughter as a proud papa in the beauty contest. It was a lovely memory.

Mr. Lajeunesse: She is now 22 years old and engaged.

Mrs. Hopkins: Thank you very much.

There was no one else who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2011-125

Requested by: Council Clerk
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

ORDINANCE NO. 09-27-(01)
An Ordinance to revise the Codified Ordinances by adopting current replacement pages, 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 Ordinance No. 2011-125.

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 09-27-(02)
An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Franchise USA, LLC, dba Easy Trip, 35068 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH, 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. 2011-126.

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Requested by: Finance Director Slocum
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

ORDINANCE NO.: 09-27-(03)
An Ordinance establishing Donation Fund #615 for the purpose of accepting and tracking donations to the City of Eastlake, 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 Ordinance No. 2011-127.

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Requested by: Finance Director Slocum Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 09-27-(04)</u> An Ordinance to reappropriate 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. 2011-128.

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Requested by: Service Director Semik Sponsored by: Ms. DePledge	<u>RESOLUTION NO.: 09-27-(05)</u> A Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids for Housekeeping Supplies for 2012 with an option year for 2013, said bids to be in accordance with specifications on file in the Office of the Director of Public Service, and declaring an emergency.
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MOTION: Mr. Hoefle moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2011-129.

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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

Mr. Morley: Mayor Andrzejewski has been absent for two weeks so I have been at the helm. The only information I have from the Mayor's office is there will be another levy meeting on October 4th at 7:00 p.m. We are also doing a leaflet drop off on October 8th – we are meeting at Jakse Park at 9:00 a.m. Also, signs are in so if anyone wants a sign to support the levy feel free to contact Mr. Slocum.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: I have nothing to report. In comment on Mr. Lajeunesse' leaving – the interesting thing to me about cities like Eastlake and Willowick and Wickliffe is that you do not get elected in a City like this because your last name is Kennedy or Smith. Just look at our Council as an example. We have a Hoefle - which no one knows how to spell – we have a Knuchel and a Lajeunesse. I think that is interesting in the sense that it speaks to the fact that you folks - Mr. Lajeunesse – you folks all got elected the way elected officials should get elected. You gave to your community. You demonstrated that you cared about your community – you really did care about your community. Your residents returned to you that appreciation and recognized your value to them and most importantly how much faith and trust they had in you. I know a lot of people want to be elected to City Council because one day they want to run for some higher office and they think it serves a purpose. But, as you move up so to speak in offices it comes to mean a little less and less about how well your community knows you and how much that election speaks to how much trust and faith and how much they care about you. There is no place that serves a better purpose or sends a better message than here. You were elected the right way. You love this Community. That is obvious in everything you did. No one can say you did not make it through the toughest times a community could have – in and out of fiscal emergencies and the biggest problems any Lake County community has ever experienced. You helped guide the City through. You should really be proud of everything you did and it is a pleasure to call you friend. I am always here if you need me. But, congratulations.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Thank you very much. I wish you and your family the best and God Bless.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Mike Slocum

Mr. Slocum: Mr. Lajeunesse, since I have been back I have really enjoyed your support and I have enjoyed the discussions we have had. As Mr. Klammer just indicated I hope we can remain friends going forward and I wish you and your family the best of all.

I have a couple of minor items to report. The web page has the presentation that will be given next Tuesday with the verbiage for it. It is available if anyone wants to see what we are saying during the presentations. Also, there was an article in the News Herald on Saturday which listed that our levy was going to cost the residents \$130+ per \$100,000. I challenged that immediately with the News Herald and tomorrow they will be printing a retraction in going with the dollar amount I have stated all along – which is \$122.50 for an owner occupied home valued at \$100,000. I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I would like to say thanks again. To you and your family – God Bless.

There were no questions of Mr. Slocum.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir was absent and excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik was absent and excused.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt was absent and excused.

POLICE CHIEF – Larry Reik

Chief Reik was absent and excused.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Fire Chief Whittington: We are getting into our fall routine in the Fire Department. There are several things we try to get accomplished during this season. We are finishing the final quarter of the year 2011. The Police Chief and I are continuing to try to get out to the Community and make ourselves available to talk to the residents about the Department operations. On several occasions we have had some small discussions and are always making ourselves available. We will be doing breakfasts and dinners in the area. The Fire Department along with the Police Department will be hosting an Open House on October 22nd. I would like to encourage everyone to come out and take a look at the stations – so we can educate people on what we do on a daily basis and give them a better understanding of what we use the finances for. We had a small fire in the Community about a week ago. Thankfully we did not have a lot of damage to the home. We did have a child get burned – he is progressing well as a result of him playing with a lighter. We will continue to help work with the family – to educate the family about the danger of having lighters and that type of thing in the home and will continue to give support. This concludes my report.

Mr. Lajeunesse has always been a friend to the Fire Department – even before I became Chief. I remember seeing Mr. Lajeunesse over there when I was on shift. I know he worked with Chief Sabo. We take any friend we can get over there anymore. We always appreciated

the smile on his face and his presence over there. On behalf of the Fire Department and me we wish nothing but the best to you and your family. And from someone who also cares about his family I know you care about your family and I understand priorities change in our lives and you make your best decision about what is best for you and your family. I wish you nothing but the best – the door is always open over there if you need anything.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Chief, thanks again. I know your wife makes some awesome birthday cake – as a little advertisement – anniversary cakes, birthday cakes – call Wendy. To you and your family – the best and God Bless.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:34 p.m.

DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

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