

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2010**

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 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Vaughn.

ATTENDEES

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING WITH ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – MARCH 9, 2010

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting with adjournment into Executive Session of March 9, 2010. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 23, 2010

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 23, 2010. Ms. DePledge seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Morley

Meetings Scheduled

The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with the Regular Council Meeting being scheduled Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

The Economic & Community Development Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

The Charter Review Commission meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

A Planning Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Morley: I would like to thank everyone who came out to help us put up the flags on Saturday. We got all the flags up. The little DePledge nieces and nephews were there to help us out – as was Ms. DePledge, Mr. Knuchel and myself – along with the veterans. We did it in good time – 3 hours. Thank you to all who were there.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was received from the Administration regarding the Union Contract between the City of Eastlake and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc./Dispatchers Unit. Mr. Morley explained that this was discussed during the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting and would be added to the evening's agenda as Legislation No. 04-13-(05).

A request was received from the Lake County Department of Job & Family Services to recognize April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mr. Morley explained that this was discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting and would be added the evening's agenda as Legislation No. 04-13-(04).

A Conditional Use Permit referral was received from the Planning Commission for Christie A. Eville dba Diamond Cremation Service, 34670 Lakeland Blvd., Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration proposing the enactment of a new City ordinance regulating idling of vehicles.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Morley: I am going to go with the Chief's response on this – as I agree. There is no way for the Police Department to monitor this – who will enforce it – wait five or ten minutes to cite – this matter will be referred back to the Administration with no action taken. All the Departments will have to watch their cars and tell the employees to not idle the cars.

Further, I have spoken with Police Chief Ruth and Service Director Semik regarding the purchase of four Detective vehicles and the auction of five City vehicles. Due to time sensitivity of these matters I will refer them into the Finance Committee. But, we need the information by morning so Mr. Knuchel can have all the information in his Committee if he chooses to have a meeting next in conjunction with the other Committee meetings on the April 20th.

Further, I will again ask the Administration's cooperation on these – that we get information in a timely fashion – there was knowledge of some of these months before. I understand the issue with the cars and I will talk to the Mayor about that when he returns. We need to have this information, especially when we know things are going to happen. We have to advertise for two weeks on the auction which is May 8th. We would appreciate things in a timely fashion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee has not had met since our last Council meeting but I will be scheduling a meeting on April 20th. We will be discussing some possible changes on the Rules of Council, dealing with the time of our Council meetings and we will be discussing proposed legislation on wind turbines – if Mr. Gwydir has had an opportunity to review the packet that was sent to him. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no further questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE - Ms. DePledge

Ms. DePledge: Thank you – welcome Mr. Slocum – it is nice to see you sitting over there. The Service/Utilities Committee has not met since our last meeting - there are currently no items pending in Committee and there are no meetings scheduled. As President Morley said I had an opportunity to work on Saturday with the Committee for the Blvd. of Flags. The morning got a little hectic – my refrigerator broke and I had four kids –so, we just showed up. It was incredible to watch these 9 – 11 year olds put up the flags with veterans. It was very moving – I actually have pictures of my nieces and nephews and was in tears. These children were so excited to raise the American flag. I was so proud of them. But, when I came home and was looking on line I saw that it said – no children. I think we are missing the boat there. I think it was an excellent opportunity for them – they saw the veterans take down the big flag and fold it – it was very moving. I think we need to do something to ensure we are keeping children of the appropriate age involved. To teach them about the flag and to teach them how to respect it. That way we will have more volunteers. My niece is here tonight and I know she had a great time. This concludes my report.

Mr. Morley: The name of the veteran you are talking about is Gordy Fischlin – the other gentleman is Joe Fischlin who is the former Commander of Post #678. I spoke with the Jim and Joe Strand – they were going to set up three weeks to do repairs but that did not happen – that was why they had that in there. The kids from the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts are always there – as well as the PAL kids – taking them down. Everyone who was there did a great job. The Strand brothers do a great job – and Post #678 and the VFW help. Kudos to them.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse: The Safety Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting. Therefore, there is nothing to report. However, I be making two motions:

Legislative Recommendations

Legislation No. 04-13-(04)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 04-13-(04) to the evening’s agenda supporting and recognizing the month of April, 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Eastlake. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 04-13-(04) is added to the evening’s agenda.

Legislation No. 04-13-(05)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 04-13-(05) to the evening's agenda authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into an Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (Dispatchers). Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 04-13-(05) is added to the evening's agenda.

Additional Comments

Mr. Lajeunesse: I would like to welcome Mr. Slocum as our new Finance Director, having done that once before – so, it is actually a reoccurring role for him. As a resident I am sure he will watch over our finances very thoroughly – I appreciate your involvement. Also, Mrs. Cendroski sometimes does not get as much credit as she deserves. But, when she gives us sheets to follow with your name on them it makes things very simple. I want to make sure she gets recognized this evening. She is the unsung hero for all of Council. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Hoefle

Mr. Hoefle: The Recreation Committee has not met since our last meeting – there are no items pending and no items scheduled. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Hoefle.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D'Ambrosio

Mr. Morley: Mr. D'Ambrosio is absent and excused – we did go over things in Council-as-a-Whole Committee and the Public Hearings. There is a Planning Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting, therefore, I have no formal report. But, I would like to welcome Mr. Slocum back – it was a pleasure to work with him in the past and it will be a pleasure to work with him in the future. He is a great guy – available when we need him and he has always been attentive to our every question. I think his years of experience will bode well for the City of Eastlake. Thank you for coming back, Mike. I will be scheduling a Finance Committee for Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 6:10 p.m. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

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

There was no who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2010-024

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 04-13-(01)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Bernard DeMello and Craig L. Chulick, co-owners, dba Star Auto Wholesale, 1486 East 357th Street, Eastlake, OH, 44095, and declaring an emergency.

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

Legislation No. 04-13-(01) is placed on First Reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 04-13-(02)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Jalisco's Restaurant, Inc., 35757 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio, 44095, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2010-024.

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 04-13-(03)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Lake Transmissions & Car Care, Inc., 36036 Lakeland Blvd., Unit 1, Eastlake, OH, 44095, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2010-025.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 04-13-(04)

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Lajeunesse

A Resolution supporting and recognizing the month of April, 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Eastlake, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Lajeunesse moved to adopt. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2010-026.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 04-13-(05)

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Lajeunesse

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into an Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (Dispatchers), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Lajeunesse moved to adopt. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2010-027.

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LEGISLATION PENDING

There was no Legislation Pending.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR – Ted Andrzejewski

Mayor Andrzejewski was absent and excused.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: I have nothing to report. I will get with the Finance Director and the Engineer to nail down these bid estimates for the roof and will provide the answers to your questions. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Michael Slocum

Mr. Slocum: I would like to take the opportunity to thank Council, the Administration and the employees – my transition back to the City in my mind is working extremely well. It feels like a glove to me – it is a nice fit and I really appreciate the cooperation I am getting from everyone. I am trying to get myself up to speed with both the budget and what has happened during my absence so I can properly advise you going forward. We met last week with the State Auditors. They will be starting their audit for the years 2008 and 2009 next Monday or the next week. They expect to be here about six weeks. I am not anticipating any significant issues. We are looking to close the books for the month of March by Friday. The one thing we are working on very strenuously is to make sure we have the correct budget information which was passed last month. Until we get that fully nailed down I do not want to issue statements. We will be making that second week to release the statements and I do intend to provide you with copies of the statements as you have been getting. I will be cutting out the reconciliation side – if someone still wants that I will be more than happy to share that with you – and, it is always available at any time. But, I am also going to be scanning these reports into a PDF file and making those available so you do not always have to have the paper. It will be your choice if you choose to not take the paper. I am happy to report the income tax collection for the month of March was decent. Our year to date variance which had been in the neighborhood of \$70,000 negative at the end of February is now in the neighborhood of about \$23,000 negative. Our big month is April – we will know this time next month how well we are really doing. And, I am very please to tell you that Mrs. Keneven-Zanella made an appearance here yesterday for the first time this year. We had an extensive conversation and we will try to work with her to allow her to do some work at home. She is still not capable of coming in on a day to day basis but we are going to get her connected so she can work from home – courier information back and forth because there are some things that she is best able to handle. I was very happy to see her come in. I think she is anxious to get away from watching the TV and the recovery. She has gone through a lot and is still extremely weak and we are trying to work with her on this and move forward. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: I had a little meeting with Mr. Slocum before tonight's meeting. It will be the same as with Mr. Condrón – if there are any questions Council needs answered if you cannot reach him during the day because of your work schedule he is more than happy for you to call his house or his cell phone. Also, I have asked him to go back through the budget – there are some things he is going to look at and talk to us about in the near future – if there is anything he thinks needs to be altered. I told him we are always on the cautious side and to take as much time as it takes. Tonight is an example – instead of rushing through this roofing matter with the Senior Center he will meet with Mr. Doberdruk and Mr. Gwydir and all parties to make sure this is right – that is why it was referred to the next meeting. We are off to a good start and hopefully, as we did with Mr. Condrón, will continue to have a good relationship with our Finance Director.

There were no questions of Mr. Slocum.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: I have had the pleasure of already working with Mr. Slocum and will be providing him information relative to the projects currently open – both in terms of funds expended and anticipated funds to be expended as well as engineering expenses so he can come up to speed. I anticipate having the information by the end of the week. The railroad called me this morning and indicated they would be starting early on Roberts Road – Friday instead of Saturday. I called Mr. Semik and got the signage changed as well as him contacting the schools and appropriate parties to let them know. I am pleased about the work on the City’s cost being done on Friday instead of Saturday. The pool is progressing nicely. The stainless steel gutters are installed – they are finishing up the welding – the testing – the filter tanks and system and pumps have been delivered but not yet installed. We are still getting drawings in from Patterson-Stevens – the plumbing rough-in is underway – the electricians have arrived on site. We are continuing with the designs for East 347th and 348th Street in order to move towards bidding in late May or early June in anticipation of the OPWC money being issued in July. Similarly we are doing the storm system on Edison and Mondomin. Quentin Road is moving along well – I have reviewed about 28,000 linear feet of sewer tapes through the area and have about another 5,000 to go to finish the review of the sewers in that area. The mainlines look quite well and I find it very encouraging that we do not have to – so far – do any major repairs. We will be moving forth to the pump station around the middle of May. The SSES system – our study is underway – the meters have been installed. We have had one rain event but it has been kind of dry – we are hoping for a couple of good rain events so we can get some good flow data. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Gwydir.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik: We are out DuraPatching – we are trying to hit most of the larger chuckholes. We are going street by street with some streets taking a little bit longer. I would like to complete one before we move onto the next one – so, be patient. I want to point out that in August they will begin the restoration of the slope in front of the middle school on Lakeshore Blvd. The road will be one-lane and will be controlled by traffic lights on a sensor to expedite the traffic. It does come at a bad time – school will be in session – the Route 2 work will be continuing. This is when ODOT wants to do that work. Lakeshore Blvd. from the east driveway of the middle school just past Forest will be down to one lane. The pavilion at Surfside Park should be dug out and erected in the next few weeks – weather permitting. This concludes my report and I am open for any questions.

Mr. Morley: How long will the lane on Lakeshore Blvd. be down?

Mr. Semik: Two to three months.

Mr. Morley: Have you responded to Mr. Hoefle on the flower beds?

Mr. Semik: I believe I did send something.

Mr. Hoefle: On March 17th I submitted a memo to the Mayor that as cc'd to you. One was in regards to the pavilion. From what I understood we had budgeted \$18,000 for it and you had mentioned to me that we were going to contract that out. I suggested that we see if we could have volunteers build that pavilion but I have not heard anything on that – part two of the memo was also trying to address all the flower beds throughout the City and to see if we can find local landscaping companies or corporations who would like to adopt those beds – let them maintain them and in exchange they can advertise in them. As of this date I have not heard anything back from the Administration on this.

Mr. Semik: The only thing I would do would be to refer that back to the Administration. As far as the pavilion we had a bid that came in at \$11,100 for the complete installation – material and time. You should have received that.

Mr. Hoefle: We did not receive anything.

Mr. Morley: I spoke with the Mayor. He said he would meet with you about the flower beds – he thought it was a good idea. I will ask him tomorrow and you two can meet on it. There is obviously – and, I was talking to Mr. Slocum about this today – there is obviously a problem with us getting a lot of information and we need to clean that up in all the Departments. As I told Mr. Slocum – if you come to a meeting one day and we do not allow something to be heard at that meeting it is not because we are trying to cause problems it is that we are trying to get all the information. It seems more and more that we do not get half the memos people are telling us we are supposed to get. Mrs. Cendroski is very good about stamping them when they come in – we need to clean that up for our sake. Especially when it comes to the residents and they are asking us questions. When we send memos and someone gives us an answer we expect things to be done. And, we have been finding out lately that things have not been finished. It is not our job to follow all of you around after we submit a memo. It is everyone's job here to act on it. If it is not done – that is fine. If it is not done because other things need to be done – we need to know. So, when we report to the residents we can tell them why something is not done. For example, we walked outside before this meeting. I thought things were done 1 ½ months ago and they were not done. The memo I sent was not a really nice memo but everything that I asked for is done now. We should not have to do those type of things. Not just from me – from any of us. We all respect you and that same respect should come back.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Regarding the number of Service Department employees. Are you finding that there is a lot more going on this year than the last – due to the pool and other things – and, the amount of help? I know you have not hired anyone. My compliments to the guys on what they are getting done. I am sure with all you are doing you have to be a little tight.

Mr. Semik: We are – as everyone on Council and the Administration is aware – the Service Department was probably the hardest hit when it came to laying people off. As much as I would love to request people at every Council meeting and Service/Utilities Committee meeting I know budget-wise it is not feasible. When you gut a Department by half you do not remove half of the streets I still have 168 road miles to maintain – that is just road miles. I am not talking about infrastructure. I have five people to take care of 12 parks. I have

cities that call me and ask me how I do it. We do what we can as quickly and efficiently as possible. One of the reasons I request equipment it is not because I like to see new equipment out there on the street but in lieu of personnel I need equipment so we can work faster and smarter. Once the economy turns around eventually maybe we can start to look at hiring employees. The Department certainly needs it. I know it is economy based and I try to work with the Administration and Council in that regard. We will do the best we can with the employees we have to do the tasks that are assigned to us besides the paving, striping, parks – now we are faced with opening the pool and maintaining that – that is another burden. We are looking at the summer part-time employees who we will be hiring and we will be hiring seasonal part-time help as in the past. But, until those people are hired on we are working with a very thin crew. The grass is growing and I don't have to tell Council and the Administration that this puts a burden on five people. While they are cutting grass we are ditching and doing additional work before the paving season actually begins. We are doing the best we can.

Mr. Morley: Let me rephrase because I do want anyone to think I am coming down on the Service Department. My point is if we send over a memo and it cannot be done – for whatever reason – you have to get the parts – you don't have the person to do that – all I am say is – let us know that because when we send a memo and we don't hear back from anyone for two weeks except the resident calling us back we take it for granted that you are doing what we asked. We don't have a problem if it cannot be done as long as we know someone is working on it – if we can call the resident back and ask for two or three weeks to get it done – that is fine. That is my point. It is not that I am coming down on the Service Department for not doing their job. We all understand you do not have a lot of people but we need to know – when we send a memo – that it is going to be done or not done. In the past you sent memos back and said the job had been completed and who did it. I would like to see that start happening again. Then we have a record to show it was done. That is my concern. I am not saying the Service Department is not doing its job – it is that we need to know these things are done. As the Mayor says – we are not here all day – we all work other jobs – regardless we do this job during the day – we get phone calls but we also have jobs outside of here. So, we rely on the memos we send you that things are getting done. That is my point. It is not that I am saying the Service Department is not doing its job – the Service Department does a very good job – I have said that in the past. That is my point.

There were no further questions of Mr. Semik.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt: Neil Weinberger from JND Industries for Walgreens needed a letter from us to give to their lender to move forward with the project. That has been completed and they anticipate the project should start sometime in May. I am not sure when ODOT will be working on the road but if you need to know I could find out for you. We are issuing a lot of general permits – roofing, furnaces, air conditioners, driveways etc. Mr. Conti from Conti Construction will be getting a new house on 745 East 345th Street. He had the foundation in and the weather turned bad – he should be starting soon. I am glad the Ordinance Committee will be looking at some of my ordinances. You would be surprised about the wind energy and the solar energy ordinances. I have already had inquiries about putting windmills up already. This will help give us guidelines that we do not have now. I am grateful and hopefully it will work out that we can pass those and work on them together. My inspectors

from February to April went through the whole City and looked at all the occupancies and businesses. We now have a complete list of all the new businesses and businesses that are still here. I will be giving that list to the Tax Department, Finance Department, Police and Fire Departments so they have the information on who is there. Also, we found a lot who do not have occupancies and we are working on those to get them into compliance. We issued a permit for the pavilion. I received a memo from Mr. Lajeunesse in late fall about a house on Green Drive – that did not fall behind – we were collecting a lot of information from the residents. We got a lot of information about their allegations and a couple of other residents came forward this past week. We spoke with the owners of the property and they were shocked as to what was going on with their tenants. We made a visit into the home – it was horrible. The conditions were appalling. I rewrote the property maintenance code which the Administration is still reviewing to pass onto Council – it does address these issues about going into homes only on a basis of something like this to address these conditions that we do not know about or the Police and Fire Department go in and see conditions that are as deplorable as these – so we can take action to right them. Hopefully, we can move forward. So, that house on Green should see a lot of changes in the next couple of weeks on the exterior and possibly a change of tenants – according to the owners. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I appreciate the presentation of an ordinance in regards to what you suggest. A few years back I was trying to do rental property and point of sale inspections. A lot of communities do that. When I go with the Police or Fire Departments and see the condition of some of the homes – it becomes a safety issue. I think that is what you were referring to. Whatever we can do it is to keep everyone in the community safe. Whether it is those ordinances or other ones we can come up with – point of sale or rental property inspections. When I was talking about that it was not about gouging people and making them pay for something – it was about the safety. That is exactly what I was referring to. The other part is – I appreciate our Council President Mr. Morley suggestion about memos because I did send that in several months ago in regards to Green Drive. I pretty much gave up on it. I pretty much gave up on trying to get information back. That was about six months ago. Imagine my frustration month after month and I do not get anything back – no follow-up from anyone in regard to what was going on with that property. Although I was continuing to get calls and make visits. What, as a Council person, am I supposed to say when I get no information? That saddens me. I am not saying that to you in particular but in this situation I will – you get to a point as a Council person when you say – why make an effort. Why make an effort to try to do something good in the Community when you keep sending memos and you keep trying to help people and the Administration does not get back to you with information? That is my little part in that. Six months later at this Council meeting finally a statement was made about that. How do you explain that to residents? That sometimes does play a part in my response to residents – and, I do not want to keep on saying it is the Administration – it is the Administration – but, I think our Council President said it best tonight. We are elected officials – we are legislative – that this the government part of our body. Our jobs are not to do what you are supposed to be doing - not you in particular – but, as a whole. And, when you send memo after memo - our Council Clerk gets the messages from me and she knows she has not received many recently because it gets to a point where it does not do any good. Whatever you can do with that property on Green Drive I appreciate. The residents are the ones with the problem and they are the ones who came to me and it has been very frustrating – very frustrating not to get information back from the Administration.

Mr. Morley: The only reason I brought up stuff tonight – we have been having and more issues. We do not want to start pointing fingers – that was the reason for my comments tonight. When we send memos we need answers back in a timely fashion. That is all we are looking for. Everyone has been frustrated. I know Mr. D’Ambrosio has been having issues. Mr. Knuchel has talked about some. Ms. Vaughn has had some. We don’t send memos just to do it – we are not trying to be down but unfortunately this meeting seems like we are coming down on everyone – but, we are not. We respect everyone’s job and would like the same respect.

Mr. Stigalt: Mr. Lajeunesse, I understand your frustration. But, the resident who promised us information – we kept asking and asking and she was not bringing us all the videos they claimed to have, DVD’s, pictures. I had three pictures and she said she had several more – I have never received those from her. My zoning inspector contacted her. We tried to get the information so we could give you a complete package and know how we could address it. It was never brought to us – and, winter came and things died down. But, we kept on pursuing it and I got more calls – that was not going to be a dead issue. That house had to be addressed. We finally found that the owners of the property were not aware of what was going on at the property until I sent a letter. That brought everything to a head and we had a meeting this morning – things are going to change quickly and the residents should be seeing changes shortly. The owners of the property were appalled. It did not fall on deaf ears. We were never able to get the information.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I appreciate that now. But, for the last six months I received no information of any type. Not even to say you were having trouble getting information. There were a couple of years where I pressed the issue of the pool – that is what I did. But, I sent memos and got memos back – some I did not get back. Whether I liked the information or not at least I got the answers. I did not get all my answers so I kept sending memos. Someone got upset and said I sent too many memos. All I wanted was information. So, I sent a couple of memos about the Green Drive situation and got no response. I told our Council President that we did not get any information back. So, even what you said tonight – you are the Administration – you get paid the money – there is no reason why you could not have called me as a Council person and given me the respect to advise that you were having trouble getting information from the Green Drive resident and ask me to go over there together – have a meeting – do something to help this situation. That is what is lacking here. It is continuous. There are Council people who were sending memos on a regular basis and you are not hearing much from Council anymore because they have become frustrated – at least I have.

Mr. Klammer: Mr. Stigalt, I sent you an email on a couple of contiguous lots on East 357th Street – if it is one we already talked about please provide me with background?

There were no further questions of Mr. Stigalt.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Chief Ruth: I sent memos to you today and want to thank you for being so gracious to accept the memos in a late fashion and acting on them in a quick process. And, a special thank you to Council Clerk Mrs. Cendroski for her graciousness in handling these on a short notice – I appreciate it. On April 1st, the Ohio Police Athletic League co-sponsored an event with Beef O’Brady’s on Vine Street to bring in the Retired Cavaliers Association. A number of retired

Cavaliers came to eat and interact with the Community and sign autographs. It turned out to be a pretty good event for the Community to have good food and entertainment. It is pretty much business as usual for us and I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: I was at that event and wrote about it in my article for the Gazette. It was very good, between Beef O’Brady’s owners Laura and John Werner, PAL, and Cavalier legends – it was a good night. Hopefully, we can have more events like it. Also, there is a Block Watch meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at the Eastlake Library.

There were no questions of Chief Ruth.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: We are getting ready to get into our spring season activities. We are getting ready to post for hydrants. We usually do not have many complaints. We get it done in a timely fashion and have a good system in place. The residents usually know when their area is getting flushed. A reminder – if you do get your area flushed and you have rusty water – let it run for a couple of minutes and it usually clears up. I know we discuss a lot about the construction activity in the Community – operationally we do keep a pretty good eye on that and if we have to make alternative routes we are conscious about that. Additionally, I know people get frustrated but there are construction workers out there who have families and are doing the job they are supposed to do – so, there is no need to get angry or frustrated at them. Keep an eye on that and be patient. When the projects are done it will be an incredible thing for our Community and really nice – it is just getting to that point and having patience. We had a house fire in the Willoway Allotment about four weeks ago – Patrolman Formick was out on the road that evening and happened to come across the fire. He was able to get everyone out of the house and also got a garden hose and extinguished most of the exterior fire. This gives you an idea of some of the people who work in our Community. When use dash cam video for the report and it is a humbling experience to see what our Police and Fire do in emergency situations. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:23 p.m.

JOE D’AMBROSIO, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

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