

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2009**

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. Elshaw at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lajeunesse.

ATTENDEES

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

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Mr. Condron, Service Director Semik, CBO Mr. Stigalt, City Engineer Mr. Gwydir, Police Chief Ruth and Fire Chief Whittington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – MAY 12, 2009

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to approve the minutes of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting with adjournment into Executive Session of May 12, 2009. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 12, 2009

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 12, 2009. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Elshaw

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Elshaw: A Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

A Special Council Meeting with adjournment into Executive Session is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at which we will be interviewing the candidates for the vacant Council-at-Large position – the selection will be done following the interviews.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was received from Police Chief Ruth regarding a request to purchase a vehicle for the Eastlake Police Department. This was referred to Finance Committee.

Conditional Use Permit recommendations were received from the Planning Commission for King Excavating, 35080 Lakeland Blvd., Eastlake, Top Quality Sealcoating, 1194 East 362nd Street, Eastlake and Farinacci Excavating, 34980 Lakeland Blvd., Eastlake. These were referred to Planning Committee.

A communication was received from the Planning Commission recommending the adoption of the City of Eastlake 2009 Comprehensive Plan. This was referred to Planning Committee.

A communication was received from Service Director Semik proposing an amendment to City Ordinance Section 949.05 "Tee; Riser Pipe." This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

Conditional Use Permit Renewal recommendations were received from the Building Department for Commercial Engine Re-Building, Inc., 1433 East 328th Street, Eastlake and Eazy Appliance, 33238 Vine Street, Eastlake. These were referred to Planning Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse: The Recreation Committee has not met since the last Council meeting. I would like to thank resident Mr. Dan Matheke and those who put together an initiative to rededicate Willoway Park to Corporal Daugherty Park– someone who gave his life for this country. I appreciate those from the Administration and Council who were involved in this – it was a very nice ceremony and was put together very well. The Citizens Recreation Advisory Committee met last Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m. at which many issues were discussed with Don Little being the Chairman, Vice Chairs are Lisa Alford and Jim DeFrancesco, and the Secretary is Joyce Bates. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12th at 6:30 p.m. Individuals will be providing sample Bylaws from the neighboring Communities as well as throughout the Country and we will be combining those into the Bylaws for our Eastlake Advisory Committee and then eventually passing them onto Council for its recommendation and vote. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D'Ambrosio

Mr. D'Ambrosio: The Planning Committee has not met since the last regular Council meeting, therefore I have no report. I do see that items have been referred into my Committee from Communications and Petitions so I will be scheduling a Committee meeting for sometime next week. 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 May 20, 2009 at 6:02 p.m. In attendance from the Committee were myself, Mr. Lajeunesse and Mr. D'Ambrosio. In attendance from Council were Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Morley and Council President Elshaw. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Service Director Semik, City Engineer

Gwydir, Finance Director Condron and Police Chief Ruth. Two items were on the evening's agenda – the WPCC expenditure for the Final Clarifier Replacement Project for a total amount of \$320,000. Mr. Gwydir, would you like to add anything to this?

Mr. Gwydir: I received information today that the cost of the project is projected to be lower than originally estimated.

Mr. Knuchel: That is very good news. The other item on the agenda was a bid advertisement for an emergency generator for the Police Department. As I said in Council-as-a-Whole Committee this issue has been discussed for about the last two years and now that we have some logistical things straightened out it is ready to go out for bid and the Committee moved it forward. 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 May 21, 2009 with myself, Mr. Morley and Mr. D'Ambrosio present from the Committee. Also in attendance from Council were Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Lajeunesse and Council President Mr. Elshaw. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Condron, Law Director Klammer, and Police Chief Ruth. The Committee discussed articles in 155.01 which deals primarily with benefits and salary ordinances for those employees who are not members of bargaining units. After discussion on all items the Committee agreed to move forward with items and they appear on the evening's agenda as Legislation No. 05-26-(07), Legislation No. 05-26-(08), and Legislation No. 05-26-(09). On Legislation No. 05-21-(10) the Committee agreed on the concept of how it we would like to see this ordinance read but unfortunately the Law Director is not available tonight. He had prepared verbiage which did not exactly fit. Therefore, I am going to ask that this matter be placed on First Reading tonight. As there are several items in my Committee I will be scheduling a meeting for next week. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE -

There was no Service/Utilities Committee report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Morley

Mr. Morley: The Safety Committee has not met since the last Council meeting and there is nothing in Committee. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Morley.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Elshaw 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.

David Sickles, 337 East 342nd Street, Eastlake

Mr. Sickles: On May 14th of this month I witnessed two policemen shoot a raccoon behind the Fire Station. Some of you may be aware of it. The Chief of Police a letter. I made some

preliminary emails on this to different groups and organizations and experts and *inaudible*. What happened was they shot the raccoon and left it in a dumpster and I told the policemen the animal was still alive – it was writhing in pain and gasping for breath. They laughed and walked away and said some other nice things to me which I will not go into. What I am concerned about is that there needs to be a policy set because right now there is no policy for dealing with a situation like this. The Chief of Police said that their men do not like to shoot them – that may be so but what I saw was not what he described. There needs to be a policy set in place for the future because if an animal has to be killed – a wild animal or domestic animal – they should be put out of its misery as quickly as possible. That did not happen. The Mayor shares the responsibility. I tried to meet with him and he refused to sit down and discuss this with me. He basically made the Chief of Police handle all inquiries that are coming in. I was looking at the emails today – over 100 emails on this in just one day. And there will be more. *Inaudible* is planning on sending out emails to their members. I just got a letter today when I got home from the *inaudible* with over 8 million members. From now on either City Council or the Mayor has to come up with a policy because what I saw should not happen. Animals suffer pain – just like we do – and it does not matter if the animal is rabid or not it still does not deserve to be treated the way it was. There is no excuse for it. There is also no law that mandates that we shoot an animal in the head because of rabies. I talked to the Department of Health and there is no law and I also talked to the Ohio Department of Health and there is no law. All they ask for is if it is possible to save the head for rabies testing. But, the only time they really want the head not injured is if the raccoon or whatever animal it is has bitten or scratched someone. And that did not happen in this case. The fact that they did not kill this animal when I asked them to come back – I would not have been so much upset if they had killed the animal but the fact is how they did it. I don't want to see any animal killed whether it is a dog, cat, raccoon, snake – anything. But, it should be done in a humane manner. And that was not done in this case. And the Mayor keeps trying to defend this and it is not defensible – that is why he is not answering his phone – not answering his letters and making the Chief of Police do it. I am sure the City Council is not surprised the Mayor shirks his responsibilities – it is not the first time.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Mr. Elshaw.

Mr. Elshaw: Do you want to respond?

Mayor Andrzejewski: When they speak...

Mr. Elshaw: Please direct your comments to the Chair – that is a good point.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I would like to respond to what the resident said.

Mr. Elshaw: I would also like to hear from the Chief and Mayor, as Safety Director, you should probably weigh in on this.

Mr. Sickles: That is fine – that is why I wanted to sit down with the Mayor – so we could discuss and come up with a different solution for the future. If he wants to do that – fine. It should be done.

Mayor Andrzejewski: First of all I do not shirk my duties and I take offense to that. The way it works is we have Department Directors and unless I want to be a micromanager each Department Head whether it be Service Director, Finance Director, Fire Chief, or Police Chief or CBO I remain in the background as an advisor or talk over problems or solutions or whatever. When a situation occurs in the Police Department – especially a situation in which I was not there – of course I am going to turn it over to the Chief of Police – those are his officers – that is his Department to run. So, I am not shirking my responsibilities. I talked to you on the phone and we discussed the situation – I listened to all your concerns and commented when necessary and it was not good enough for you because you wanted to see something done right then and there. So, everyone needs to know I called the resident back and talked to him about the situation but in this case there was no resolution satisfactory to him at the time. Consequently, the Chief of Police and I talked this morning. We had a very nice response and suggestions from the Humane Society and Chief and I have read them and there are several recommendations that we will work on putting in place. Whenever the Police Department, Finance Department, Service Department, Fire Department, Building Department does their job and appears to be doing the right thing I will let them.

Chief Ruth: I am sorry this incident had to occur. From the Police Department's side we don't enjoy having to kill animals – I am an animal lover myself. I was not there at the time of the incident – I did talk to the officers who were involved. Apparently, according to the officers, the raccoon was sick. And it is our practice that we will destroy a sick or injured animal and that is what occurred. It has also been our practice that recognizing the impact something like this can have on the public instead of using a large weapon we generally use a .22 caliber pistol – it is not as effective but causes less alarm to the general area. Unfortunately, according to the position of the Health Department and I have brochures on this – we should not shoot a raccoon in the head because they have to have head for testing purposes – we have rabies in the area – it is not rampant but it is out there and is a concern especially with skunks and raccoons. So, we did not shoot the raccoon in the head and it may not kill the animal as quickly as a shot in the head. The animal was shot and – I do not know how gently I can say this – when something dies it is not like on TV where a shooting drops someone dead. Death in any manner is not an easy thing to witness – and animals, people don't just drop dead – sometimes they have movement for a period of time. It is just part of it. As I understand that happened to the animal – the animal did go through these movements that are consistent with the passing away. That is unfortunate – it is not something that is enjoyable to witness. The animal was placed in the dumpster until the Health Department could retrieve the animal and take it for testing. We will not probably ever know – if it is rabies we will know – if it not rabies it was likely distemper – we will never know for sure because they only test for rabies. Other than that we did receive correspondence and we are responding. *inaudible* I am not sure if Mr. Sickles served the community by making so many people aware of this incident and not making all the facts available to them. We received information from the Ohio Humane Society *inaudible* it was actually more of a *Inaudible* we will take a look at it and incorporate it into some sort of a policy. There are just no other methods of killing an animal at this particular time. In taking care of sick animals, especially a sick animal that may be a threat to humans, had we not disposed of this animal and some child or some person was hurt by an animal with a serious condition *inaudible*. There are no other arrangements – the Humane Society does not come out and catch it and take it away to give it a good home. There are animal trappers that are readily available who will come out and trap animals – they are not taken somewhere else in Ohio and set them loose – they are ultimately destroyed. There is just no easy answer. We will look at our methods. In most cases the .22 is *inaudible* a head shot is always an instant kill

and a body shot does seem to take a while longer *inaudible* The head is preserved for testing. Again, I was not present at the situation to see the response. The officers did a distasteful task *inaudible* unless a group steps forward to take this task upon themselves. I am open for questions.

Mr. Elshaw: Thank you, Chief. Mayor, I understand and respect your policy of allowing the Directors to respond however, in my opinion, you probably should be at the meeting with your Directors especially as you are the Safety Director.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I did call the resident back and spoke to him.

Mr. Elshaw: But, there was talk about setting up a meeting. I believe Mr. Sickles talked about setting up a meeting with the Chief. Or is that not correct?

Mayor Andrzejewski: *inaudible*.

Mr. Elshaw: So, there is nothing covered under the County – the Ohio Revised Code doesn't cover this in anyway?

Mayor Andrzejewski: The Health Department will not come and take care of animals. As you all know we get calls from residents about skunks or raccoons and all we can do is provide names of trappers. As the Chief said and I have talked to the trappers when they trap animals they ultimately have the animals destroyed. They are not allowed to take them to the MetroParks.

Mr. Elshaw: I guess it is the suspicion of rabies that puts a different light on it.

Mayor Andrzejewski: It is a tough situation – there is no easy answer. We don't trap them – the Health Department doesn't trap them – the County doesn't trap them.

Mr. Elshaw: You did hear from the Humane Society? Were you going to put something together?

Mayor Andrzejewski: We will send you a copy of the letter. They had some very good suggestions and the Chief and I have talked about putting some of those suggestions into a policy type format.

Mr. Elshaw: And, that will be forward to Council.

Mayor Andrzejewski: That will be internal policy.

Chief Ruth: That will not necessarily change how it is done but they offered more of an explanation as to the habits of the animals.

There was no one else who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2009-051

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 05-26-(01)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2004-095, adopted September 14, 2004, and authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to WalMart Stores, Inc. #1863, 34440 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio, 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. 2009-051.

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 05-26-(02)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1998-057, adopted April 14, 1998, and authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Myron Miecznikowski, dba Erieshore Beverage & Bait, 35608 Lakeshore Boulevard, Eastlake, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

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

Legislation No. 05-26-(02) is placed on First Reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 05-26-(03)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2006-086, adopted September 26, 2006 and authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Zarko and Angelina Duvnjak, dba High Point Restaurant and Bar, 1366 East 346th Street, Eastlake, Ohio, 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. 2009-052.

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 05-26-(04)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to HBII, Inc. dba Handle Bar II, 34471 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio, 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. 2009-053.

Requested by: WPCC
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

RESOLUTION NO.: 05-26-(05)

A Resolution granting permission from the City of Eastlake to the City of Willoughby to expend funds in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) for the Rehabilitation of the Final Clarifier, 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 Resolution No. 2009-054.

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

RESOLUTION NO.: 05-26-(06)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids for an emergency generator for the Eastlake Police Department, said bids to be in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the Director of Public Service, 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 Resolution No. 2009-055.

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Requested by: Administration	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 05-26-(07)</u>
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn	An Ordinance amending Chapter 155, “Employment Provisions and Compensation” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, specifically Section 155.01 “General Administration,” and declaring an emergency

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2009-056.

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Requested by: Administration	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 05-26-(08)</u>
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn	An Ordinance amending Section 155.02, “Vacation Pay,” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, specifically Section 155.02 (f), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2009-057.

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Requested by: Administration	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 05-26-(09)</u>
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn	An Ordinance amending Section 155.03, “Holidays,” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, specifically Section 155.03 (e), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2009-058.

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Requested by: Administration Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn	<u>ORDINANCE NO.: 05-26-(10)</u> An Ordinance amending Section 155.30, "Advancement of Benefits for Retirement" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, and declaring an emergency.
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MOTION: There was no motion to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full.

Legislation No. 05-26-(10) is placed on First Reading.

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Requested by: Administration Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel	<u>RESOLUTION NO.: 05-26-(11)</u> A Resolution submitting to the electors of the City the question of the renewal of an existing 0.5-Mill Tax Levy for the purpose of providing Fire Apparatus, Capital Improvements and Equipment for the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.
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MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to place on First Reading. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 05-26-(11) is placed on First Reading.

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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: A reminder – a lot of things are going on in Eastlake and are listed on the web site. We encourage the residents to view the website. Our annual parade will be on

Saturday, August 1st during our City festival. It will not be on the 4th of July festival but the fireworks will be held at the stadium as last year. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of the Mayor.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer was absent and excused.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Brian Condrón

Mr. Condrón: We completed work on the 2009 Annual Report with the State Auditor's office and it has been filed. We are working on the 2010 Tax Budget and you should receive it in your Council packets this week for approval next month. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Condrón.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik: We are doing asphalt and concrete work on the roads with the cooperation of the weather. You may see us doing concrete work in the various Wards. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Would you please over the next couple of days send our Council Clerk a update of our work for the asphalt and concrete road program – for this year and next year - if possible?

Mr. Knuchel: Do we have one for next year?

Mr. Lajeunesse: If you don't that is fine. Whatever you have for next year – I thought I saw a memo about something about next year – about a road for next year instead of this year.

Mr. Elshaw: Mr. Lajeunesse is referring to a request I received from a resident. I asked if it was on the current list – it was not – so, I asked if West Overlook Drive could please be evaluated and considered – you were going to take a look at that. I did not know if it was available yet – what your plans were for the next year but I thought I would put that in there. That there was a request – and, please give some consideration for that street.

Mr. Semik: If there are streets you are looking at now for next year please forward them to me – I will look at them for next year.

Mr. Lajeunesse: When you and I took our ride last year West Overlook was mentioned. That is why I thought it was a good idea. I walked several streets last year and it was mentioned. So, maybe we can take another ride and go over a few streets to check things out for next year.

Mr. Semik: We did some work on West Overlook – there is another section that is in need of work – that is the area from St. Lawrence to the curb. That seems to be the most problematic area.

Mr. Lajeunesse: There are several areas – I am not sure if St. Lawrence that was one of the streets that Mr. Gwydir was looking at as far as grant monies. I mentioned that a lot of the driveways on St. Lawrence have pockets. I have had a few residents make mention of this – one stopped me on Easter Sunday - we need to come up with what we will do with St. Lawrence so when I get asked that question again I can have an answer.

There were no further questions of Mr. Semik.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt: We have had several additions coming in for permits – there is a 9,000 square foot building proposed for Lakeshore – it will be in stages but we think that the plans should be coming in shortly. We are also working on property maintenance issues. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Stigalt.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: I have been working with CBO Stigalt on various issues. We are doing the ground work on OPWC projects for submission for stimulus money – we are getting those prioritized and working with Mr. Semik and the Mayor. I have been working with ODOT on the City-wide signalization – coordinating with the work on S.R. 2 – there will be changes to the signals. We are working on a survey of South Lakeshore Blvd. We are working on the Quentin Road pump stations and bringing on line the Robin, Forest and King Drive pump stations. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mayor Andrzejewski: When Mr. Gwydir said we were putting together projects for the next round of ODOT grants there are an awful lot of requests we have – what we try to do is to whittle that down to two or three that we feel we have the best chance of receiving a grant for. And we also try to put it into perspective – it may be 90% covered by the State – we may not get the project but if we go for 50% covered by the State our chances are much better. There is a lot of stuff that goes into it. I wish we could do 100 streets a years – it is just not practical – especially when you get into the concrete streets. We have been pretty successful over the last few years in at least getting one project per year – one of them is South Lakeshore Blvd.

Mr. Elshaw: I had one comment and this is not only for Mr. Gwydir but also for Mr. Stigalt. At the last meeting there was an issue with a survey on a resident's property for a room addition and there was some concern expressed by myself and other members of Council. There was a discussion after the Council meeting between myself, Mr. Gwydir and Mr. Stigalt and I thought it would be nice to share a little bit about the conversation. It was a great conversation and I liked the resolution. We talked about looking at a project by project basis and if certain items don't apply those won't be forced on the resident and they will work with the residents and pare down that list. Why don't one of you expand on this?

Mr. Stigalt: Mr. Gwydir and I have worked on the list that Mr. Gwydir has come up with – items he needs – there are some factors that do not apply to every situation so we are taking

the time to look at those projects on an individual basis while still following the ordinances – it should reduce the review time and the expenses.

Mr. Gwydir: The lines of communication are more open – especially with additions and so on. Today was a good day – we had a gentleman come in – the process was sped up.

Mr. Elshaw: Very good. The conversation after the meeting was very much appreciated and I appreciate the efforts you are making to whittle things down. Again, as we discussed at the last meeting we are not talking about giving anyone special breaks or anything special – everyone should be treated the same. However, some items just don't apply and some things may be unnecessary and I thank you very much for looking into that.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I also appreciate it – that gentleman lives down the street in my Ward and he has been rather quiet for a while – I appreciate what you have done with that situation. A resident asked me a question and I don't have an answer - since Roberts Road was done could Waverly be done the same way? Can you give me an explanation on the way Roberts Road was done and the funding – we know Waverly goes from Lakeshore Blvd. to Vine Street. Is it possible to have Waverly with curbs because the intersection of Waverly and Willowick has nice curbs and there are no more curbs down the rest of the street. Is that something that is planned out?

Mr. Semik: I will defer to Mr. Gwydir but that is on the list of streets *inaudible*.

Ms. Vaughn: I did discuss this last year – Mr. Knuchel and I share Beachpark in our Wards – Beachpark runs to S.R. 91 and we discussed the same situation. Although Waverly is in my Ward – I will take that one.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We have \$1.3 million to work with. That is the road levy – we have to make sure each road gets as close to the same amount of dollars as possible. If you do a concrete street in Ward 4 that is probably all the dollars if not more. The projects planned now will take most of the \$1.3 million. We try to be fair. *inaudible* I wish we could do every street every five years but the pot of gold is \$1.3 million and you have to split it between 4 Wards.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Actually, this does not pertain to my Ward – a resident asked me as to who sets the priorities and how does that priority come about and what is the road plan for the next several years so this person may understand why or why not Waverly can be done that way. That was my original question.

Mr. Gwydir: A Road Plan was established by the late Mr. Guard. This is reviewed by Mr. Semik and is also tempered by Council. Additionally we look for funding and projects with special merits such as schools or something else that may factor in. We are looking at all of that in addition to the condition.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I appreciate your answer.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Chief Ruth: *inaudible* We have our new police officer in training – we are still down two officers. We have four new cruisers – one is on the road and the rest should be the road next week. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: The East 361st Street closure has been delayed – it will take place this week for thirty days. The Willoughby Fire Department is assisting us in calls in that area – we will also be responding so there is no delay. Firefighter Morehead is working on a smoke detector program – we will be sending out postcards instead of making phone calls to remind people about the program and that we assist with the smoke detectors and provide batteries. The EKG program with Lake Hospital System has been very successful. We had a confirmed heart attack in the squad and we were able to forward the EKG to the ER so the patient could receive more definitive care upon arrival. Our new candidate was placed on shift on Monday and is working with the training officers. We made a tentative offer today to a candidate to replace Chief O’Neal. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:24 p.m.

DEREK W. ELSHAW, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____
DEBORAH A. CENDROSKI, CMC
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