

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Eastlake City Council was held at Eastlake City Hall, 35150 Lake Shore 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.

RECOGNITION OF CHAGRIN SALMON ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TO THE EASTLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT

Councilman Lajeunesse presented a plaque of appreciation to representatives of the Chagrin Salmon Association for the very generous donation to the Eastlake Police Department K-9 Unit.

ATTENDEES

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

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Mr. Condron, Law Director Mr. Klammer, City Engineer Mr. Gwydir, Police Chief Ruth and Fire Chief Sabo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 6 FEBRUARY 26, 2008

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 2008. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT 6 Mr. Elshaw

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Elshaw: A Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The ODNr meeting scheduled by CBO Mr. Voros for Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 12:20 p.m. has been cancelled.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

An expenditure request was received from the WPCC for emergency funds to repair the joint facility Lakeshore Boulevard Force Main. Mr. Elshaw explained that this was discussed in the Council-as-a-Whole Committee and will be added to this evening's agenda as Legislation No. 03-11-(02).

A communication was received from Administration requesting authorization to advertise for bids for the 2008 Concrete and Asphalt Street Repair and Replacement Programs. This was referred to Service/Utilities Committee.

A communication was received from Council President Mr. Elshaw regarding an amendment to City Ordinance 125.09 "Financial Disclosure." This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

A communication was received from the Fire Department requesting a donation acceptance for a set of Oxygen Masts. This was referred to Safety Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration requesting authorization to advertise for bids for the construction of the Robin/Forest/King Drive Pump Stations. This was referred to Service/Utilities Committee.

A recommendation was received from the Administration for a Fee Waiver for use of the Community Center on Saturday, May 17, 2008 for a fundraiser for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer 3-Day walk. This was referred to Recreation Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration for a Conditional Use Permit Renewal Request from Eastlake Marathon, 33650 Vine Street, Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration for a Conditional Use Permit Renewal Request from C & C Auto Repair, 35760 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration regarding a request to vacate the City Right-of-Way adjacent to 38 Pinehurst Boulevard, Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE ó Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse: The Recreation Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting, however, I have been busy on a few projects especially with Mr. Semik ó he, as Service/Recreation Director and I will be having our meeting with the Recreation volunteer organizations of the various leagues, including PAL this Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. here at City Hall.

Mr. Lajeunesse made the following Motions:

Legislative Recommendation: Legislation No. 03-11-(02)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 03-11-(02) to the evening's agenda granting permission from the City of Eastlake to the City of Willoughby to expend funds in an amount not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for the Emergency Replacement of a Section of the Joint Facility Lakeshore Boulevard Force Main. Mr. Morley seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 3-11-(02) is added to the evening's agenda.

Additional Comments

Mr. Lajeunesse: This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

PLANNING COMMITTEE ó Mr. D'Amrosio

Mr. D'Amrosio: The Planning Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting, therefore I have no formal report. As items on Communications were referred into Committee I will be scheduling a meeting either next week or the week after. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. D'Amrosio.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ó Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee met on March 4th and March 10th and spent about 8 hours going over the budget so far ó we have one more meeting to go hopefully and we will conclude budget talks. Some areas of interest were utility costs, expenses for special legal services, salaries and recreational needs. Items to be discussed in the future meeting are the Fire/Ambulance Trust Fund disbursement, additional expenditures recommended by the Mayor and firming up of all changes we have made to this point. On the March 4th meeting we also spoke about the Eastlake Signal Upgrade which appears on this evening's agenda. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel made the following Motion:

Legislative Recommendation

Legislation No. 03-11-(03)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 03-11-(03) to the evening's agenda authorizing and directing the Mayor, Director of Finance and Director of Law, on behalf of the City of Eastlake, to enter into a Settlement Agreement with Skrl Diecasting, Inc., et al. Mr. Morley seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation No. 03-11-(03) is added to the evening's agenda.

There were no questions of Mr. Knuchel.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting. I will be planning one after we conclude lengthy budget hearing meetings and I will be in touch with my Committee and Council Clerk at that time. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

Additional Comments:

Mr. Elshaw: Mr. Zontini is absent and excused. Mr. Morley will be providing the Service/Utilities Committee meeting report in Mr. Zontini's absence, as well as the Safety Committee Report.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE ó Mr. Zontini

SAFETY COMMITTEE ó Mr. Morley

Mr. Morley: The Service/Utilities Committee and the Safety Committee have not met since our last Council meeting. We do have some things pending in Service/Utilities which are on the evening's agenda ó also, the Honeywell Contract is pending. I will be scheduling a Safety Committee meeting and a Service/Utilities Committee meeting and will try to coordinate them with other Committee meetings. Also, I received a communication from Mr. Zontini who has been ill for some weeks. Also, my condolences to the Zontini family as Mr. Zontini's mother passed away this past weekend. On his behalf I would like to extend thanks to all the City crews for the great work they did over the weekend addressing the snow issues. He has heard nothing but good things and thanks from the residents. Also, he has a suggestion - if such a list doesn't already exist, could something be put together where members of police departments, fire departments, hospital staffs, and whatever other emergency type workers can be put together so that our Service Department knows where they live? He knows that cul de sacs are last on the plow list and that several EMTs and policemen live on cul de sacs which are done last, they were all unable to get out Saturday and Sunday. So, maybe, the Administration and Mr. Semik's Department could give that some consideration. I, also, would like to thank the Service, Police and Fire Departments over the weekend for their diligent work, actually over the whole weekend I only received two calls ó that tells me the City was doing a good job over the weekend with what we had. 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.

There was no one who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2008-013

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

ORDINANCE NO.: 03-11-(01)
PID NO. 75051
CITY-RTE-SEC LAK-Eastlake Signal
Upgrade

An Ordinance enacted by the City of Eastlake, County of Lake, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA), in the matter of the stated described project, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. DeAmbrosio 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. 2008-013.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 03-11-(02)

Requested by: WPCC Superintendent Gorka
Sponsored by: Mr. Zontini
A Resolution granting permission from the City of Eastlake to the City of Willoughby to expend funds in an amount not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for the Emergency Replacement of a Section of the Joint Facility Lakeshore Boulevard Force Main, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-014.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 03-11-(03)

Requested by: Law Director Mr. Klammer
A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, Director of Finance and Director of Law, on behalf of the City of Eastlake, to enter into a Settlement Agreement with Skrl Diecasting, Inc., et al., 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: Ms. Knuchel moved to adopt. Ms. Vaughn seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-015.

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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 ó Ted Andrzejewski

Mayor Andrzejewski: For future reference the Eastlake Home Days was just solidified and will be July 10th ó 13th at the Lakeshore/Erie Road site. It will be the same format as last year with a few more rides and the possibility of doing a four day flea market for those who wish to do that. Also, Saturday, April 19th at 1:05 p.m. will be declared Eastlake Appreciation Day at the stadium ó the Captains are going to give us 3,500 tickets as they did last year ó we will make those available for \$1.00 each with a limit of 4 per family for Eastlake residents with proof of residency. I would like to emphasize for the record that the Skrl Tool that everyone has heard about and was on the evening's agenda ó it is a Settlement Agreement ó it is money this City should have received years ago which would have reduced the \$3.2 million deficit that we started with ó this is not an ongoing income tax that we will continue to get within the next 10 years ó it is a one-time Settlement Agreement. Lastly, it is nice to know sometimes the good things we have done as a City ó the amount of grants we have received from various sources over the last two years, which does not have to come from the General Fund or any levies or sources we can use for other City services - \$456,000 for the Signal Replacement Program from NOACA, a little over \$1 million to redo Roberts Road from the State Issue 2 money, in 2010 we have been approved for about \$600,000 to repair the slope failure on Hillcrest and Lakeshore Blvd., the S.R. 91 resurfacing was paid for by 80% from the State, the Roberts Road railroad crossing is about \$125,000, and we will receive about 25%-30% of the cost of the pump stations repair from State Issue 2 money, and over the last two years we received \$75,000 in CDBG Grant money from the Lake County Commissioners with \$30,000 providing \$10,000 each in playground equipment for three parks and \$45,000 to employ a part-time zoning inspector. That is quite a bit of money that the City of Eastlake has successfully applied for and received. This is from things like gasoline taxes and other areas which is talked about in the report. It is something we made a conscious effort to apply for ó for our infrastructure in the City ó we should thank C.T. Consultant's and the late Steve Guard who was instrumental in the slope failure, the Roberts Road resurfacing and the railroad crossing and Mr. Gwydir helped us recently with the pump stations and the Signal Replacement Program. This concludes my report.

There were no questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR ó Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: I provided my report to you during Executive Session ó it is good to see the Skrl matter has resolved itself. We have a Settlement Conference coming up on the Tuckerman issue ó other than that I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ó Brian Condrón

Mr. Condrón: We have been working on the 2008 budget for the meeting next week. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. D'Ambrósio: I have been receiving a few calls and questions about the summer sprinkling program that the City will put into place. Do you have any comments on that?

Mr. Condrón: The sprinkler program was adopted by Ordinance with the object being to give people a reduction for water used for sprinkling that does not go into the sanitary system. We will be registering applicants and people who wish to participate in the program beginning Monday, March 31st with the registration period lasting the entire month of April. There is a one-time \$20 charge ó people do not need to register every year. We forward the registrations to the Lake County Department of Utilities.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I want to compliment Mr. D'Ambrósio, who initiated the legislation, and also the Administration and Council for working together ó it is for the residents ó that is what it is all about ó the Council and Administration looking out for the residents and working in the best interest of the residents. Mr. D'Ambrósio, I appreciate the initiation of that legislation.

Mr. D'Ambrósio: Thank you, but Mr. Condrón did a lot of the work and made a lot of the phone calls ó thank you, Mr. Condrón.

There were no further questions of Mr. Condrón.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR ó Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR ó Mike Semik

Mr. Semik: I have nothing new to report tonight, however, I do hope everyone has received the copies of the proposed road program and have had the opportunity to review it ó if there are any changes, additions or deletions please forward them as quickly as possible so they can be considered and looked at. This concluded my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. D'Ambrósio: I have an addition ó 361st Street ó I will talk to you and go more in depth on that. Also, as to the snow removal this past weekend I talked to you quite a few times Saturday and Sunday ó I received a lot of calls ó most of them were problems with the cul-de-sacs. I want residents to realize that ó at most you had 7 guys on the road ó is that correct ó were there more than seven at any time?

Mr. Semik: No, 7 was at the zenith ó we had seven for 12 hours and then went back to 6 ó we had a few trucks that did go down ó we were trying to maintain 6 people 12 hours. That is pretty much all three Departments. Even some of our custodians pitched in to help around City Hall.

Mr. D'Ambrósio: I tried to explain to several residents ó in my opinion ó a City this size to have 7 people out there ó if there were 7 there were probably 7 salt spreaders.

Mr. Semik: They were in every piece of equipment available.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: To have 7 guys in a City this size is very, very small. In the City of Wickliffe which I use an example of some people know that I plow for the City of Wickliffe of we had 10 people at a time. I am not sure how the hours are mandated or who mandates the hours but you can run a truck 12 hours and then you have to have 8 hours off. I believe in the Eastlake Service Department of how many guys to you have who can plow?

Mr. Semik: About 12 -13.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: So, they can't call anymore in than 6 or 7 because they have to work for 12 hours and you call the other 6 guys in and they have to work for 12 hours. It is difficult in this City. I was glad to see that on Sunday afternoon after we spoke around 3:00 p.m. more guys came in to do a final cleanup. I think for the guys you had you did a great job of pass that onto the guys. The complaints I received were in cul-de-sacs of it is always a question of where to you put all that snow of if you push it in the cul-de-sacs it goes into the aprons. You guys answered every concern I had and worked well for me and residents and I wanted to thank you.

There were no further comments for Mr. Semik.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL of Joe Voros

Mr. Voros was absent and excused.

CITY ENGINEER of Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: I have been working on the City-wide signal job as well as the Pinehurst vacation and other items which the Administration has brought forward. As a follow onto the Mayor's comment I would like to note that we are continually looking for a funding source in terms of grants, low interest loans and general loans to accomplish things the City needs to improve their infrastructure or any other matter that comes to my attention. I am open for questions.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

POLICE CHIEF of John Ruth

Chief Ruth: Again, I would like to thank everyone who supported the K-9 program of we are in the second week of training and it appears training is going well. Kudos to Council for getting behind the program and all the support you gave us in the Police Department, and of course the Mayor in getting this program going. Especially the public because without the public support this would not have happened of we certainly appreciate all that and are looking forward to having the training completed in another 10 weeks. As far as the storm last weekend both Mr. Morley's and Mr. D'Ambrosio's remarks are well taken of I totally agree of from what I have heard and seen of all the City workers that were out doing their jobs over the weekend should be commended. You had warnings going out telling people to stay at home of you had the Sherriff declaring a Level 2 emergency which means no one should be on the roads. But, we had workers who braved all this of came out of their homes of came here and put in a long, hard day of work to keep this City open. As Mr. Morley said of he received two calls and that is a credit to the job that they workers here did. Believe me, we received hundreds of calls of when we get an event like this I have one dispatcher that literally received hundreds of calls and during that 36-48 hours we responded to over 97 documented calls for service, not to mention all the other times officers were stopping to push people out of drives and off the roads. It was a major undertaking

by the employees of this City and I think they don't get enough credit for what they did. I just wanted to say they are well deserving.

Also, this is probably Chief Sabo's last Council meeting. I would personally like to commend him for his years of service. I have worked closely with him for 13 years in my capacity as Chief and not only do I think he has done an outstanding job for the City and has been an outstanding Chief but I find him personally just a fine individual. I have worked with the City in the Police Department for 30+ years and the Fire Department has always had a close relationship and under the last 13 years that relationship has become even better and closer. I think he is a credit to the Community and we should all be very proud of him and I am certainly going to miss him and I call him a friend.

This concludes my report and I am open questions.

Mr. Klammer: Chief, should you take Mr. Zontini's suggestion about where the police officers are located you may want to be careful about distributed that information about police officers homes.

There were no further questions of Chief Ruth.

FIRE CHIEF Richard Sabo

Chief Sabo: This is a bittersweet moment for me certainly. As you all know tonight is my last meeting with City Council as your Fire Chief. However, because I do care about the City of Eastlake and its residents it will not be the last time you see me. I plan to be active in the Community even after leaving employment. I plan on attending Council meetings whenever I feel it to be necessary and I hope to keep abreast of how the City is functioning. I will continue to give suggestions from time to time and the only difference is I will be doing it as an informed resident rather than a City employee. I want to thank the residents of the City of Eastlake for the opportunity I have had to be of service to them over the past 30+ years and I hope I have served them well. I know my personal mission was to always look out for their welfare. I would also like to thank them for the continuous support of the Fire Department for their passage of renewals of the fire levies and they have always been there for us. I would like to thank all the City Departments for their cooperation over the many years I have been with the Eastlake Fire Department. The relationship that exists between the Fire Department and Police Department is second to none. The Police help us to spot houses in the middle of the night and help with patient removal when we are short handed and even stretch hose lines. At times they have extinguished fires before we even arrived on scene. The dispatchers are critical to our operation and do not get nearly the praise they deserve. The Service Department has assisted us anytime we requested help and that has been evident during the snow storm of last weekend, during our City floods, and during hazardous material spills to name a few. The Building Department and our new Fire Marshall work almost as one Department at times and are very supportive of each other. None of us would be anything without the Finance Department as they are responsible for getting us pay, handling workers comp issues as well as other personnel problems and they are the heart that keep the City running. The Tax Department is also ready to assist any time they are requested and able to under the law. I want to thank all of you in this room who have supported the Eastlake Fire Department and its attempts to provide the best possible service to the residents of Eastlake, Timberlake and Lakeline. We could not have purchased the equipment necessary to carry out our mission of saving lives and property without your cooperation. We could not get

the necessary training to provide a quality service to our residents without your cooperation. We can only do as much as your support will allow. My wife Judy and daughter Cindy always deserve my thanks. There have been family get-togethers and holidays where I could not be present because duty called. There were many phone calls, pagers going off, and alarms where my wife lost sleep due to my career choice. There were times when I was needed at home and could not be present because of the responsibility of my Department to protect the entire Community during a large scale emergency. My wife understood and it is appreciated. Most of all I would like to thank all the firefighters I have served alongside of over the past thirty years many of them taught me as I progressed through the ranks. If I was at all successful it was because of them. Our people are our most important resource and my job was made easier and less stressful due to their diligence and hard work. In conclusion, I apologize if I missed anybody and I very well may have. However, I appreciate all the City employees and the cooperation they have shown toward me during my tenure as Fire Chief with the City of Eastlake and I thank our residents for allowing me the privilege of serving as their Fire Chief ó it has indeed been a great honor. Thank you.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Elshaw: Chief, congratulations on your retirement. Thank you for all your years of service ó it is much appreciated by all ó we are going to miss you. You are always welcome to attend the Council meetings and I am sure we will see you around.

Mr. Klammer: Chief, in my mind not only are you a great professional but you served this City as an example of an employee who is both a perfect professional and a consummate gentleman and the perfect model of what all of us should be but especially what a public official should be. You know one of the people I always turn to is my old man and he had a good probably 30 years of working with you as well and in my mind he has a remarkable ability to judge people's character and I can tell you this much ó every time your name comes up in a conversation that I would have with my father the response he would have every time is "Richie ó Richie is a good guy." And, I think that probably sums it up best how I have come to know you and I think most people think of you the same way. I wish you a happy retirement ó it is well deserved.

Chief Sabo: I appreciate the kind words. My last official day will be Easter Sunday ó so, I will be around for a few more days yet.

There were no further questions of Chief Sabo.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:07 p.m.

DEREK W. ELSHAW, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

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

