

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 23, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

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. Meyers at approximately 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were, Mr. Kasunick, Mr. Spotton, Mr. Evers, Mr. Overstreet, Mr. Zuren, and Council President Mr. Meyers. Also in attendance was Council Clerk Mrs. Simons. Mr. Hoefle was absent and excused.

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Morley, Fire Chief Whittington, Police Chief Reik, and Law Director Klammer. CBO Menn, Service Director Rubertino, City Engineer Gwydir, and Finance Director Schindel were absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Agenda –October 23, 2018.

MOTION: Mr. Evers to approve the Agenda for October 23, 2018. Mr. Spotton second.

ROLL CALL: Five Yeas and One Abstain.

Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes- October 9, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Evers moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2018. Mr. Spotton second.

ROLL CALL: Five Yeas and One Abstain.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Meyers: The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting.

There were no questions for Mr. Meyers.

## COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Meyers: An Ordinance Committee Meetings were held since our last Regular Council Meeting.

#### Ordinance Committee Meeting Report-Mr. Kasunick, Co-Chair

Mr. Kasunick: We had a discussion regarding a company that wants to put digital billboard on Rout 2 by the Industrial District on Curtis Boulevard. The committee elected too...the Law Director submitted a proposed amendment and a proposed ordinance, because the sign wouldn't comply with the current ordinance as far as height and things like that. The committee determined to hold it in Ordinance Committee, because as of this time it doesn't really seem like the city gets anything out of the deal, so we want to have further discussions with this company to see if they can at least offer us something...some reason to move forward on it. Otherwise it's just going to be a big thing that would just sit there. Apart from that, that's it.

There were no questions for Mr. Kasunick.

Mr. Meyers: I believe that there was an ECDC Meeting held. Mr. Zuren?

#### Economic & Community Development Council Meeting Report-Mr. Zuren, Chair

Mr. Zuren: Thank you Mr. President. We had an Eastlake Economic & Community Development Council Meeting today at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The three main topics that we discussed were the Trick-Or-Treat at Classic Park Event, which is this Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Currently we have about 50-60 businesses signed up to hand out candy to the community children. And there are 10-12 animal related vendors that are going to have dog cookies and treats for dogs. If you want to dress up your dog or puppy and bring them up to this event they are welcome. There are two food trucks, a magician, balloon artist, professional photographer for pictures, who was at the Kids Fair that we had earlier this year. They took 400 or 500 pictures, very professional pictures; which were really nice. Those will be posted on the website after the event. We also have story time with an Eastlake resident who is going to dress up as a witch to tell children friendly stories and that will be at 5:00 p.m. Would love to see everybody up there, nice way to use the stadium and get the community involved. We have also worked out a Taste of Eastlake/North Willoughby with Willoughby. It is going to be a crawl and it will be on Sunday, November 18. This is the Browns bi-game, so there is no Browns football so you mind as well come out and enjoy the free samples of food. There are seven restaurants signed up. It is going to start at Dubrovnik Garden Restaurant and it will go all the way to North Willoughby. In addition to the free taste crawl we are going to have a Chinese Auction, which is going to be held by the Eastlake Women's Club. That is at Dubrovnik Garden Restaurant during the taste event. All of the proceeds are going to go to USO Mobile Canteen, which is an organization that provides meals for families, where one of the parent's military personnel is departing. It is kind of a final meal with the family together, which I think is a wonderful thing.

The last thing that we announcing are Community Tree lighting and it will be Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> behind City Hall. We've reached out to the Lake County Farm Bureau for a tree donation. Councilmen Evers and I are going to work on the decorations. We've reached out to North High School for the choir and I've talked to a couple of local Santa Clause's to be at the event and with that I am open for questions.

There were no questions for Mr. Zuren.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC: 1/2 hour, 3-minutes per person

Mr. Meyers 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.

Rick Werner, Willoughby/Eastlake Public Library

Mr. Werner: Good evening Council President Meyers, Members of Council, Mrs. Simons, Mayor Morley, and Directors. I am here from the library and I was just here to talk for a couple of minutes about Issue 6, our operating levy that is on the ballot in two weeks from today. This is our first operating levy increase that we've asked for from our communities since 2009. We are asking for some additional support in order to be able to keep our buildings up to date. Our next renovation project is the Eastlake Library. We've had the chance to self finance both our Willowick and Willoughby renovation without having to ask for a bond levy and we intend to do the same thing with the Eastlake Library. It is fortunately for the City of Eastlake library that has been in the best shape, but it definitely needs a refresh and renovations like our two other libraries did, where we own the buildings. We've tried to be good partners with the city, both at our libraries as well as our work with the Mayor as we are tenants of yours at City Hall. It's been a terrific opportunity for us to support the City of Eastlake, while at the same time getting a chance to work in for us a magnificent surroundings and very positive environment. So I would ask your consideration, each member of Council and the folks in the audience to consider Issue 6. It will be on the ballot on November 6 and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the city, both here at City Hall and through the library. I would be happy to answer any questions now or after the meeting if anybody has any. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Rob Marty, Stevens Blvd., OH

Mr. Marty: On Saturday in the early evening I called 9-1-1, it was a non-life threatening, but it was an emergency. About an eighteen inch diameter branch fell right over the street, on the bend just short of Willowick Drive. I'm here to say that within six minutes a fire truck pulled up, two gentlemen ran the entire perimeter, made it safe all the way around. The Police Department showed up and the next thing a City Service Department vehicle rolled up, both sides of the street were blocked off and made safe. The next thing a back hoe, front end loader showed up. They picked up this massive mess, snapped it up a little bit, put it back in the yard from which it came. Unfortunately they put it parallel to the gentleman's driveway so that he could still access. I'm saying in twenty-five minutes one of the most incredible things I've ever seen was cleaned up and made safe for the public and the streets. The neighbor's and I got together the next day and cleaned it up quite a bit and I think that the neighbor's were proud to clean that up, because

somebody reacted quickly. They just weren't left in a large...so I would like to congratulate the entire system for something like that coming together so smoothly. Thank you very much.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED: First number will be 2018-085

There was no Legislation Proposed.

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 – Dennis Morley

Mayor Morley: Thank you Mr. President and welcome everyone to this evenings meeting. Thank you to the Elks for donating to the Police Department for the K-9. And to add onto you rained on some of my parade with the storm damage, but I want to thank our Service Department and the Police and Fire Department for everything that they did on Saturday and Sunday. They were out all weekend. We were out on Sunday in the morning...took a drive to look at everything to make sure that everything was cleaned up. Talked to Mr. Kostelnik all day, Mr. Rubertino was out of town, both Chief's...during any storm we talk all the time. Just so that we all know what's going on within the city. They did get out and the trees down and off the roads...there were four trees in the houses that I'm aware of on Sunday and the Chief will probably talk about that a little. Unfortunately we had a person pass away...fallen in the river that we got out and there was a car that went into the river on Saturday. So these guys were busy and when we were on scene with the death there was auto accident on Route 91 and Stevens Blvd, so they dispersed and went there. I think a lot of times our resident's just don't see between the Service Department, Police Department and the Fire Department that they just...and we always have this talk about chasing their tail all day to keep everything safe. Again I've always said this that we have a great Service, Police and Fire Department and they always make me look good. I am proud of all of them. As always during any of our events storm wise. JAKPrints has been doing an orientation all week here at City Hall and I think that they hired about 125 people. They started moving some of the machinery into the old Wal-Mart and we are looking forward to them and more people to bring in for the next year. Thomas Jefferson Elementary School will be here on Thursday with 75 Kindergarteners. We always have a great time with that taking them all through City Hall, Police and Fire Departments. We are at a Waverly Relief pre-con on Thursday at 11:30 a.m., after I get the information on when they are going to start we will have a meeting with the residents in that Ward and on Waverly, so they know when the construction is going to start. Obviously it's going to be some incontinence, but again when it's all said and done it will be good. Mayor Regovich, Mayor Fiala, Laketran CEO Mr. Capelle and I will be

making our presentation tomorrow to NOACA about the Vine Street Corridor grant to do some studies on there. So we are hoping that we are going to get that. I've been working on a few businesses on Lakeshore and Melinz Park area and hopefully I can announce a few new businesses here shortly. Halloween is on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the city. I will be going to Chick-fil-A in Willoughby, even though it's in Willoughby, Ms. Fetter that owns that Chick-fil-A bought a couple of new one so she will be leaving Willoughby. The three mayors' are going to go there and wish her good luck. She has always donated to anything that we've had to do in the city, so we wish her the best of luck. On November 6 regardless of your candidate or Issue get out and vote it's your right and use it. That concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions for Mayor Morley

#### FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: Thank you Mr. President. First of all I definitely wanted to show my sincere gratitude to everybody up there. I think that all of you know that my daughter has been playing volleyball, she is a senior in high school, and you have been very patient to allow me to go to her games, which are on Tuesday's and Thursday's. I probably and I'm not trying to understate my family and I are very grateful for you allowing me the time to be with here. I definitely want you guys to know...everyone of you I appreciate it very much with your patience. Like the Mayor said it was one of those weekends where it just seemed like everything was coming together as far as the perfect storm so to speak. We did have a vehicle...some kind of mechanical function that actually drove into the lake. Unfortunately the driver was able to exit the vehicle before it actually submerged. He was hooked up to a trailer, which was hooked up to a boat. It took us some time and effort. We are not in the salvage business, but since we were down there we most certainly wanted to lend a hand to the salvage company, so I think it worked out. The storm blew through...the first round was right as we pulled out the vehicle and then the second round came through about 20-25 minutes later. I definitely appreciate the kind words, because it is very hectic during those kinds of events. Usually it starts with the dispatchers starting to get inundated with phone calls, which can range one for every five or ten seconds. That person usually is by themselves at first, is trying to organize things. We strive for excellence. Everybody works very hard to make sure that we address all of the issues to the best of our ability. I definitely appreciate the kind words and it was a lot of effort that day to get thing open up, cleared up and as safe as soon as we can. We did have an unfortunate...someone passed away they ended up in the river, so we were able to get the body out of the river, notifications were made. It's a tragic thing and it's one of those things it's hard for the family and friends to have some kind of conclusion. So I know that they are working through that now. I just wanted to make sure that everybody knows the Elks relationship with this community is long standing. I know that the Fire Department has benefited from them. We got some money to do a pre-planned program, which really gives us a chance to design building in our community...the hazards and different things that we would use during a fire fight. Again just to show our relationship is a long standing one and I definitely appreciate everything that they do for us. I appreciate your patience with me and if there are any questions I'm open for questions.

There were no questions for Chief Whittington.

POLICE CHIEF – Larry Reik

Chief Reik: Thank you and again I would like to thank the Elks for arranging all of this. The money will go to good use. Just to reiterate what the Fire Chief said. To have these types of organizations that reach out to us specifically and to be part of the whole community really means a lot. Like the Mayor said the three of us and Service Director Rubertino, we do communicate a lot. A lot of cities I don't think whether it's a necessity or just a good flow that I think the four of us have to keep each other in the loop and to make sure that things get done on a different speed that other communities get it done. I think that if we doubled in size tomorrow we would probably do the things that we've learned to do efficiently I think that we would continue to do those and we would just get that many more things done. The Service Department's been great with...we all operate with less than optimum amount of people, but I think that everyone does pretty well with what we have. But we are always willing to discuss to improve anything that we can. The only other person that I want to point out is our dispatcher Nash, who just got on her own about two and a half months ago. She was the one in dispatch when that storm rolled in...and I know Councilman Overstreet would be able to witness and Mr. Spotton too, when things happen they happen then. Sergeant McCauley wrote her a nice letter, because she just did an exceptional. Handling all of the different things...toning out the Fire Department...is just controlled kazoo's for quite a bit of time. We're fortunate that we have the people that we do, but we appreciate the kind words from the community. That concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions for Chief Reik.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – David Menn

Mr. Menn was absent and excused.

There were no questions for Mr. Menn.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Nick Rubertino

Mr. Rubertino was absent and excused.

There were no questions for Mr. Rubertino.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir was absent and excused.

There were no questions for Mr. Gwydir.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Carol-Ann Schindel

Ms. Schindel was absent and excused.

There were no questions for Ms. Schindel.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer had nothing to report this evening.

There were no questions for Mr. Klammer.

Mr. Meyers: Mr. Evers?

Mr. Evers: Just to let everybody know on November 17<sup>th</sup> the Boulevard of Flags will be taking down the flags here around City Hall. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you can come out and help we will start at 9:00 a.m. and that will be on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

  
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JOHN MEYERS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 11-13-18

ATTEST:   
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TRACY M. SIMONS, CLERK OF COUNCIL