**Eastlake City Council
Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

Council President John Meyers opened the meeting at approximately ­­­6:00 p.m. All members of Council were present.

In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Morley, CBO Dave Menn, Finance Director Carol Ann Schindel, Fire Chief Whittington, Service Director Kostelnik, and Law Director Klammer.

 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**MOTION: Mr. Overstreet moved to nominate John Meyers for Council President. Mr. Spotton second. There were no other nominations.ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous. Mr. Meyers remains Council President.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**MOTION: Mr. Meyers moved to nominate Mr. Spotton for Council Vice President. Mr. Overstreet second. ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous. Mr. Spotton remains Council Vice President.

**SWEARING IN:**
SWEARING IN OF COUNCILWOMAN- AT-LARGE – ANGELA SCHMIDT
 Angel Schmidt was sworn in by Mayor Dennis Morley
SWEARING IN OF COUNCILWOMAN- AT-LARGE – CHRIS KRAJNYAK
 Chris Krajnyak was sworn in by Commissioner Plecnik
SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMAN- AT-LARGE – MIKE SEMICK
 Mike Semick was sworn in by Mayor Dennis Morley

**RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC**½ hr, 3 minutes per person – No one wished to speak

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
Welcome
**SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS:** The next organizational meeting will be scheduled pursuant to the Charter for the first Tuesday of the year, January 2, 2024. Next Council-as-a-Whole will be held January 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with the regularly scheduled council meeting to follow.

**MOTION TO APPOINT ALYSSA MORAN AS CLERK OF COUNCIL PER ORDINANCE 111.08**
MOTION: Mr. Overstreet moved to appoint Alyssa Moran as the Clerk of Council. Mr. Spotton second.
ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous. Motion approved.
 **MOTION TO APPOINT MICHAEL RYDZINSKI FOR SARGANT AT ARMS PER ORDINANCE 111.01**
MOTION: Mr. Overstreet moved to appoint Michael Rydzinski for Sargant at Arms. Mr. Spotton second.
ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous. Motion approved.

**ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
Council President Meyers stated that he will be assigning council committees at the January 11, 2022 meeting

**COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION**
Jim Overstreet– Councilman – Ward 1
John Meyers - Councilman – Ward 2
Jason Kasunick – Councilman – Ward 3
Dave Spotton- Councilman – Ward 4
Angela Schmidt – Councilwoman-at-Large
Chris Krajnyak – Councilwoman-at-Large
Mike Semick – Councilman-at-Large

Mr. Overstreet spoke first and said he is looking forward to keeping the city moving forward. Mr. Kasunick spoke next and said he is looking forward to working with the new council people and congratulates them all on running excellent campaigns. He is also looking forward to working with all the residents as well as the administration.
Mr. Spotton said he is looking forward to working with new members of council and continuing to work with the Mayor and directors moving forward.
Ms. Schmidt spoke and thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with the city and on council.
Ms. Krajnyak spoke and said thank you, this has been a long time coming. She is looking forward to working with everyone up here and all directors. Comments on how we have a great city.
Mr. Semick spoke and said he is looking forward to working with everyone else. He grew up here and he is excited about an opportunity to help improve city and move it along.

**RECOGNITION OF MAYOR**
Dennis Morley – Mayor of the City of Eastlake, Ohio

Council President John Meyers presented Mayor Dennis Morley with a Proclamation from Senator Yuko in recognition of his election win and achievements.

Mayor Dennis Morley speaks and thanks his family for all the support they have given him especially over the first four years which were very trying. He congratulates Mr. Meyers and Mr. Spotton on their seats as well as the new members of council. He reminisces on his first four years as Mayor where the City was struggling and there were many lay-offs. He thanks his staff and directors for their dedication to improving the city and is thankful that they have been able to turn it around. He says no one is perfect but the staff gives 100% every day. He comments on how there are many things left to accomplish- such as continuing work on Vine Street, obtaining the property from First Energy to have one of the nicest beaches in the county, and lots of events scheduled for 2022 for residents to enjoy.

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**
Administrative appointments made by Mayor Dennis Morley:
Finance Director – Carol Ann Schnidel
Service Director – Kevin Kostelnik temporary
City Engineer – CT Consultants, Tom Gwydir
Law Director – Randy Klammer
CBO – Dave Menn

Chief Whittington provides remarks about continuing to move forward and his thankfulness over the years.
Dave Menn congratulates the new council members and thanks the Mayor for reappointing. He cannot thank the city and administration enough for their support last year.
Kevin Kostelnik congratulates the new council members and everyone else. He thanks the Mayor for his temporary appointment and looks forward to working with everyone.
Carol Ann Schnidel congratulates the new council members and is thankful for the opportunity to work with everyone again. Jokes that they will all be spending more time together soon to work on the budget.
Randy Klammer thanks the Mayor for the reappointment and comments that he has been here for 20 some years and appreciates how the city becomes a family after a while. He knows there is some doubt among new council members but he hopes to show them his value soon.
Council President Meyers offers words of wisdom from the late Madden “Self praise is for losers. Be a winner. Stand for something, always have class, always be humble.”

**MOTION TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**MOTION: Mr. Spotton moves to approve the appointments made by Mayor Dennis Morley. Mr. Overstreet second.
ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous. Motion approved.

**MOTION TO CONFIRM MAYOR AS SAFETY DIRECTOR.**
MOTION: Mr. Spotton moved to confirm the Mayor as the Safety Director. Mr. Overstreet second.
ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous. Motion approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**This meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL