**Eastlake City Council
Finance Committee Meeting
June 11, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**Mr. Kasunick, Finance Committee Chair, opened up the meeting at 6:30 p.m. He mentioned that the topic of discussion was the Fire Levy Renewal and then turned the meeting over to the Finance Director Ms. Schindel.

Mr. Kasunick, Mr. Semick, Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Kostelnik, and Mr. Overstreet, and Mr. Meyers were present from Council. Mayor Spotton, Finance Director Schindel, and City Engineer Meluch were present from the Administration.

Ms. Schindel says that we have to renew this every 5 years. This is used for the fire department truck as well as miscellaneous equipment that the Fire Chief may need.

Mr. Meyers, Ms. Schmidt, and Mr. Kasunick all vote to move this item forward.

Mr. Kasunick says they are going to also discuss the Local Government Fund. This item is on the agenda for tonight’s council meeting.

What happened here is that years ago, it was determined how the LGF would be allocated. Over the years, the east end of the county grew a lot more than the West end of the County. When you look at the way money is allocated based on population, it is disproportionate. Unfortunately for Eastlake, we would be losing money if it was by population alone. The Committee got together- Mayor Morley worked hard on this to get a new allocation that would not ding us too badly and allow us to adjust over time. Some of Council went to the meeting a couple weeks ago where things were explained.

He asks Mayor Spotton to go over what they are proposing. Mayor Spotton thanks Mayor Fiala. In the early 80s the LGF was put in place. Last year, Madison Twp. Asked to take a look at it. When the County and Mentor backed out, it triggered the idea of adopting a new formula or going back to the State formula. This is an up down vote, no alternatives. He has sent Council an email with the spreadsheets. 1.33 million this year and then steadying about 1.193 for 10 years and then it will be reevaluated again. They are pushing to go to a population only formula which would hit Eastlake again in 10 years. Mentor has to vote on it. It has passed in the County. We need 12 of the remainders to agree to it. If we revert to the State formula, it is kind of gray. Only one rural county runs this and they are trying to change this. There has been a lot of work put into this and this is the best solution they have at the time.

Mr. Kasunick calls for any questions. He asks that the Committee move this forward.

Mr. Meyers to move forward. Ms. Schmidt to move forward. Mr. Kasunick to move forward. Unanimous to move it forward to the agenda this evening.

Mr. Kasunick asks if anyone wishes to address the Finance Committee from the public.

Ms. Freeman comes up to speak. She asks about the 5 year renewal. Ms. Schnidel says it is $199,000 per year.

No additional comments/questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**This meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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