

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
JULY 8, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Eastlake City Council was held at Eastlake City Hall, 35150 Lakeshore Boulevard. The Meeting was called to order by Council President Meyers at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDEES

All members of Council in attendance.

All members of the Administration were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – July 8, 2025

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for July 8, 2025. Mr. Semick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak motioned to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of June 24, 2025. Mr. Kasunick second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Krajnyak, yea. Mr. Kasunick, yea. Mr. Gulley, Abstain. Ms. Schmidt, yea. Ms. Kostelnik, yea. Mr. Semick, Abstain. Mr. Meyers, yea.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meetings Scheduled

Council President Meyers stated that the next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting.

MOTIONS

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Gulley reports on Ordinance Committee. They discussed two items, changes to Chapter 182 and Chapter 132. They moved both items forward for consideration tonight.

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

Don Jerele, an Eastlake resident, has several questions. He is hoping they can be researched and someone can get back to him. This has to do with the ATT Project. Who was supposed to distribute the door hangers? Second, was there a public information meeting ever scheduled for public questions to be asked? Third, were any easements granted and if so, by whom? Fourth, in the event of failure, who is the contact person? He spoke with their staff today and apparently in two weeks they are done with it. Come next spring, will residents have to add soil and seed? He appreciates them getting back to him and he will share it with his neighbors.

Mr. Menn says the door hangers are supposed to be put out by ATT or Verahill, the contractor. They have asked them in the past and they have sworn that they did it. He doesn't know how far in advance they put them out. As far as a meeting, there has never been a meeting with the residents. They are doing work all over the City as well as other cities. The building department will take your concerns and they can contact someone regarding these items or they can give the resident the information.

Don says his main concern is an easement. His property will be incurring all sorts of adjustments. A conjunction box will be placed in the middle of his front yard. It will disrupt cutting the grass and it looks like hell.

Technically, he should have been given an easement certificate authorizing them to do that type of thing. He does not feel that was done in any proper manner.

Mr. Menn says they were not given any easement notifications but they are supposed to be in the right of way and with the public utility, they are their own entity. It is like dealing with first energy or the gas company. Plans typically go to CT but it is public utility and there is nothing much they can do.

Don says it is in his front yard... they have completed putting in the conduit and some of the fiber optic wires. Like on St. Lawrence. It has been three weeks. Does that mean they are waiting until the entire Surfside neighborhood is done? Will he have a 4x8 piece of plywood and barrels in his front yard all summer? These should have been addressed sooner. When they paved the street, CT gave out notices and held a public meeting. This was absent in this case.

Law Director Klammer says there are two different ways easements can arise. He advises the resident to check. Don says he feels ATT has failed. He does not feel this is on Council, but he needs some help. The construction crew on the street is being helpful.

Mr. Menn says he will get Don's name and number and address it tomorrow. They will try to get an answer in a day or two.

Don says he appreciates it and it will take as long as it takes.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

07-08-(01)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution submitting to the electors of the City the question of the renewal of an existing 3.0-mill tax levy for the purpose of providing funds for road improvement and maintenance, pursuant to Section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Semick moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and readings in full. Mr. Kasunick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Semick to adopt. Mr. Kasunick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-066

07-08-(02)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept a donation of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for fireworks from CT Consultants/ Verdantas, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Kasunick moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and readings in full. Ms. Schmidt second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Kasunick to adopt. Ms. Schmidt second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-067

07-08-(03)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____
Requested by: Planning Commission
Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Wal-Mart, located at 33752 Vine Street Eastlake, OH 44095, for outside sales, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Ms. Kostelnik moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and readings in full. Mr. Gulley second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Ms. Kostelnik to adopt. Mr. Gulley second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-068

07-08-(04)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____
Requested by: Ordinance Committee
Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance amending Chapter 182 “Transient Guest Tax” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, Ohio to read as such, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and readings in full. Mr. Gulley second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak to adopt. Mr. Gulley second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-069

07-08-(05)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____
Requested by: Ordinance Committee
Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance amending Chapter 132 “Division of Fire” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, Ohio to read as such, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Gulley moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and readings in full. Ms. Schmidt second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Gulley to adopt. Ms. Schmidt second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-070

LEGISLATION PENDING:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Overstreet hopes everyone had a nice 4th of July weekend. It appears the bugs are worked out at the splash park. The parade went off very well and seemed to be enjoyed. The fireworks were also the best they have had in a long time.

No questions.

Fire Chief Kovacic thanks Council for passing that Ordinance. Recruitment is difficult and this gives them the best opportunity to find the best candidates.

No questions.

Police Chief Werner has no report, but open for questions.

No questions.

CBO Dave Menn has no report, but open for questions.

No questions.

Service Director Gorentz says there are a couple job openings that applications are open for. Not add on staff, just replacement. They have lost two employees. Shred day is Saturday. Second chance for that...

Ms. Schmidt asks if it's just one posting?

Mr. Gorentz says yes it is one posting but two positions. Open until positions are filled.

City Engineer Meluch says Vine Street paving should be commencing the final layer this week or next. There will be a few weeks of wrap up and final touches but we are nearing the end of the tunnel for Vine Street. They will be advertising for bids for Lakeland Phase II Project. They wanted to make sure there were no glitches with Vine before advertising for bids.

Chief Werner says the paving for Vine is scheduled to do that Friday and Saturday. They scheduled with officers for traffic control. He will put a post up on facebook as well.

Meyers asks if it is during the day?

Chief Werner says he believes they are scheduled 5 am-5 pm and starting at 91 and Vine.

Finance Director Schindel has no report, but open for questions.

No questions.

Law Director Klammer says to Ms. Schmidt's point, it's a good idea to remind residents how levies work. There are renewal levies. Those use existing property values from when the levy went into effect. When you calculate your tax evaluation or your tax bill, you use an assessed value of the property. The language, mills, sometimes convince people millions... it comes from Latin term meaning thousand parts. From what he has seen so far, this is a pretty conservative request. Help fellow residents understand this as well.

Ms. Krajnyak asks if he knows when this originally went into effect?

Mayor Overstreet says 1991.

Law Director Klammer says a renewal is also stuck with the language from before. We have one of the most qualified Finance Directors you could ask for.

Finance Director Schindel says this levy brings in \$200,000 so it is very valuable to them but it doesn't make them rich. It is important to them.

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:34 p.m.



JOHN MEYERS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 8/26/25

ATTEST: 

ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL