

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
OCTOBER 14, 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 7:16 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDEES

All members of Council in attendance.

All members of the Administration were in attendance with the exception of City Engineer Meluch.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – October 14, 2025

MOTION: Mr. Semick motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for October 14, 2025. Ms. Schmidt second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Kasunick motioned to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of September 23, 2025. Mr. Gulley second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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 October 28, 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. Kasunick reports on the Finance Meeting that took place prior to this meeting. The agenda was for discussion of income tax issues. Specifically income tax from the State and regarding a set aside amount. We accepted the amount suggested by Finance Director but it will now instead go to the Rainy Day Fund.

No questions.

Mr. Gulley reports on Ordinance Committee Meeting. They discussed administration's new policy and procedure manual. Also ebikes/power scooter Ordinances. Nuisance Properties. Will come ordinances for that to help building and police. Last item was obstructing official business ordinance that would add a 15' buffer at a scene for police/fire/emt etc. That is in the works and will come before Council at a later date.

No questions.

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

Kiara Williams comes to address Council. She is the owner of Puzzle Piece. They will provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Ages 4-17. Autism, down syndrome, adhd, etc. In the space they are in now, the kids come in and do games and arts and crafts. Sometimes they go to the park, science center, etc. They want to use this space because it is larger than what they are in right now.

Mr. Semick says all the caregivers are certified?

She says yes they are all certified as well as CPR certified, DSP training, etc. Her son is autistic which is how she got into this. Everyone is certified and trained to provide the best care. They also operate at a smaller ratio. Usually 1-2 kids per person only.

Ms. Schmidt asks if this is before and after school or during the day as well?

She says they want to operate 8-8. Some pre-schools only do half a day. This will help those parents as well to have somewhere for the kids to go.

No further questions.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

10-14-(01)

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

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to prepare and submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required, and declaring an emergency.

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

second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-090

10-14-(02)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Fire Department

Sponsored by: Finance Department

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety, or his duly authorized representative, to proceed with the Solicitation of Bids through an Online Public Auction for the City of Eastlake for the sale of various items, as listed below, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-091

10-14-(03)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Finance Committee

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Contract with TC Construction Inc., of Willoughby Hills, Ohio, the lowest and best and most responsible bidder for the Waldemer Dr. Road Repairs for a total amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$35,532.00), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Ms. Schmidt to adopt. Ms. Kostelnik second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-092

10-14-(05)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____
Requested by: Police Department
Sponsored by: Administration

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Contract with Talix to update Microsoft Office versions for the City of Eastlake at government cost for a total amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$39,600.00), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Gulley, yea. Mr. Kasunick, yea. Ms. Krajnyak, yea. Ms. Schmidt, yea. Ms. Kostelnik, yea. Mr. Semick, NO. Mr. Meyers, yea.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-093

10-14-(06)

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

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept a donation on behalf of the City from Walmart, Inc. in a total amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the Christmas Program and Shop with a Cop Program, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-094

10-14-(07)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept a donation on behalf of the City from Monreal Funeral Home for Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) for the City Oktoberfest event, 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 adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-095

10-14-(08)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
Requested by: Finance Director Schindel
Sponsored by: Administration

A Resolution the Director of Finance to advance funds, with said funds to be advanced from Fund #101 "General Fund" in the amount as listed into Fund #416 "CRIF Fund", Fund #804 "Capital Fund", and Fund #803 "Safety Center Fund", and declaring an emergency.

Item was placed on First Reading.

10-14-(09)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____
Requested by: Finance Director Schindel
Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance to reappropriate for the expenses of the City of Eastlake, State of Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

Item was placed on First Reading.

10-14-(10)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____
Requested by: Police Department
Sponsored by: Administration

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Contract with WestTel for NG9-1-1 Systems on behalf of the City of Eastlake for a total of One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$163,500.00) as well as for system support

and maintenance for a five-year commitment for a total of Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$66,960.00), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-096

LEGISLATION PENDING:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Overstreet states the Service Director has retired. After the election, he will get with the incoming Mayor to find a new one. The Lakeland Blvd. Project will be getting started. The unions have expressed interest in negotiations.

Ms. Krajnyak asks how many people have left Service Department in the last year?

Mayor says 2, maybe 3.

Ms. Schmidt asks him to repeat Lakeland Blvd. Repaving.

He says it will start at 91 bridge overpass and go east to the Willoughby line.

No further questions.

Fire Chief Kovacic has no formal report, but open for questions.

No questions.

Police Chief Werner thanks Council for approving the Next Gen 911 purchase. He made a conditional offer for a lateral transfer candidate. That would fill one of the two vacancies. Working on the second one. The Touch a Truck event this weekend was a tremendous success. Everyone that showed up for it... it should be an annual event for the City.

No questions.

CBO Dave Menn says the two lots that the City just recently sold on Courtland and 351 both have applications for new houses to go up already. Did not take very long. We still continue to get single home building. We are probably sitting on 6-7 new ones right now. He doesn't know if anyone on Erie has gone by DiMilta, they added to their front landscaping mound and it looks very nice. The Nuisance thing that was brought up today, he is not against it, he just wants to make sure it is done right and if there will be fines, it needs to be enough to support it.

Ms. Schmidt asks about the gentleman who came in and did a proposal for Erie Rd.

Law Director Klammer says his rezoning request was rejected by Planning?

Mr. Menn says Planning refused the development.

Mr. Klammer says he has started working on a new plan. Ultimately he needs to go to Council regardless of what Planning does. In the meantime, he wants to fix his plan before it comes. The questions is should we send him back to Planning for that approval? The complicated part is that he doesn't need to submit a plan to get approval for rezoning. Sort of in limbo. We could technically send him to Planning Committee? Put him at Council as a Whole?

Mr. Menn says if he comes back but has the same idea, that parcel is what is in question. For him to go any further, he has to know it can be rezoned and that Council is on board and it can be RMF instead of Industrial.

Mr. Meyers says if he chooses not to ask for the rezoning he can build a factory there right? Based on how it is zoned?

Mr. Klammer says yes absolutely. He is not sure if he is the owner.

Mr. Menn says he is not sure why it was never put into residential.

Mr. Meyers says maybe that is a discussion that they need to be made aware that if it is changed it will be residential but if not, it could be a factory or machine shop.

Mr. Menn says it has been brought up. Before he puts more money into this, he needs to know.

Ms. Krajnyak says she went to see where the proposal is, it is ridiculously close. She said the people who live there said that a factory would be palatable. She recommends reaching out to them and going there.

Mr. Menn says some of it is that they are used to a vacant lot. If he knows it can't be changed, that's when he comes back and instead of saying instead of 6 units, you can only do 3.

Mr. Meyers says the first step is deciding to rezone or not. Then coming up with a plan which has to go to Council again anyway.

Mr. Klammer asks if we want to put it back to Planning?

Mr. Menn says he doesn't know why. It has to be rezoned one way or the other?

Mr. Klammer says it should have come from Planning to here one way or the other. If he hasn't changed anything, he still needs to get on the agenda for the rezoning. He said he was working on a new plan which is what slowed everything down. If not, then he needs added to Council's agenda.

Mr. Meyers says if you agree to rezone, his plan still has to go to Planning Commission and then Council anyway.

No further questions.

Finance Director Schindel will have an open position for payroll officer which will open tomorrow. She is staying until Thanksgiving.

No questions.

Law Director Klammer jokes he has said enough, but open for questions.

Mr. Semick says that he wants to circle back... Mayor, we lost 2-3 members of service and then also a director? Do we do exit interviews?

Ms. Krajnyak says that is a great point and she was going to ask for it to be included in the policy manual.

Mayor says no, we do not. He does believe it was 2-3 so far.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.

JOHN MEYERS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 10/28/25

ATTEST: _____
ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL