

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
OCTOBER 28, 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 7:15 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 – October 28, 2025

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for October 28, 2025. Mr. Semick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Semick motioned to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of October 14, 2025. Mr. Kasunick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

MOTION: Mr. Kasunick motioned to approve the Minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting of October 14, 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 November 11, 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

Motion to approve Liquor License #06055338-1 for Misty Blue Inc. located at 36219 Vine Street (1st Floor Only), Eastlake, OH 44095.

MOTION: Mr. Gulley made the Motion to approve. Ms. Kostelnik second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion passed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Semick reports on Port Authority Meeting. CRWP is working on something- Mayor will elaborate more in his report. They formed a Marketing Committee to help promote the Port and Eastlake.

No questions.

Ms. Schmidt reports on ECDC. They did not have a quorum so just talked future projects. Creating a logo. Did ask about future fundraising. Were going to send a request to the Mayor and ask Carol Ann to possibly attend next meeting to give options for fundraising. Next Meeting November 18 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Ted Andrejewski comes to address Council. He references an Ordinance passed in September last year. He feels that it clearly says the rate increase starts January 1, 2026. According to the County, they went into effect September last year. That is wrong. They went into effect on the phone call from the Finance Director later backed up by Law Director. Everyone is sworn to uphold the Ordinances of the City of Eastlake. He feels the Law Director will try to find phases to work around it. This is wrong. Issue #2 why weren't the people notified? What are you hiding? He has been Mayor and Manager in other Cities. They notified 2 billing periods before they went into effect. That is the process. You never notified the people of Eastlake. Do your jobs. He is asking for Finance Director and Law Director to resign.

Randy offers to help him understand.

He says he confirmed this with the County. They didn't want to put them into effect immediately but they said the Finance Director told them to do it. Read the Ordinance. Commencing January 1 2026. Clear as day. Do the right thing Council. Represent the people. Give them the rebate. Thank you to one Council person who has the guts to speak up and bring this to the people's attention.

Law Director Klammer feels he should respond in case anyone else has questions. What Ted is misunderstanding is that that what the rates went into effect. He feels it was possibly 5 meetings that we

discussed this. We tried to find a rate that was in between and fair and catching us up. He himself spoke with the County and Prosecutors. The rates that went into effect are the rates in the bold box. That is the rate that went into effect. If you understand the language. The rates in the box will increase at 5% with the sunset date. To call the Finance Director crooked is despicable.

Ted says Randy has no right to attack him and should speak to him after the meeting.

Council President Meyers calls for Order.

Randy says that the Residents deserve to know the truth. He does not stretch the law.

Ryan Konrad, a Timberlake resident and Council member, comes to introduce himself and address an article in the Gazette. He says it portrayed Timberlake as a burden. He did post regarding this as well, but wanted to address Council and the public so the truth is out there. He doesn't believe we should be passing along political rhetoric during election season. One was Fire and EMS, the rate they pay in Timberlake is the same as Eastlake residents. The collaboration between Fire, EMS, and Safety in both communities has been great. They have a good relationship between departments and Chiefs. He would like to see the same relationship between Councils as well. The collaboration would be beneficial for both communities as well as tax payers to keep costs down. Furthermore, there were questions about Lakeshore Blvd and who is responsible for that portion. The .7 miles of Timberlake jurisdiction is maintained through ODOT because it is a state route. Plowing is on them as well. Sometimes Eastlake and Timberlake plow it for a team effort. The Police chiefs have different policing strategies on Lakeshore. They put up a speed sign and found the average speed is 43 mph. There are a lot of reasons to go slower there. The other thing was street lights- Timberlake paid for the street lights on the one side. The traffic light is actually handled by Eastlake. Unfortunately the guardrail is Timberlake and it is hit quite often. There is a candidate running for Mayor whose thing is on it. He wanted to put those facts out there and offers that Council can reach out to him directly. Their Mayor would have come but they had another event tonight.

Mr. Meyers thanks him for the information.

Heather Freeman comes to address Council. After listening to the Compensated Absences, she is now questioning if the City has policies regarding maximum payout or sick time? Policies on vacation carry over from year to year? That might cut down on unexpected expenses. That seems like a lot of vacation and sick time built up over the year. Maybe change some policies. Something to think about. A week ago, she sent an email to her Council member and Mayor regarding large boulders on her street inches off the asphalt. She also sent an email to Bob who is now retired. She was baffled by no response. Her concern is that they have a lot of walkers by Circle K and Crowleys. She usually calls the police on people parked on both sides of the street. Now there are boulders by the excavating company. They should not be there. She can see why, because the trucks pulling out of Circle K are turving his yard because they can't make the turn. This is an obstruction. When the snow plows come in a couple months they will hit it. There is no follow up from anyone but she wants to bring this to Council's attention. Can we call property owners and ask them to move them back? Also she heard that there was discussion with Administration of the former First Energy property about maybe a Data Center? That is not a good idea. M2 and M3 industrial districts right next to Timberlake. They do not employ a lot and use a lot of energy and water. There is a lot of noise as well. If you think we will have public access on Lake Erie right next to it, she would urge you to do your research on it. She urges planning to consider this as well. Lean into the Waterfront planning that was adopted. She feels a data center would be detrimental.

No one else wishes to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

10-28-(01)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Finance Director

Sponsored by: Fire Department

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and/or Finance Director to complete a payment to University Hospitals for Fire Department physicals in an amount of Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$7,792.00), 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.: 2025-097

10-28-(02)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

Requested by: Planning Commission

Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Kiara Williams (Puzzle Peace Child LLC), dba Puzzle Piece Rec & Respite, located at 34799 Curtis Blvd. Eastlake, OH 44095, 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.: 2025-098

LEGISLATION PENDING:

Both items are on Second Reading: First Reading 10/14/25:

10-14-(08)-A

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

A Resolution the Director of Finance to advance funds, with said funds to be transferred from Fund #101 “General Fund” in the amount as listed into Fund #416 “CRIF Fund”, Fund #800 “Rainy Day Fund”, and Fund #802 “Compensated Abs”, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-099

10-14-(09)-A

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.

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, no. Ms. Schmidt, yea. Ms. Kostelnik, yea. Mr. Semick, yea. Mr. Meyers, yea.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-100

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor open for questions.

None.

Fire Chief Kovacic says they are in middle of ISO review. Happens every 5 years. It evaluates Fire responses and effects insurance rates mostly for commercial properties but could be residential as well.

No questions.

Chief Werner says as we get ready for the next Ordinance meeting, he is working on info for the nuisance ordinance and will get that to Council in the next week or so.

No questions.

CBO Menn says he will check on the boulders tomorrow and if they are in the right of way, he will tell him to move them back. He does not want a City plow to hit them. Regarding the data center, from what he knows pertaining to this rumor, a lot of things that were said about it are true. Whether the property owners come through with a data center, he does not know. They will have to go through Planning for sure. We will see what happens. If that ever comes through. Right now he does not know because nothing has been submitted to Building Department yet. He will let you know if something like that happens in the next month or two.

Ms. Krajnyak says if an Ordinance is passed prior to that or not, is it grandfathered in?

He says it is all up to Council and the legislation.

No further questions.

City Engineer Meluch says this morning he got a notice for the work on Lakeland Blvd phase 2, there are repairs that we were anticipating but the location will require a shutdown so they can get through quicker. They were hopeful to be able to keep traffic moving, but unfortunately that is not the case. Should take about 10 days to reopen to traffic. ODOT is working with them also. There is coordination to make this happen to minimize traffic. The next item, the equalization basin project phase 1 has pre-con next week. Phase 2 bids open this Friday. Right now there are several plan holders so hopeful the changes that are made will have bids coming in. They are working to update ordinance with Randy pertaining to Stormwater.

No questions.

Finance Director Schindel says they posted for payroll position and hoping to start interviewing this week to hopefully find someone to be able to be fully trained before the current employee is gone for a smooth transition. She thanks Council for their support on the legislation.

Ms. Krajnyak asks if the position is union? Is the work scope the same as the person who just left?

Ms. Schindel says she posted for two positions. The work scope is different, more general office assistance with regular accounting and not just payroll.

No further questions.

Law Director Klammer says that he sent out the Ordinances for the lights and the nuisance drafts.

Ms. Krajnyak thanks him for working on that. She was at Willowick's Council meeting and they just passed it. They made it broader. She also asks for the sewer rates per unit, is that set by the municipality? He says yes.

She says those wouldn't change for Lakeline and Timberlake?

Klammer says there is an argument that they are responsible for whatever rates we set because they do not have their own access. We typically have MOU with the two villages.

Ms. Krajnyak says we set the unit rate because we vote on it collectively right?

Klammer says the unit rate will stay the same?

Krajnyak says so it stays at \$7.80 and surcharges are separate?

He says yes.

Mr. Semick adds that he apologizes to the Mayor that he thought he would be brought up to speed on Borac's Landing. CRWP is working on a grant for invasive species removal, planting bushes shrubs trees, maybe fishing area and restrooms? They also sent a link for resident input and he will share it with everyone on Council as well as social media pages.

Ms. Krajnyak says she thinks it is the same grant Laura has been working on with Judy.

Semick says yes it is.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

JOHN MEYERS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 11/11/25

ATTEST: _____
ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL