

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 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 7:26 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDEES

All members of Council in attendance with the exception of Ms. Krajnyak.

All members of the Administration were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – November 25, 2025

MOTION: Mr. Semick motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for November 25, 2025. Ms. Schmidt second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Gulley motioned to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of November 11, 2025. Mr. Semick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

MOTION: Mr. Gulley motioned to approve the Minutes from the Ordinance Committee Meeting of November 11, 2025. Ms. Kostelnik 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 December 9, 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: Mr. Gulley motions to approve the Mayoral appointment of Nick Rubertino as Service Director for the City of Eastlake. Ms. Kostelnik second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Semick reports on the Port Authority meeting. Most of the meeting pertained to their marketing plan. They'd like to draw more people to the City. They discussed possibly bringing the kayak launch rental in house so they are exploring running that themselves.

Mr. Kasunick asks if the previous vendor for rentals is backing out?

Mr. Semick says no, it's not settled yet. They are just exploring what all it would take for them to take it over.

Ms. Schmidt says they had cages with kayaks at a place she visited. You texted your payment and they gave you a code to unlock it and it was a neat self service station.

Mr. Semick says he will bring that up to them. He also says there was a lot of discussion over a grant that was applied for. There was concern over the boat launch ramp and the use of it for motorized boats. The river in that area cannot support that. Will that grant be modified?

Ms. Schindel says the grant was required to be submitted 24 hours after his question. She believes it is limited by horsepower. It is not for all boats. She does not remember exactly what the horsepower number was. On this grant, should we be awarded the whole thing, we can choose what we want to accept and what we do not. We had to get the application in due to timing. If that line item is not acceptable, we can just refuse it and take the rest.

Mr. Semick says hopefully the City will work with the Port Authority to make the best of that money should we receive it.

Ms. Schmidt reports on ECDC. They finished up the year. They are doing their lantern for the business. She thanks Mayor Overstreet and Ms. Schindel for allowing the purchase and navigating the processes required for that. She thanks Ms. Schindel for all of her help. They will have an Organizational meeting end of January. Last day to submit a business is December 17. They will deliver the lantern on December 20 to the winner. An email will go out.

No questions.

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

Mr. Marr, a Timberlake resident comes to speak. He is the Mayor of Timberlake. He expresses full support for the moratorium that is being considered tonight. Data center risks are real. He shares an example of why other cities are hitting pause on these data centers. It pertains to noise and frequency. There is also environmental harm. The water has to be treated with chemicals. These chemicals get discharged back into the environment. This poses threats to the Lake. There is also the sheer amount of power that they require. Tonight's moratorium is the right choice and it buys the time to measure the risks. It is not anti-business. He supports this 100% and thanks Eastlake for taking this step.

Heather Freeman, 1252 E 357 St, thanks Council for doing a moratorium pertaining to the data centers. She thinks that the City can zone them out and prohibit certain uses in the City. She asks about the Ordinance creating 521.11 pertaining to the Nuisance Ordinance. She reviewed it. She is wondering if the Community knows about what the purpose of it was. She is also perplexed why the Safety Director is the one who determines that it is a nuisance. It has to go back to the same person. That doesn't seem right. She challenges Council to take a look and see if there's a different way. What about poorly maintained structures? There are a lot of things in Willowick's proposed Ordinance that we should look at. She asks that this item goes through 3 readings. Let the community know what the purpose is. It sounds like you're trying to get money back for going out on these calls. If someone owns a property where there was a felony, how do you abate that nuisance and charge them? She does not understand. How do you abate a person who made a bad decision that lives in your City? You want that money back? Maybe someone from Ordinance Committee can shed light on that. She addresses Mr. Gulley as the Ordinance Chair. She thinks this needs more work. Where is this coming from?

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

11-25-(01)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

Requested by: Ordinance Committee

Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance amending Section 525.07 "Obstructing Official Business" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, Ohio to read as such, and declaring an emergency.

***This item was placed on First Reading.**

11-25-(02)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Ordinance Committee

Sponsored by: Administration

A Resolution declaring a five (5) year moratorium on permitting any data centers within the City of Eastlake, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-103

11-25-(03)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

Requested by: Building Department

Sponsored by: Planning Commission

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Katrina Jones dba LaCullins Bar and Grill, 35575 Lakeshore Blvd., and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-104

11-25-(04)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

Requested by: Finance Department

Sponsored by: Administration

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to complete a payment to Faust Psychological Services for a total of Three Thousand Sixty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3,062.50), 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.: 2025-105

11-25-(05)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

Requested by: City Engineer

Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance amending Chapter 906 "Soil Sediment Pollution Control" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, Ohio to read as such, 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 is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-106

11-25-(06)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

Requested by: City Engineer

Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance amending Chapter 962 "Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Control" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-107

11-25-(07)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

Requested by: City Engineer

Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance amending Chapter 913 "Comprehensive Stormwater Management" of the Codified

Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, Ohio, 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 is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-108

11-25-(08)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
REQUESTED BY: WPCC Superintendent Gorka
SPONSORED BY: Council

A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION FROM THE CITY OF EASTLAKE TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CHIVERS CONSTRUCTION CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$9,868,686.00) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAKESHORE BOULEVARD EAST EQUALIZATION BASIN PROJECT PHASE 2, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-109

11-25-(09)

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

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to apply for, and accept, the Ohio Division of EMS Training and Equipment Grant in an amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$2,707.74), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-110

11-25-(10)

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. Semick moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and readings in full. Ms. Kostelnik second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-111

11-25-(11)

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

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to purchase a Durango Pursuit AWD vehicle at State minimum bid from Montrose Ford for a total amount of Forty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (\$49,278.58) 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.: 2025-112

11-25-(12)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

Requested by: Ordinance Committee

Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance creating Section 521.11 “Owner or Occupant to Keep Property Free of Repeat Violation Nuisance and Nuisance Declaration Process” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, Ohio to read as such, and declaring an emergency.

***This item was placed on First Reading.**

LEGISLATION PENDING:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Overstreet thanks for confirming the Service Director. He did not want to hire someone and have them replaced at the beginning of the year. He and Kevin worked together for this selection.

No questions.

Fire Chief Kovacic thanks Council for the opportunity to swear the new hire in tonight. Fire Department completed their ISO grading today. Should receive scores in Feb or March. On the 18/19, the department participated in live fire training at Auburn. It was a very valuable opportunity especially for the young guys to sharpen their skills.

No questions.

Police Chief Werner thanks Council for approving the replacement vehicle. Friday December 5 is shop with a cop. 5th annual. 10 students, 5 from TJ and 5 from Longfellow nominated by faculty. Trying to lock down dates for annual Santa ride probably either 13 or 20, weather dependent.

No questions.

CBO Menn welcomes Nick back. He wishes everyone a happy thanksgiving.

No questions.

City Engineer Meluch says roads are opening and construction season is winding down. 91 exit ramp is open and a lot of people are happy. Lakeland Blvd repaving is done and just working on touch ups now. Next will be EQ Basin Phase 1 with a temp shut down on Lakeshore. Should not be a serious disruption for long. Bridge on 91 will continue on through the winter with ODOT.

Ms. Schmidt asks if there is a timeline?

He says they will start that work first of the year. They have to coordinate with ODOT to get a permit to cross that road. Between Jan and April is when that work is scheduled to occur.

No other questions.

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

No questions.

Law Director Klammer refers to Ms. Freeman's comments. An example might be a judge issuing an arrest warrant and then hearing the case also. Keep that in mind during the next couple readings.

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58 p.m.



JOHN MEYERS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 12/9/25

ATTEST: 

ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL