

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 23, 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 7:06 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 CBO Dave Menn.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – September 23, 2025

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for September 23, 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 September 9, 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 10, 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: Ms. Schmidt motions recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and recognizes Ruth Marshall, Victims' Advocate, for her department's service to the City. Ms. Kostelnik second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

#### COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Semick reports on the Port Authority Meeting. Nick Woodward from Natural Ohio came and gave a presentation. It is a digital media company and the Port is looking to help advertise and get word out on Eastlake. He gave his presentation but did not have actual numbers on cost. Unsure who will pay for it.

No questions.

Ms. Schmidt reports on ECDC that took place tonight. They discussed Yard of the Year which is now complete. Everyone is very excited and there were many beautiful yards around the City. They are next doing Christmas Lantern. This is just for businesses in the City. They also discussed events for next year. Looking at Yard of the Year, Good Neighbor Awards, Lantern, Plant Swap, and maybe add a scarecrow contest, helmet giveaway, historical night, and potentially some other ideas.

No questions.

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

Roger Chang, an Eastlake Resident, addresses Council. He sent an email to Chris regarding the establishment of a lighting Ordinance for the City. He works for a lighting company. He has noticed in the past 20 years living here, is the rise of exterior lighting. His concern is that because there are no regulations for that, you might find that communities will stop putting up lights willy nilly. Coming from lighting industry, they also work with another Organization regarding light pollution. Eastlake has a big investment in the eagles. When people look up in the sky, they should see stars. Lights should be angled down. He mentions the topic of concern for law enforcement as well. There are other communities around us that have lighting Ordinances in place. It also might set a precedent where we can have a harmonious dispute.

Rhonda Gilmore, an Eastlake Resident, also comes to address Council regarding a lighting Ordinance. She moved to Eastlake with her parents when she was 2 years old and has lived here most of her life. Her husband and her have lived in their current home for 45 years. Until the last couple years, they have never had to call the police. She has had to call regarding one of her neighbors. Recently there has been a residential lighting installed in the neighborhood that has been a nuisance. It is not shielded and on a very tall pole and it shines into homes. The direction has been moved from time to time. They found out through this experience that there is no residential lighting ordinance in the City. They feel they need better regulations to enforce.

Pat Franklin, an Eastlake Resident, comes to address Council regarding the rats. Last time she was here, the City inspector asked for addresses which she provided. Nothing has been done. It is all over facebook and on the news. Rats carry diseases. What will be done?

Ms. Krajnyak thanks her for coming. She sent an email. She is sorry nothing has been done more than that yet.

Pat says the houses on her street that she has complained about, nothing has been done. No disrespect, but she sees that he is not here tonight and he has a struggle walking. If he cannot do his job, he shouldn't be in that position. She pays taxes, a lot of taxes, for what? Nothing at all has been done about the rats.

Kim Franklin comes to speak to Council. She keeps her yard clean and has spoken with her neighbors about cleaning up their yards. She has called the Lake County Health Department regarding a yard, but they basically said it was her problem and that she needed to print out the literature and hand it to the neighbors. That should not be her job. They don't go out of their house at night. There are giant rats. One came into her laundry room. A friend said start gathering them up and bring them to City Hall. She doesn't want them in her yard. Something needs to be done about them.

No one else wishes to address Council.

**LEGISLATION PROPOSED:**

09-23-(01)

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested by: Administration  
Sponsored by: Council

**A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Lease Agreement between the City of Eastlake and Chagrin River Watershed Partners Inc., and declaring an emergency.**

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

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

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

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

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-086

09-23-(02)

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. Ms. Krajnyak second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-087

09-23-(03)

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: Finance Director

Sponsored by: Fire Department

**A Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety, or his duly authorized representative, to proceed with the trade in of a 2016 Dodge Charger Police Cruiser (VIN # 2C3CDXAGXE125701) in exchange for thirty-three (33) officers training with DriveTeam LLC per Thurston Voisine, Police Driving Training Director, located at 4445 State Road Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.**

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-088

09-23-(04)

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: Ordinance Committee

Sponsored by: Administration

**A Resolution declaring a five (5) year moratorium on the issuance of any permits regarding new billboards in the City, and declaring an emergency.**

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-089

LEGISLATION PENDING:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Overstreet says October 11th is touch a truck behind City Hall 10 am- 2 pm. Police, Fire, and other City's vehicles will be there. October 4th trunk or treat will be at Captains Stadium. October 31 trick or treating. He has also received notice that contract negotiations will be starting soon. Everyone received reports from CT/Verdantas regarding the buildings. Please email him with questions and he will forward them to Mr. Meluch instead.

Chief Kovacic has no report.

Chief Werner thanks Council for passing the resolution for the training and car trade in. The guys will be excited to have that in the works.

Service Director Gorentz has no formal report, but open for questions.

City Engineer Meluch says Lakeshore Blvd bridge project with ODOT has bids open and are waiting for the schedule to open that project. In order for ODOT to do a detour, it has to follow another state route. The bridge will remain open but there will be a signal placed that is designed to allow emergency service vehicles to adjust when approaching. There will be no formal detour. The locals will likely find their own detours, but here will be no official detour. Eq Basin Phase I contracts are being signed right now. Phase 2 being the tank, we had the discussion about raising the tank above ground to save costs and have to add landscaping to the project then. One topic was adding a sidewalk for safety. Engineers looked at it and it could be done, but would require the existing utilities to be relocated and it would take about a year. Due to grants and loan application they are putting the project out for bid without the sidewalk issue to meet requirements for that funding. It is not off the table though.

Ms. Schmidt says she was told it was a sure thing.

Mr. Meluch says the biggest issue is getting the utilities relocated and getting it into the plans for the bid, it would delay the project for a year and we cannot do that so we have to address that at a different time. Lakeland Blvd phase 2 contract is being signed and the contract is being signed and should get going this year.

The big one, he passed out the assessment reports from the police and fire stations. The presentation that was given a month ago, based on questions, not all background information was given. He offers some snippets in what he found. This project is really 7 phases long. This project has had conversations back to Feb 2021. They completed some assessments in January 2023 determining the size of facilities. Even with existing building, police need 10,000 more square feet. Fire needs 30,000 square feet. The actual building analysis says that structurally the building is fine, but they need gutted and redone. The cost estimates for renovation is nearly the same as building new. They looked at 3 phases using existing City Hall campus. There was a lot of thought of how to keep departments having functional buildings during any construction. They ended up with a new concept which included the acquisition of property at the SE corner and shifting around some other things. There has been a lot of discussion with 3 different Mayors at this point. What they presented is just to start the engagement of what this project would cost to meet the needs of the City. The next step is to engage the public

and current chiefs on how they want the buildings laid out after Council approval. When you read the report, you will see there are some positives, but when you look at the negatives they start to outweigh.

No questions.

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

Ms. Krajnyak asks if she can get a copy of the Finance Report.

Law Director Klammer says everyone does a great job at the Prosecutor's. He sent out some responses regarding issues from Ordinance Committee Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m.

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JOHN MEYERS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 10/14/25

ATTEST: Alyssa Moran  
ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL