

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 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 7:07 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 – December 23, 2025

MOTION: Mr. Semick motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for November 25, 2025. Mr. Kasunick 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 December 9, 2025. Mr. Gulley second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

The minutes from the Ordinance Committee Meeting of December 9, 2025 needed amended to change a name that was incorrectly written. Council is approving the amended minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Gulley motioned to approve the amended Minutes from the Ordinance Committee Meeting of December 9, 2025. Ms. Krajnyak 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 January 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting. There will be an Organizational Committee Meeting on January 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTIONS

MOTION: Mr. Gulley motions to authorize the Law Director to answer the complaint involving Kenjoh and the billboard moratorium on behalf of the City of Eastlake, Ohio. Mr. Kasunick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Semick reports on the Port Authority meeting. They went through the treasurer report in great detail. He wants to clarify from his report last time. He mentioned they were looking at taking over the operations at the kayak center, but he misheard them. They are looking to see what it would take as a contingency plan only, not a direct plan.

Ms. Schmidt says Tru Fab won the lantern for their business decorating contest.

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

Debra Wilden comes to address Council. On Monday December 15, there was a facebook post on the official City page. The comment section was turned off. It mentioned Councilwoman Krajnyak. Her post on the mentions tab was not easily seen. She feels there are underlying issues with the post. She was disappointed with the post talking negatively about the post and Chris. No author is listed. Are you representing the City or airing dirty laundry? Comments not permitted. Full of complaints. Not the avenue for such a discussion. These complaints seem like opinions instead of facts. She then found information that when a government has a social media page, it cannot restrict public comments. The only deleting or blocking that it can do is for threats or obscene language. She asks that the post be removed and replaced with an apology. Comments should always be on. No bickering on facebook and instead just for sharing information to the public. She asks for her comments to be addressed.

Mayor Overstreet asks to address this comment. He says this post on the Blockwatch page started with the statement that the Finance Director took it upon herself to cancel numerous POs for the chairs. This is untrue, there were never requests for chairs. Ms. Krajnyak never asked himself, the Finance Director, or the Police Chief for any of these facts. She further continued to solicit businesses for donations. Since he was kicked off the page in January 2024, the only way he felt he could respond to this was with that post. He made this post. She continued to run with her story after that.

Ms. Wilden says she is not speaking about the content, but she feels that there should be a different avenue for this information.

Mayor Overstreet feels it is inappropriate for her to put City business on her group page as well.

Ms. Wilden says the Blockwatch page is private and the City page is not.

Mayor Overstreet stands by his comment.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

12-23-(01)

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. Schmidt second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted.

12-23-(02)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
Requested by: City Engineer
Sponsored by: Administration

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District, 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.

12-23-(03)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
Requested by: City Engineer
Sponsored by: Administration

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Lake County Commissioners, 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.

LEGISLATION PENDING:

Third Reading. First Reading 11/25/25, Second Reading 12/9/25.
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.

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

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

This item FAILED.

Third Reading. First Reading 11/25/25, Second Reading 12/9/25.
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.

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

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

Mr. Semick, NO. Mr. Meyers, yea.

This item FAILED.

Second Reading. First Reading 12/9/25.

12-9-(04)

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

A Resolution accepting and approving the City of Eastlake Employee Policies and Procedures Manual, 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Overstreet takes this opportunity to thank Council and the directors for all the work they did this year. He wishes everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Chief Kovacic has no formal report. He thanks Council and the Administration for their support during his transition into his role.

Chief Werner says in light of some of the comments the Mayor made previously. He feels he should address the issue since it is a police department topic. Despite what you may have seen or read over the past week, chairs in the police department are not an emergent need. He has 71 chairs on the main level of the police department. 10 of which he would categorize as having excessive wear. None are broken, they are all fully functional and safe. Much like the police cars, when they get new chairs they rotate to the lunch table or other areas that are not of constant use. The pictures that were posted would be an example of taking a picture of our oldest, most worn down police car and then saying this is what they get to drive, we need new cars. It was misrepresentative of what they have at the police department and what the officers have at their desks. This is not to say they could not use new chairs, but when they look at budget, they look at wants and needs. New chairs are a want, not a need. In a year where they have had to replace a compressor for ac/heating, extensive repairs to generator, to roof, and other things that have overextended the budget from what was approved back in March, chairs are not a need. The fact that this has been an issue over the past week is embarrassing. At both the City and County level. This is ridiculous. He has not had any requests from any of his officers about the chairs and also no complaints. The Mayor addressing it on the City facebook page, he is not going to go into whether or not that

was appropriate, but it needed to be addressed at some point. He did not address it on the police department page, he felt it was more appropriate for himself to bring it up here. He did have other questions from Council regarding the issue so he figured he would bring it up at this meeting. It is not an issue. All he would say to current and future council, is that if you have any questions about anything in the police department, come to him because that was not done. If you want complete and accurate information, go to him and he will give it to you. If that had been done, a great deal of aggravation would be avoided at every level. Beyond that, they had the Santa ride last week. It was very cold. A couple streets were not able to be driven on by Santa because it was a bit too slippery. They did post for lateral positions and are looking to fill two openings. He wishes everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

CBO Menn thanks Mayor Overstreet for letting them be directors. He appreciates all his support and wishes him good luck on Council. He also wishes Ms. Schmidt good luck on future endeavors. He thanks his staff in the Building department. He cannot say enough good things about them. He wants to thank them publicly. He wishes everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Service Director Rubertino has no formal report. He congratulates Ms. Schmidt and hopes that she gives it another effort with different results. He says the Mayor and Administrative staff is wonderful here. He appreciated it as a resident and now a director.

City Engineer Meluch says they submitted the 2026 road program application. Money available in July. Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Finance Director Schindel thanks Mayor Overstreet and Ms. Schmidt and wishes them both well. Finance says Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Law Director Klammer says the Kenjoh motion was because we have a motion that requires Council approval for him to represent. We may want to reconsider that. Most are handled through insurance. He thanks Mayor Overstreet for his time as Mayor. He tells Ms. Schmidt that he hopes she will try again on this level or another. Merry Christmas!

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.


JOHN MEYERS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 1/27/26

ATTEST: 
ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL