

**Eastlake City Council
Organizational Meeting
January 6, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MOTION: Mr. Gulley motioned to appoint Mr. Meyers as acting Council President for the purposes of this meeting. Mr. Semick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

ROLL CALL

Council President John Meyers opened the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m. All members of Council were present with the exception of Councilwoman Krajnyak.

All members of the Administration were present.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MOTION: Ms. Kostelnik moved to nominate Mike Semick for Council President. Mr. Kasunick second. There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

MOTION: Mr. Semick moved to nominate Mr. Gulley for Council Vice President.

ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous.

SWEARING IN:

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMAN- AT-LARGE – JIM OVERSTREET

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILWOMAN- AT-LARGE – CHRIS KRAJNYAK

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMAN- AT-LARGE – MIKE SEMICK

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

½ hr, 3 minutes per person_– No one wished to speak

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Welcome

SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The next organizational meeting will be scheduled pursuant to the Charter for the first Tuesday of the year, January 4, 2028. Next Council-as-a-Whole will be held January 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. with the regularly scheduled council meeting to follow.

**MOTION TO APPOINT ALYSSA MORAN AS CLERK OF COUNCIL PER
ORDINANCE 111.08**

MOTION: Mr. Overstreet moved to appoint Alyssa Moran as the Clerk of Council. Mr. Semick second.

ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous. Motion approved.

**MOTION TO APPOINT MICHAEL RYDZINSKI FOR SARGANT AT ARMS PER
ORDINANCE 111.01**

MOTION: Mr. Kasunick moved to appoint Michael Rydzinski for Sargant at Arms. Mr. Semick second.

ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous. Motion approved.

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

To be assigned at the next Council Meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION

Todd Gulley – Councilman – Ward 1

Mr. Gulley welcomes the new Mayor and welcomes Mr. Overstreet back to Council. He also welcomes Grace the Senior Center Director. He is excited to work with the new administration and Mr. Semick as Council President.

John Meyers - Councilman – Ward 2

Jason Kasunick – Councilman – Ward 3

Mr. Kasunick is looking forward to working with everyone. Things have been great so far and he looks forward to continued success and moving on to some issues to try to get a clearer picture for the lakefront. He would like to focus in on that. He thanks everyone.

Danyiell Kostelnik- Councilman – Ward 4

Ms. Kostelnik thanks everyone and is looking forward to working with everyone. She congratulates everyone.

Jim Overstreet – Councilman-at-Large

Mr. Overstreet says it is good to be back on Council. He hopes to use his knowledge from his time as Mayor to help the current Mayor and keep the City moving.

Chris Krajnyak – Councilwoman-at-Large

Mike Semick – Councilman-at-Large

Mr. Semick wishes everyone a happy new year and thanks Councilman Overstreet for the work he did as Mayor. While we were in turmoil, he held down the fort. He is looking forward to moving forward with the new administration.

RECOGNITION OF MAYOR

Kevin Kostelnik – Mayor of the City of Eastlake, Ohio

Mayor Kevin Kostelnik thanks the residents for this opportunity. He congratulates Mr. Semick and Mr. Gulley for their re-election. He thanks former Mayor Overstreet for stepping up and doing a great job during a few rough years here. He thanks him also for his assistance during a smooth transition. He looks forward to working with everyone as a team with good communication for the betterment of the City of Eastlake. He thanks Judy Moran for her hard work over the past couple tough years as well as the Administration and Directors and Chiefs. That is his reason for reappointing these current directors, they have done a lot of hard work during the past few years.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Administrative appointments made by Mayor Kevin Kostelnik:

Finance Director – Carol Ann Schindel
Service Director – Nick Rubertino
City Engineer – Brian Meluch
Law Director – Joseph R. Klammer, Esq.
CBO – Dave Menn
Senior Ctr. Director- Grace Giangiacomo

MOTION TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Mr. Overstreet moves to approve the appointments made by Mayor Kevin Kostelnik.
Mr. Semick second.
ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous. Motion approved.

MOTION TO CONFIRM MAYOR AS SAFETY DIRECTOR.

MOTION: Mr. Semick moved to confirm the Mayor as the Safety Director. Mr. Kasunick second.
ROLL CALL. Mr. Semick, Yea. Mr. Kasunick, Yea. Mr. Gulley, yea. Mr. Overstreet, Yea. Ms. Kostelnik, ABSTAIN. Mr. Meyers, yea.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



MIKE SEMICK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 1127126

ATTEST: 

ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL