

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
JANUARY 27, 2026
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 Semick at approximately 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDEES

All members of Council in attendance.

Attending from the Administration were Law Director Klammer, Mayor Kostelnik, Fire Chief Kovacic, Police Chief Werner, and Service Director Rubertino.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – January 27, 2026

MOTION: Mr. Kasunick motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for January 27, 2026. Mr. Meyers second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Meyers motioned to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of December 23, 2025. Ms. Kostelnik second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

MOTION: Mr. Kasunick motioned to approve the amended Minutes from the Organizational Committee Meeting of January 6, 2026. Mr. Overstreet second.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Kasunick, yea. Mr. Overstreet, yea. Mr. Gulley, yea. Ms. Krajnyak, abstain. Ms. Kostlenik, yea. Mr. Semick, yea. Mr. Meyers, yea.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meetings Scheduled

Council President Semick stated that the next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 10, 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.

MOTIONS

MOTION: Mr. Kasunick motions to confirm the Mayoral appointment of Tim Kirby to the Port Authority. Ms. Krajnyak second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Semick announces the updated Committee assignments which are as follows:

Finance Committee Mr. Kasunick, Chair
 Mr. Gulley
 Mr. Overstreet

Ordinance Committee Mr. Gulley, Chair
 Mr. Meyers
 Ms. Kostelnik

WPCC Committee Ms. Krajnyak, Chair
 Ms. Kostelnik
 Mr. Meyers

Port Authority Mr. Semick

ECDC Mr. Kasunick

Recreation Committee Mr. Overstreet, Chair
 Mr. Kasunick

Planning Committee Ms. Kostelnik, Chair
 Mr. Gulley
 Ms. Krajnyak

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC: 1/2 hour, 3-minutes per person
None.

Mr. Semick tells everyone that there is a new section on our agenda for follow ups from previous public comments.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

01-27-(01)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept a Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant in the amount of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Eight Cents (\$8,741.08), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted.

01-27-(02)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept a NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Program Grant in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Meyers to adopt. Mr. Overstreet second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted.

01-27-(03)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept the 2026 Senior Services Levy Award in the amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00), and declaring an

emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted.

LEGISLATION PENDING:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Kostelnik thanks the service department for their hard work during these crazy storms we have been having. As he discussed during his campaign, redoing the phone systems for City Hall is ready to go and we are waiting on the contractor to install that program. He was hoping to be able to tell you it was done today, but not yet. Informed that the NOPEC grant for this year will be \$42,000. Also have a proposal for redoing our website. Waiting on another one. As soon as that comes in, will have to report on that. As far as Lakeshore replacement bridge, that will start March of 2026 and should be complete in October. They are requesting 3 separate days to do work at night. May 21, September 1, September 21. We will notify residents about this.

Fire Chief Kovacic has no formal report, but will be hoping to swear in two firefighters next meeting.

Police Chief Werner says they are accepting applications for lateral transfers. They did identify two viable prospects and have made one conditional offer so far. He is hoping by the end of next month to be up to their budgeted amount.

Service Director Rubertino appreciates the Mayor's comments. Service has been on 5 days, 24 hours per day. There will be no one on the streets at 8:00 p.m. We have two guys out sick, one just out of surgery, and as of 8:00 p.m. they will not be legally allowed to continue working. There will be other people on the road starting at midnight. They are beyond short staffed. We need more employees. We are also extremely low on salt, much like the other communities around us. He feels it is time to sit down and find a way to get more service employees. There is enough work to keep them busy. Please bear with us.

Mr. Semick says he appreciates all the hard work.

Law Director Klammer says we have Planning commission meeting coming up and there will be a hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak motioned to adjourn into executive session to consider the purchase and sale of real property. Mr. Kasunick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Into executive session at approximately 7:23 p.m.

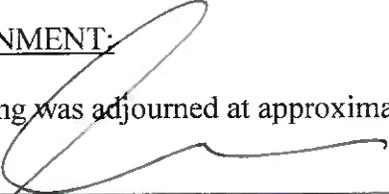
MOTION: Mr. Kasunick motions to return from executive session. Ms. Krajnyak second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Returned from executive session at approximately 7:34 p.m.

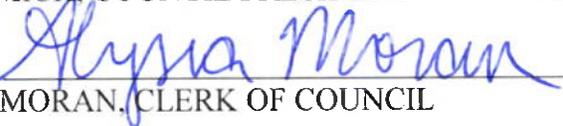
ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.



MIKE SEMICK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 2/10/25

ATTEST: 

ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL