

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
MARCH 10, 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 7:08 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDEES

All members of Council in attendance.

All members of the Administration in attendance with the exception of Fire Chief Kovacic and Police Chief Werner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – March 10, 2026

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for March 10, 2026. Mr. Kasunick 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 February 24, 2026. Ms. Krajnyak second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

MOTION: Mr. Overstreet motioned to approve the Minutes from the Council as a Whole Committee Meeting of February 24, 2026. Ms. Krajnyak second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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 March 24, 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

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Mr. Meyers says there was a WPCC meeting. Major points budget for 2026 \$4 million +. Less than \$1000 higher than in 2025 so doing a good job keeping a handle on expenses. In 2026 705,000 debt service principal is 8.8 million dollars. They are expecting an addition in 2027 at 1.6 million and 11.6 million. East Island EQ basin should be completed around November 30. They brought up the fact that there is an 18" main from Plains Rd to the substation. They have had issues in the past and they are concerned it will fail completely in the future. They will keep patching it as they go, but just so you're aware if it needs replaced it's like 4-8 million in today's dollars. He has copies of the executive summary.

No questions.

Mr. Gulley reports on the Ordinance Committee Meeting. They discussed a few items. A couple from Chief Werner. One was fine and another is related to retiring age for safety officers that we are working on. Mr. Menn introduced a rental inspection program and nuisance ticketing program. Those are tabled for further discussion.

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

Dani Evers-Richards, 34137 Beachpark, comes to speak to Council. Last week her husband read a letter in her absence detailing the harassment her family has put up with for the past 10 years. Since then, Ms. Krajnyak has since continued on Eastlake Blockwatch with her harassment. While they are grateful that she has finally removed the content she has posted over the years, they do not appreciate her new attempts. They have since filed a police report and have forwarded the information to Council. On Saturday March 7, Ms. Krajnyak reached out to her brother regarding an issue from another facebook page from over a year ago. They do not know how she received this information. This has been 10 years. They have repeatedly asked for this to stop. They have blocked her, the page, her followers, and she will not stop. Their legal counsel has advised them to continue to make police reports and speak out at meetings about the continued harassment and obsessive behavior.

Tracy Peterson, Lakeshore resident, asks that she lives on S Lakeshore and has seen on St. Lawrence, dead rats. What is planned for the rat situation? Please let the residents know.

Mr. Semick says it is important that residents reach out to Council and the Mayor when they see rats in certain areas. A lot of people will post on social media but are not letting administration or Council know. Unless we can identify certain hotspot areas, we just tell them to reach out to the Health Department.

Donald Dewitt, 33637 Willowick Dr, came in a year ago about the overly bright LED lights. It has been a year, have we come up with anything?

Mr. Semick says to his knowledge no one else has complained.

Mr. Dewitt says he called First Energy and they said there were a lot of complaints. He was advised to complain to the Mayors. He will leave it at that this week.

No one else wishes to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

03-10-(01)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept an Energized Community Grant from NOPEC in the total amount of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$42,114.00), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted.

03-10-(02)

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

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to award the purchase of one domestic hot water boiler and two 500 gallon hot water storage tanks, relief valves, and thermal expansion tank, as well as install to Advanced Mechanical, the lowest and best and most responsible bidder, for work at the Captains Stadium for a total of Sixty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$68,626.00), and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted.

03-10-(03)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____
Requested by: Planning Commission
Sponsored by: Administration

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to add a pickup window on the East side wall for Team Pizza dba Domino's located at 34298 Vine Street Eastlake, Ohio 44095, 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.

LEGISLATION PENDING:

02-24-(01)

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

An Ordinance to reappropriate for the expenses of the City of Eastlake, State of Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Item was placed on Second Reading. First Reading 2/24/26.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Kostelnik says a quick reminder starting on the 16th of March, Rt. 91 bridge will be closed from 8 pm – 6 am both directions for two weeks. Lakeshore bridge will start on 3/18. EQ basin phase 1 will start at the end of March. 440 Marketing continues to work on the website. Please get request to Judy but we are still 6-8 weeks out for the total redo. Lake County Captains start their home season 3 weeks from Thursday. We received an email this morning stating that it looks like Friday we will get the announcement that \$334,671 from NOACA for Vine St. Corridor Project.

CBO Menn says thank you for listening about his proposed legislation. If you have ideas let him know. Other than that, neighbors are definitely getting out and showing a lot of love for eachother.

Service Director Rubertino says we have taken advantage of the nice weather and gotten multiple areas cleaned up. We are in the process of filling pot holes. Hot mix not available yet which is a more permanent fix. The cold patch unfortunately pops in and out with the temperature ranges. We are working on that. As far as the rats, we have spent thousands and thousands to eradicate the rats in the community but there is a two-fold situation. Some of it is that we live along the lake. The other issue is that as much as we love the wildlife, we need to try to encourage people to not feed because the bird seed hits the ground or any kind of feces attracts the rats as well. There is no easy answer to getting rid of them other than being pro-active. Pertaining to the LED lights, we do not request them. They are put in by First Energy as a cost saving measure. They are trying to save money and pass the savings onto the communities. That is where we have been in the past.

City Engineer Meluch says the Mayor already addressed the two major projects that will impact traffic. If you're attending the State of the Cities, the Chardon Rd. Bridge is out so you'll need an alternate route.

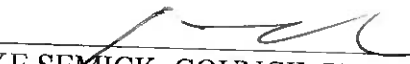
Finance Director Schindel says Finance is working with the Auditors at this time.

Law Director Klammer says we have had communications from agents for the casino commission with concerns for the internet cafés. We have not had any problem with them. He is bringing this up in case they reach out to Council. They are currently working to understand the State's concern.

Mr. Menn says they are going around to other communities. Don't think they are focusing on Eastlake.

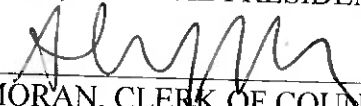
ADJOURNMENT:

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



MIKE SEMICK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 03124126

ATTEST: 

ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL