

Minutes Approved

As Printed

April 6, 2020

Regular Council Meeting

Elyria City Council

4/20/2020

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting with a moment of reflection and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Tollett. First Virtual Council meeting. No digital recording or audio tape of this meeting.

2. ROLL CALL--COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Oswald, Baird, Mitchell, Tollett, Madison, Davis, Keys, Jessie, Stewart

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Whitfield, Safety Ser. Dir. Feuerstein, Law Dir. Deery, Finance Dir. Pileski, Clerk Lotko

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jessie moved, Keys seconded that the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2020 be approved as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

President Stewart thanked the IT Department, Brian Rothgery, Koury Henderson and Brian Perez have done a wonderful job with the remote meetings. Thank you.

Mayor Whitfield: Mayor Whitfield thanked City Council, The Law Department and the IT Department. He is proud of all of them to accept this challenge. City is getting involved with small businesses, seniors, and the youth. Citizens can sign for their needs under WeCare Initiative. They are engaging with their youth. There will be a Town Hall meeting this Thursday at 10:00 A. M.

Safety Service Director Feuerstein: Mr. Feuerstein echoed Mayor Whitfield's comments. The Water and Waste Water have trained or this under EPA Requirements. As it gets warmer, they will get crews out to cut grass. He said the Building Department is doing a great job.

Finance Director Pileski: No Report

Law Director Deery: No Report

Chief Whitely: No Report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

\* = Matter done/partially done

1. The matter of a new liquor license request by Family Dollar Stores of Ohio, Inc. DBA Family Dollar Store 26358, 1057 E. Broad Street, Elyria OH (Class C1, C2)

REFERRED BY: Ohio Div. Of Liquor Control (Extension requested submitted due to Covid-19)

REFERRED TO: Community Development

2. The matter of a rezoning request for 565 S. Abbe Rd from A Business Neighborhood District (B-N) to a Business Automotive Oriented (B-AO). (Speedway expansion)

REFERRED BY: CESO, Inc.

REFERRED TO: Community Development/Planning Commission

3. The matter of a rezoning request for 8<sup>th</sup> Place and Middle Avenue from R-TH to B-G.

REFERRED BY: Lorain County Health & Dentistry

REFERRED TO: Community Development/Planning Commission

7. PETITIONS--COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

8. PETITIONS--LOBBY: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING: None

10. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2019 ANNUAL ACTION  
PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Madison seconded to consider without benefit of a committee report.

MOTION CARRIED

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: Continued

Callahan moved, Madison seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	PASSAGE:	EMERGENCY:
AYE:      11	AYE:      11	AYE:      11
NAY:      0	NAY:      0	NAY:      0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-43  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH VTD SYSTEMS, INC., FOR EXEMPTION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE ELYRIA ENTERPRISE ZONE, CREATED UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 91-71 AND AS AMENDING IN ORDINANCE NO. 95-47.

Mitchell moved, Madison seconded to consider without benefit of a committee report.  
MOTION CARRIED

Callahan moved, Madison seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION:	PASSAGE:
AYE:      11	AYE:      11
NAY:      0	NAY:      0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-44  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH R. G. ZACHRICH CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE FINAL SETTLING TANK NO. 6 AND 7 PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: Continued

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to consider without benefit of a committee report.

MOTION CARRIED

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-45

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND INTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2020 EMERGENCY SANITARY AND STORM SEWER REPAIRS CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to consider without benefit of a committee report.

MOTION CARRIED

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES–SECOND READING: None

15. ORDINANCES–THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 4/27/2020 6:00 P.M. Joint with Finance to Follow CD  
All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

**VIRTUAL**

FINANCE 4/27/2020 Following CD and Joint with CD All Referred Items Council  
Chambers w/Mayor, Fin. Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**VIRTUAL**

UTILITIES 4/8/2020 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/law Director,  
SSD. Eng.

**VIRTUAL**

STRATEGIC PLANNING 4/20/2020 Immediately following Council All Referred Items  
Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Dir., Law Director, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Stewart asked Mrs. Mitchell about the upcoming Utilities meeting, will they be doing the streets? Mrs. Mitchell responded yes. Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. This meeting has been referred to as the Super Bowl of meetings. This will be the first time doing virtual. A short discussion was held going virtual or meeting in Chambers. It was decided for the safety of everyone that it be done virtual.

Mr. Callahan stressed that everyone should remain in their homes. He sends prayers to everyone.

Mr. Oswald stated they still have projects that need to keep moving forward.

Mr. Cerra said to be safe, stay healthy and wash your hands.

Mr. Baird stated that everyone is doing the right thing.

Mr. Tollett said God Bless to all, and a special shout to IT and all Council members.

Mrs. Davis said to remember to keep your distance, stay home and keep in touch with our constituents.

Mr. Madison thanked the Administration and SSD Team, he had a couple of complaints and they were taken care of.

Mrs. Keys stated that they are keeping the residents safe. She had an issue at the park but that was taken care of by removing the hoops.

Mr. Jessie stated he appreciated their relationship and he enjoys working with all of you.

Mr. Stewart thanked everyone and appreciates everyone. Good job and a shout out to IT.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Baird motioned to adjourn, seconded by Cerra.

MOTION CARRIED 7:25 P.M.

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Michael J. Lotko, III  
Clerk of Council

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Victor F. Stewart, III  
President of Council