

Minutes Approved

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December 20, 2021
Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday December 20th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting with a moment of reflective silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Baird. President Stewart asked audience members to please silence cell phones.

The recording/audio of this meeting is available on the City of Elyria Channel on YouTube.
(Zoom meeting)

2. ROLL CALL--COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: SSD Brubaker, Mayor Whitfield, Law Dir. Deery, Clerk Lotko, Finance Dir. Pileski, Police Chief Pelko, Fire Chief Pronesti, WWPC Superintendent Terry Korzan, HR Director Yousefi, Engineer Schneider

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The regular meeting recessed at 7:03 for a Public Hearing.

Clerk Lotko read the call to Public Hearing:

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, December 20th, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Elyria City Hall, 131 Court Street to consider the following:

An Ordinance amending Section 1131.02, Codified Ordinances of The City Of Elyria, Ohio, known as the Zoning Ordinance, to Rezone Real property located at Ridge Street, Elyria, Ohio from R-MHH Residential - Multi-Household High Density District to B-G Business - General District.

President Stewart asked if there were any proponents, (3-times). There were none.

President Stewart asked if there were any opponents, (3-times). There were none.

President Stewart Declared the Public Hearing had been held.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:04 P.M.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-190**
Community AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1131.02,
Development: CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA,
D. Mitchell OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO
J. Cerra REZONE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT RIDGE
M. Jessie STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO, FROM R-MHH RESIDENTIAL -
K. Oswald MULTI-HOUSEHOLD HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT TO B-G
BUSINESS-GENERAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Callahan moved, Mrs. Mitchell seconded to pass this ordinance on its third reading.

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cerra moved, Mr. Baird seconded that the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 1st, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Whitfield:

Mayor Whitfield acknowledged the out-going Council Members. He said it's been an honor serving with them. To Councilman Baird, who's like Michael Jordan, it's like his 3rd time retiring. He appreciates all his years of service and he said he will continue working with him, Mr. Baird will be serving on The CDC Board so he will look forwarding to seeing him there. He also wanted to thank the Community Development and Finance Committees for the work that was completed last Monday. Mayor Whitfield asked if he may be excused since there is nothing else on the agenda for him. And he wished everyone happy holidays and Merry Christmas.

Safety Service Director Brubaker:

Safety Service Director Brubaker echoed Mayor Whitfield and he congratulated Councilpersons Jessie and Keys and Councilman Baird for the work they have done to move our city forward and to make it a better. He wishes all three well on their next endeavors. Director said that due to a multitude of covid cases, the City is reverting back to some different protocols for employees and City Hall employee doors will be locked and residents who enter the building will have to check in at the Utility Windows at the north entrance of the building.

There will also be some employees working remotely, due to covid concerns for the next couple of weeks. And he wished everyone a happy Christmas.

Mr. Cerra asked if we're still doing leaf pick-up?

Mr. Brubaker said it effectively ended a week ago, but there is still a truck running thru next week. The trucks that pull the leaf vacs are also the same trucks that salt and plow. He does recommend that residents start to bag leaves and place on their curbs.

Finance Director Pileski:

Mr. Pileski said he wanted to take a minute to congratulate Jack Baird on his retirement, that it's been a real pleasure to serve with him over the last 30 plus years. He considers Mr. Baird not only a great councilperson, but also a great friend and he wishes him all the best. Mr. Pileski also thanked Mark and Judy for their service and best wishes to them and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Law Director Deery:

Dir Deery echos the words of Mr. Pileski and also of Mr. Brubaker and the Mayor and congratulations Mr. Baird and best wishes to Mr. Jessie and Mrs. Keys and Happy Holidays to everyone. She wanted everyone to know that her office is open to the public.

Police Chief Pelko:

On behalf of the Police Department, Chief Pelko thanked Mr. Baird, Mr. Jessie and Mrs. Keys for their service. He said he will be doing a Press Conference on Dec. 21st in collaboration with the schools and the Mayor in regards to the up-tick in school threats recently. It will be at 1:00 in the Schools Administration Building. He's hoping it will be educational for everyone. Chief Pelko said Lt. Deana Baker retired on Friday, after 25 years on the force. She was the training lieutenant and revamped the training program. He wants to commend her on her service.

Mr. Tollett said the new concealed carry law has passed and they've committed to override a veto if the Governor veto's it. He's asking, if there is something as a City Council that we can do to help the departments moving forward, such as legislation outside of that line. We can't override that law but if there is something Council can do to assist them.

Mr. Oswald thanked Chief Pelko for the no left turn signs at the new Northwood Campus along with bumpers to prevent left-hand turns.

Chair Stewart asked in regards to the last meeting that took place in Chambers with the residents in regards to the noise issues at the Dawg House.

Chief Pelko said when officers go to the location for a complaint they don't hear loud music, so they're limited as to what they can do. They have been doing direct patrols and they officers have been advised to cite if there are any violations. So they will continue to monitor it.

Fire Chief Pronesti:

Chief Pronesti wants to extend best wishes from himself and the department to the out-going council members. He thanked Councilman Jessie Councilperson Keys for all they've done. He said to Councilman Baird, one-word ~ class, he's a class act.

He thanked Mr. Baird for all he's done.

He also thanked Utilities and Finance Committees for passing legislation so the department can move forward on the grant for the ambulance. It's a good thing moving forward. They hired 9 new Firefighters, one is serving in Kuwait and will be coming on board in February. Of the 8 that were just sworn in on the 20th, one has been activated in the National Guard because of covid. He wants to thank the administration to finance everyone involved for getting these members on board. It will alleviate a lot of overworked firefighters.

Mr. Oswald asked about the upcoming training of different forms of suppression and extinguishing fires and has that training been done yet?

Chief Pronesti said the training hasn't be done yet. They've been extremely busy and they've had some people out and if they do the training, it won't be until the first of the year.

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Engineer Schneider: (No Report)

HR Dir Yousefi: (No Report)

WWPC Superintendent Korzan:

Mr. Korzan wished everyone Merry Christmas. He thanked Mr. Baird for all of his support over the years. He also thanked Mrs. Keys and Mr. Jessie.

He spoke with the consulting engineers on the Windward siphon project and they informed that from the flow monitoring data they have, that there is sufficient data to move towards a design on that siphon replacement project. They don't need additional flow monitoring data.

The consulting engineers needed more information on the Abbe north station and they had a few questions on the Gulf Road lift station. He said that he will get those answers in next few days.

Mr. Oswald asked if we have funding for these projects or do we have to wait for funding to come in?

Mr. Korzan said his goal is to get both projects and also the relief sewer project for the Abbe Rd. North Station to Whitman, designed and on paper so that if grant monies become available, we'll be able to take advantage of that.

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

1. The matter of Conditional Use Permit Request for 914 Cleveland St., Elyria

REFERRED BY: Adam Thomarios, Citizen Real Estate, LLC

REFERRED TO: Planning Commission and Community Development

2. The matter of Conditional Use Permit Request for 811/815 Lake Ave., Elyria

REFERRED BY: Adam Thomarios, Citizen Real Estate, LLC

REFERRED TO: Planning Commission and Community Development

3. The matter of a Liquor License request for Speedway, #3698, 990 E. Broad St., Elyria

REFERRED BY: Ohio Division of Liquor Control

REFERRED TO: Community Development

4. The matter of a Liquor License request for Speedway, #8556, 895 Lorain Blvd., Elyria
REFERRED BY: Ohio Division of Liquor Control
REFERRED TO: Community Development
 5. The matter of a Liquor License request for Speedway, #3379, 710 Griswold Rd., Elyria
REFERRED BY: Ohio Division of Liquor Control
REFERRED TO: Community Development
 6. The matter of a Liquor License Transfer request from Grenadier Club to 1519 Club, 1519 West Ave., Elyria
REFERRED BY: Ohio Division of Liquor Control
REFERRED TO: Community Development
 7. The matter of a Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement.
REFERRED BY: Community Development Director A. Scott
REFERRED TO: Community Development and Finance Committees
 8. The matter of a Comprehensive Plan, Planning and Zoning Code Updates.
REFERRED BY: Assistant Service Director Calvert
REFERRED TO: Community Development and Finance Committees
 9. The matter of a Sound Barrier Study between Elyria residents and the Ohio Turnpike.
REFERRED BY: Councilperson Kenny Oswald
REFERRED TO: Community Development and Utilities Committees
 10. The matter of a Safety Barrier Study between Elyria residents and the Ohio Turnpike.
REFERRED BY: Councilperson Kenny Oswald
REFERRED TO: Community Development and Utilities Committees
 11. The matter of engaging the Law Firm of McDonald Hopkins, LLC as special Legal Counsel for 2022 Economic Development Projects.
REFERRED BY: Assistant Law Director Breunig
REFERRED TO: Finance Committee
 12. The matter of the Water Plant Operating Chemicals for the years 2022 and 2023.
REFERRED BY: Water Superintendent Jacob
REFERRED TO: Finance Committee and Utilities Committee
 13. The matter of a review of Streets for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Program.
REFERRED BY: Councilwoman Mitchell
REFERRED TO: Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee
- Item 14 - Received and Placed on File in the Clerk's Office
14. List of receipts collected by each division in the Clerk of Court's Office for the month of November 2021.

7. PETITIONS LOBBY:

Terry Shilling (Pete Shilling) of 230 Third St., Elyria

Mr. Shilling said hello to all members of council and the administration and everyone in Chambers. For many years there's been a group of folks that meet around town for breakfast and probably the original one that is still around is Mr. Jack Baird.

He probable started going to breakfast when it used to be the Paradise and he was working for Lorain County Bank, which goes back to 1972. And the Breakfast group has continued on. Some are here this evening; Nick Abraham, John Haynes and Judge Tom Janas. They've been meeting at Hazel's most of the time. He thought it was appropriate that someone from that group came here this evening to wish Jack all the best. Jack has been on Council for 37 years and he's been on Council for the entire City. There have been Council people that have had their main thing was to say 'no'. Because they knew what was on the agenda that was going to be passed, so it didn't make any difference.

Mr. Shilling said to the remaining Council people, after going through and listening and reading about the potential people that are coming on Council.... good luck and he hopes they remember their main goal; The City of Elyria and the Citizens of Elyria need their help.

Good luck to Mrs. Keys and Mr. Jessie and he wishes well to Jack and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

8. PETITIONS COUNCIL: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING: None

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Sponsored by:	<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2021-191</u>
Community Development:	AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NORD FAMILY FOUNDATION, VIA DONATION, TO THE ELYRIA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.
T. Callahan	
M. Jessie	
D. Mitchell	
Finance:	
V. Stewart III	
P. Tollett	
M. Jessie	
B. Davis	
J. Baird	

Callahan moved, Tollett second to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

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

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by:
Community Development:
T. Callahan
M. Jessie
D. Mitchell
Finance:
V. Stewart III
P. Tollett
M. Jessie
B. Davis
J. Baird

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-192
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MAKOVICH & PUSTI ARCHITECTS, INC., TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND VISUALIZATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ELYRIA ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.

Callahan moved, Tollett second to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

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

President Stewart asked that Council could be informed as to what projects are being talked about so that they know what the developmental concepts or ideas that are coming through.

Sponsored by:
Finance:
V. Stewart III
P. Tollett
M. Jessie
B. Davis
J. Baird

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-193
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR A VIRTUAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE ELYRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

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

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-194**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
V. Stewart III ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
P. Tollett AGREEMENT WITH MCCAULLEY & COMPANY, LLC
B. Davis FOR GRANT CONSULTING AND WRITING,
M. Jessie GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND
J. Baird RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

Tollett moved, Davis 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

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-195**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
V. Stewart III ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
P. Tollett AGREEMENT WITH ROETZEL & ANDRESS, A LEGAL
M. Jessie PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, FOR LEGAL
B. Davis COUNSELING (LABOR MATTERS).
J. Baird

Tollett moved, Davis 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

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-196

Finance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ACCEPT, IF OFFERED,
AN ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT
PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN
AMBULANCE/RESCUE SQUAD FOR THE ELYRIA FIRE
DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

V. Stewart III

P. Tollett

M. Jessie

B. Davis

J. Baird

Utilities:

D. Mitchell

D. Simmons

J. Keys

J. Cerra

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

SUSPENSION:

EMERGENCY:

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

AYE: 11

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-197

Finance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ENTER INTO A AGREEMENT WITH OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO
PERFORM MICRO SURFACING ON STATE ROUTE 57.

V. Stewart III

P. Tollett

M. Jessie

B. Davis

J. Baird

Utilities:

D. Mitchell

D. Simmons

J. Keys

J. Cerra

Tollett moved, Mitchell 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

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-198**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-6,
V. Stewart III KNOWN AS THE ‘SALARY ORDINANCE’, TO
P. Tollett INCORPORATE AN INCREASE TO THE FEDERAL
M. Jessie MINIMUM WAGE, FOR CERTAIN PAY GRADES, AND
B. Davis DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
J. Baird

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

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

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-199**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE
V. Stewart III MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
P. Tollett ELYRIA AND LOCAL #277, OHIO COUNCIL 8, OF THE
M. Jessie AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND
B. Davis MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (A.F.S.C.M.E.) AND DECLARING AN
J. Baird EMERGENCY.

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

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

President Stewart said this was discussed at last week’s Finance Meeting. They value the City Employees and the work they do. This has been a touch year and we support all their efforts. A big concern is in the next two to three years, with Bendix gone, we’re losing 1.5-1.8 million per year. In the coming years, we’ll have to take a hard look at where we’re at. Though we’ve received this windfall from the ARP Funds, it will be hard to replace 1.8 million dollars. We’ll have to be cognizant of that moving forward.

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-200**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-6,
V. Stewart III KNOWN AS THE ‘SALARY ORDINANCE’, TO AMEND THE
P. Tollett WAGES OF LOCAL #277, OHIO COUNCIL 8, OF THE
M. Jessie AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND
B. Davis MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (A.F.S.C.M.E.) AND DECLARING AN
J. Baird EMERGENCY.

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

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

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-201**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2021-154, TO
V. Stewart III CHANGE FUNDS LISTED IN SECTION 2 FOR THE PURCHASE
P. Tollett OF SCOTT X3 PRO SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING
M. Jessie APPARATUS (SCBA’S), CYLINDERS AND FILL STATION FOR
B. Davis THE ELYRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN
J. Baird EMERGENCY.

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

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

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-202**Finance:**

V. Stewart III

P. Tollett

M. Jessie

B. Davis

J. Baird

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2021-155, TO CHANGE FUNDS LISTED IN SECTION 2 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2022 REAR LOADING GARBAGE TRUCKS FOR THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett 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

EMERGENCY:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-203**Finance:**

V. Stewart III

P. Tollett

M. Jessie

B. Davis

J. Baird

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE SPECIFIED ACCOUNT.

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

SUSPENSION:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-204**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-50, KNOWN AS
V. Stewart III THE '2021 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE', TO
P. Tollett CHANGE FUNDS IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.
M. Jessie
B. Davis
J. Baird

Tollett moved, Davis 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

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-205**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE TO FIX TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR
V. Stewart III THE FIRST THREE (3) MONTHS OF THE YEAR 2022, AND OTHER
P. Tollett EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA.
M. Jessie
B. Davis
J. Baird

Tollett moved, Baird 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

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-205**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE TO FIX TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR
V. Stewart III THE FIRST THREE (3) MONTHS OF THE YEAR 2022, AND OTHER
P. Tollett EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA.
M. Jessie
B. Davis
J. Baird

Tollett moved, Baird 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

14. ORDINANCES–SECOND READING: None**15. ORDINANCES–THIRD READING: None****16. COMMITTEE CALLS:**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 01/10/2022 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items

Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp. **VIRTUAL/ZOOM**

JOINT~CD/FINANCE 01/10/2022 Following CD All Referred Items

Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp. **VIRTUAL/ZOOM**

FINANCE 01/10/2022 Following JOINT CD/FINANCE All Referred Items

Council Chambers w/Mayor, Fin. Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer **VIRTUAL/ZOOM**

UTILITIES, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT 01/19/2022 6:00 P.M. All Referred items w/ Law Director, SSD, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING 01/03/2022 Immediately following Council All Referred Items

Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Dir., Law Director, Engineer

VIRTUAL/ZOOM

17. MISC AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Callahan wanted to thank Judy Keys for her service and he appreciates all the work she does for the City and he wishes she and her husband, Tom all the best. He also thanked Mr. Jessie for all he does for the City especially Issue 6 and many other things that a lot of people don't know about. Those efforts are appreciated by many in the community. He wishes he and his wife, Jackie nothing but the best.

Mr. Callahan thanked Mr. Baird for his friendship and guidance. His 37 years of service is very appreciated, now that he's getting the 'hang of it'!! He continued the legacy of his grandfather and his father. He set an excellent example of how government should be run. His words of wisdom have been greatly appreciated by many. He won't be a stranger. He wishes he and his wife Mitzi all the best.

Mrs. Mitchell also thanked Mrs. Keys, Mr. Jessie and Mr. Baird. She enjoyed working with them. She said she never thought of Mr. Baird as a Republican but as a co-council person and a friend. Everyone respects each other and we work for the citizen's of Elyria. She wishes Mr. Baird all the best.

Mr. Stewart said he wants to thank Mrs. Keys also. Her tireless effort and commitment to the City is commendable, but it's not over, they've talked about different opportunities. Her ideas are valuable and he appreciates all she has to offer. He wishes her and her husband well. He thanked Mr. Jessie for spearheading the Issue 6 Campaign and he inspired everyone. His commitment paid off and his service on council is greatly appreciated. He thanked Mr. Baird for being his mentor and a friend. He always appreciated his advice. He appreciates all he's done for all these years. He wishes he and his wife all the best. He's hoping he can still call to bounce ideas off and get some input.

Mr. Tollett said on behalf of the citizen's of Elyria, thank you! Jack was first elected in 1972 with his dad. At the time, it was dark days in finance in Elyria. It took several years to bring the City back to it's feet. His legend will live on...thank you!

Mrs. Keys said it's been an honor to serve with this group and she's grateful to everyone. And most importantly, they all became friends. She knows Mr. Baird from 1983 and she's grateful for his friendship. Mr. Jessie is the one who reeled her in to work with him on the Issue 6 Campaign and get involved and become a Councilperson. Thank you!

Mr. Jessie said aside from milestones with his wife and family and aside from a 40-year career in music that had many highlights, this has been a great highlight. Working with Issue 6 volunteers was a great highlight. At a time where there is so much animosity and hatred and finger pointing and not getting along that proved what can be done when people work together. He's proud to have been a part of it. Everyone was on board and it was inspirational. Thank you to everyone. Jack was always the 1st person he called to kick ideas around. He's a great friend and a great colleague. He appreciates him and his friendship, thank you!

Mr. Oswald said he sits between two Jacks and he'll be missing one, the one who nudges him when he does something wrong. He wishes Jack the best!

Mr. Baird said, wow, 37 years and 2 months, to be specific. It's been a great ride, always interesting and he appreciated it. He had to train 6 Mayors and lots of Safety Service Directors. The Fire and Police Chiefs, Building Inspectors, Engineers, etc. They are all professional and if there's a question you can always get an answer. He served with Leo Bullocks and Forrest Bullocks and goes back to Mayor Leonard Reichlen, Mike Keys. The biggest thing moving forward, we've seen the dark days as Mr. Tollett said. We're still in the shadow with the covid and so on, as Mr. Brubaker said, there are 31 employees out with covid.

Mr. Baird said he feels honored to have been selected/elected by the citizens. It was mentioned by Mr. Callahan that he's the voice of reason, he's not sure, he doesn't get that at home, but that's nice people see that. Working together is the key and working together to get things done. The definition of politics is the 'art of compromise'. There are things in Elyria that are working to our benefit as we move forward and with the help of everyone it will continue to be a better place. Thank you to everyone and he said he'll be around on occasion.

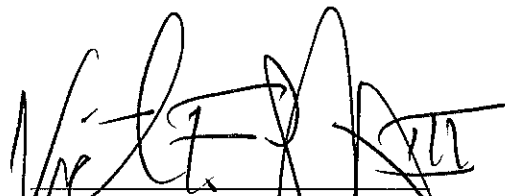
18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Baird Motion to adjourn, Mrs. Mitchell seconded at 8:00 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED



Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council



Victor F. Stewart, III
President of Council

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