

Minutes Approved

As Circulated January 3, 2022

Regular Council Meeting

1/18/2022 Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

The organizational meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday January 3, 2022 at 7:04 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. Callahan.
(The recording/ audio tape of this meeting is available on the City of Elyria Channel on YouTube. Zoom meeting)

2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Davis, Callahan, Cerra, Corbin, Lipian, Mitchell, Oswald, Schneider, Simmons, Stewart, Tollett

ABSENT: None

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

President Stewart cordially welcomed all council members, Mayor Whitfield, Safety Service Director Brubaker, Finance Director Pileski, Law Director Deery, Fire Chief Pronesti, Police Chief Pelko, members of the Administration, news media, local residents in the lobby and online viewers to the first meeting of the new council.

Mr. Stewart declared the floor open for nominations for Council President.

Mitchell moved, Callahan seconded to nominate Mr. Stewart as President.
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Stewart asked if there were any other nominations for President ?
Mitchell motioned, Callahan seconded that the nominations be closed.
MOTION CARRIED

Vote on nomination to elect Mr. Stewart as President 2022-2023 term of Council.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Davis, Callahan, Cerra, Corbin, Lipian, Mitchell, Oswald, Schneider, Simmons, Stewart, Tollett

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Stewart has been elected Council President.

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING Continued

Mr. Stewart declared the floor open for nominations for the Clerk of Council.

Mitchell nominated Michael J. Lotko, III for Clerk of Council for the 2022-2023 term of Council, retroactive to January 1, 2022, Callahan seconded.

Mr. Stewart asked if there are any other nominations for Clerk of Council?

Mitchell moved , Callahan seconded that nominations be closed.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Stewart asked the Clerk for a roll call vote for the election of Michael J. Lotko, III for Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Davis, Callahan, Cerra, Corbin, Lipian, Mitchell, Oswald, Schneider, Simmons, Stewart, Tollett

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Stewart declared that Mr. Lotko has been elected Clerk of Council.

President Stewart declared nominations open for President Pro Tem.

Callahan moved, Davis seconded to nominate Mrs. Mitchell as President Pro Tem for the 2022-2023 term of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

President Stewart asked if there were any other nominations for Council President Pro Tem?

Callahn moved, Davis seconded to close nominations.

MOTION CARRIED

Vote on nomination of Mrs. Mitchell as President Pro Tem.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Davis, Callahan, Cerra, Corbin, Lipian, Mitchell, Oswald, Schneider, Simmons, Stewart, Tollett

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

President Stewart announced Mrs. Mitchell was elected President Pro Tem and declared

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING Continued

nominations open for Council Majority Leader.

President Stewart declared the floor open for nominations for Council Majority Leader.

Mitchell moved, Callahan seconded to nominate Mr. Callahan as Council Majority Leader.

President Stewart asked if there were any other nominations for Majority Leader?

Mitchell moved, Callahan seconded to close nominations.

MOTION CARRIED

President Stewart asked for a roll call vote of the Democrat Members of council for the election of Mr. Callahan for Majority Leader.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYE: Davis, Callahan, Mitchell, Oswald, Schneider, Simmons, Stewart, Tollett

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

President Stewart announced Mr. Callahan was elected as Council Majority Leader.

President Stewart declared the floor open for nominations for Council Minority Leader.

Corbin moved, Lipian seconded to nominate Mr. Lipian as Council Minority Leader for the 2022-2023 term of Council.

President Stewart asked if there were any other nominations for Minority Leader?

Corbin moved, Lipian seconded to close nominations.

MOTION CARRIED

President Stewart asked for a roll call vote of the Minority member of Council for the election of Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYE: Corbin, Lipian

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING Continued

President Stewart stated that Mr. Lipian has been elected as Council Minority Leader.

President Stewart stated thus far, Council has operated without any rules. The proposed Council Rules for the 2022-2023 term were distributed this evening.

Mitchell moved, Callahan seconded to adopt the Council Rules, Committees and Seating Arrangements for the Council Term 2022-2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYE: Callahan, Cerra, Corbin, Lipian, Mitchell, Oswald, Schneider, Simmons, Stewart, Tollett

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

President Stewart stated before they proceed with the regular order of business, he would like to recommit all matters that were in Council Committees to the same Committee of the new Council. This includes all matters still pending or matters that have not been acted upon.

President Stewart called the Regular Council Meeting back to order and asked Clerk Lotko for a roll call.

2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Corbin, Lipian, Mitchell, Oswald, Schneider, Simmons, Stewart, Tollett

ABSENT: None

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mayor Whitfield, Safety Service Dir. Brubaker, Law Dir. Deery, Finance Dir.

Pileski,

Police Chief Pelko, Fire Chief Pronesti, WWPC Supt. Korzan

ABSENT: None

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Cerra moved, Mitchell seconded that the regular meeting minutes of November 15, 2021 and December 20, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Whitfield: Mayor Whitfield extended congratulations to all members of council on the new term. He welcomed council to meet with the administration at any time. He shared the goals and focus of the administration is to transform the City of Elyria culturally and economically.

Safety Service Director Brubaker: SSD Brubaker extended congratulations as well to all council members. He expressed the sentiments of the Mayor in sharing that his door is always open as well. He provided an update on an operational change within the Engineer department. Kathy McKillips was promoted to City Engineer and John Schneider assigned to Assistant Engineer. Salt trucks are prepped and ready for routes.

Mr. Oswald raised a question about additional help I the Engineering department, considering the number of projects in progress. The administration will work with Ms. McKillips and evaluate the level of capacity to projects.

Finance Director Pileski: Mr. Pileski congratulated everyone on their new terms, shared that his door is always open and he looks forward to working with everyone and that he is available to help make everyone's job easy.

Law Director Deery: Law Director Deery echoed the sentiments of Finance Director Pileski, in addition, shared that she is available to answer any questions.

Engineer McKillips: No Report

WWPC Supt. Korzan: No Report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

1. The matter of consideration of the Midway Mall TIF and CIC loan for economic development of Midway Mall.

REFERRED BY: Mayor Whitfield

2. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the purchase of chemicals for the Wastewater Pollution Control Plant.

REFERRED BY: Superintendent Korzan, WWPC

3. The matter to dispose of, by best means City property that is unfit for municipal use: 2011 Ford F-350.

REFERRED BY: Superintendent Korzan, WWPC

Item 4 -5 Received and Placed on File in the Clerk's Office

4. Partial approval of claim for damage for Sarah Barnes, 237 S. Maple St., Elyria, OH 44035.

5. Copy of the Elyria Parks & Recreation Board Minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting.

7. PETITIONS--LOBBY: None None

8. PETITIONS--COUNCIL MEMBERS: 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: None

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READING: None

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 1/10/2022 6:00 P.M. All Referred Council Chambers
w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Inspector, Comm. Dev. Director

FINANCE 1/10/2022 Immediately following Community Development All Referred Items
Council Chambers w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING 1/18/2022 Immediately following the Council Meeting Council
Chambers w/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Sponsorship

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICTOR F. STEWART III
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ELYRIA
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (ECIC),
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Callahan seconded to pass this resolution without the benefit of a committee report and waive any defect in service under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Mrs. Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to approve 2022 calendar for council meetings
MOTION CARRIED

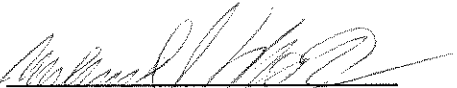
Mr. Callahan welcomed all returning colleagues as well as new members. He is looking forward to a united council for the betterment of the city.

Mr. Lipian expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome and shared that it is an honor to represent the residents, as well as his eagerness to serve for the betterment of the city.

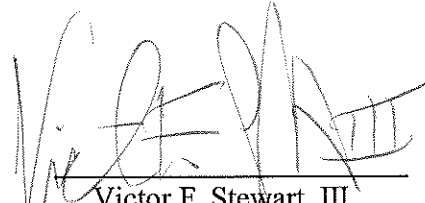
18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.



 Michael J. Lotko, III
 Clerk of Council



 Victor F. Stewart, III
 President of Council

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