

Minutes Approved
As Circulated November 7, 2022
11/21/2022 Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of Elyria City Council was Called to Order on Monday November 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. by President Stewart.

President Stewart opened the meeting with a moment of reflective silence.

Boy Scouts from St. Jude School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. ROLL CALL--COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Whitfield, Safety Service Dir Brubaker, Law Director Deery, Council Clerk Lotko, Finance Dir Pileski, Police Chief Pelko, Fire Chief Pronesti, Asst Dir Calvert, Asst Dir Williams, Building Official Farkas, WWPC Superintendent Korzan

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The meeting was recessed for the first public Hearing at 7:02 P.M. Clerk Lotko read the Call to the Public Hearing:

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING:

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held on

Monday, November 7th, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. to consider the following:

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1135, CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CREAM APOTHECARIES OHIO, LLC, FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 914 CLEVELAND STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO 44035.

President Stewart asked if there were any proponents?

Proponent/Applicant Diane Strauss of CREAM Apothecaries, 12138 N. Lake Shore Dr., Wisconsin was in the audience and there were no questions asked of her.

President Stewart asked if there were any other proponents?

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There were none.

President Stewart asked if there were any opponents?

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There were none.

President Stewart declared the Public Hearing had been held.

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A. Lipian
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D. Mitchell
K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-176

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1135, CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CREAM APOTHECARIES OHIO, LLC, FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 914 CLEVELAND STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO 44035.

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to be passed on it's Third Reading.

PASSAGE:

AYE: 10

NAY: 1 (Tollett)

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING:

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, November 7th, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.** to consider the following:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1135 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA OHIO, TO REBEKAH YOUNG FOR A TYPE 'A' CHILD CARE FACILITY AT REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1712 GULF ROAD, ELYRIA, OHIO.

President Stewart asked if there were any proponents?

Rebekah Young, 1712 Gulf Road, Elyria explained that she has been running an in-home day care with 6 children and she would like to become licensed to be able to watch up to 12 children, which would be a Type 'A'. Before she can obtain her license with the State of Ohio, she needs to have this permit from the City of Elyria to allow her to move onto the next step.

There were no questions asked of the proponent.

President Stewart asked if there were any other proponents?

President Stewart asked if there were any other proponents?

There were none.

President Stewart asked if there were any opponents?

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President Stewart asked if there were any opponents?

There were none.

President Stewart declared the Public Hearing had been held.

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T. Callahan
A. Lipian
C. Schneider
D. Mitchell
K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-177

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1135 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA OHIO, TO REBEKAH
YOUNG FOR A TYPE 'A' CHILD CARE FACILITY AT REAL
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1712 GULF ROAD, ELYRIA, OHIO.

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to be passed on it's Third Reading.

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cerra moved, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell to approve the Meeting Minutes of the
October 3rd, 2022 Council Meeting.

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Whitfield:

Mayor Whitfield said he had some updates. They are seeing increased levels of Covid-19 cases here in Lorain County and he wants to encourage everyone to get their vaccinations and continue the good habits. Also, he wants to encourage everyone to get out and vote tomorrow, so their voices are heard.

This coming Wednesday, the City is partnering with our local Veteran's Organizations to host a Veteran's Night to honor them with a night out and sharing information about resources available to them. It will take place Wednesday at 5:30 at The American Legion Hall. City Hall will be closed Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. The Elyria Council of Veteran's will be hosting is annual Veteran's Day Program on Friday at 11:00A.M. at The American Legion.

Last year at this time he addressed Council with a mini State of the City Address which provided updates on City affairs and challenges. He plans to do that again this year. Mayor Whitfield asked if anyone has ideas for that address to please share those with him and they will be presented as a preview to the 2023 budget and he'll be seeking Council's approval.

Lastly, he gave a shout out to the City's Street Department, they've done an amazing job collecting leaves around the City and the residents appreciate how quickly the leaves get collected. And he hopes everyone can get out and enjoy this beautiful weather.

President Stewart asked how much longer the City will be collecting leaves?

Safety Service Director Brubaker:

Dir Brubaker said they collect thru the first full week of December and at that time folks are encouraged to bag that at that time. But as long as the weather holds out they will continue. He reminded everyone that the same trucks that pull the trailers for leaf pick-up are the same trucks that plow the snow. Sanitation will not be delayed this week.

In regards to the Shane Furniture Building, there were issues last week and kudos to our Engineering Team for being on top of that. Part of the building collapsed onto the adjoining building and caused damage to the roof and third floor of that building. A contractor and a structural Engineers was planning out how to shore up the building that was damaged, which was 333 Broad Street and they will work on building a temporary roof and fixing that beginning as soon as tomorrow. Four engineers from two different companies have suggested that that building is salvageable. They were looking at it and he anticipates that building we be saved. The contractor is only allowed to remove by parts of the building by hand. They had been using jack hammers. Once the building is shored up and secured they will be allowed to resume using the equipment. Unfortunately it will be another couple of weeks before the building can be safely brought down. The front of the building is a huge concern, that's why Broad Street is still closed. The Engineering Dept; Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Forthofer, Mr. Schneider and Ms. McKillips are all on top of that.

Mr. Callahan asked, with the part of the building collapsing onto the business next door, will the contractor's insurance be responsible for that?

Mr. Brubaker said that everything is on the table, they do have insurance and a bond.

Mrs. Mitchell said she was there when all of this happened and the compassion that was shown to the business owners was professional and she wanted to thank everyone.

Finance Director Pileski: No report

Law Director Deery:

Director Deery said, this situation of the Shane Building is not a situation that we want to put our business owners in. This contractor is bonded and they cover insurance which was verified and that's why we require the contractors to indemnify the City. We're grateful no one was hurt and we're fortunate to have police, fire and engineers to be there to assist.

Police Chief Pelko:

Chief Pelko said he wants to give an update on the body cameras. They're rolling out the training for their body cameras and he still anticipates they will be out on the officers and in the streets by the end of the month. Sergeants that are out on the road will have them on their person as well. It's 'No-Shave' November and they donate to St. Jude's Charity and if anyone is interested and want to kick in to let him know.

Fire Chief Pronesti: No Report

Asst. Dir Williams: No Report

Chief Building Offical Farkas: No Report

WWPC Superintendent Korzan: No Report

City Engineer McKillips: No Report

Mr. Oswald asked for an update on Broad Street. He wants everyone to understand that it's going to be a long project which will take awhile. But if they remember how long it took to complete East River Street and how nice it is now.

Engineer McKillips said right now, our utility companies infra source working for Columbia Gas will have Thompson Electric working for Ohio Edison and Windstream will be relocating utilities in preparation for the project. They're expecting Federal authorization by mid-January so they can go out for bid. The time line for the utility relocation is aiming for the end of this year for Columbia Gas and Ohio Edison, weather permitting and a lot of Windstream facilities end up on a lot of Ohio Edison poles, they'll follow up with Ohio Edison and complete their work by the end of February.

For the current condition, which isn't good and will get even worse with the moving of the utilities. During the winter they will have contractors that working for the utility companies and they'll be responsible for their trenches and trenches that are leftover from the lead line water services or other projects that have been in the works and performed until they actually start ripping up the road and end up with a beautiful roadway heading into downtown.

Mr. Lipian asked if there's been any progress on the shared-use path on East Broad which many 1st Ward residents have asked about.

Engineer McKillips said that is coming along and the bidding of that project should take place in January-February. When they're ready to bid out, there will be language in the document that will indicate an alternate.

President Stewart said Engineer McKillips handed out a paper on November 1st for Council members to sign up for the ride-a-long for the streets.

Engineer McKillips said she has received requests from several council members who will request those ride-a-longs and they will be scheduled in next few weeks.

Mr. Lipian had an additional question, it was about Sugar Lane which has a lot of bumps and grates on that road and business owners have complained that it's difficult for their trucks to drive on that road. Knowing that Issue 6 funds don't pave with concrete. He asked Engineer McKillips if she recommends Sugar Lane with concrete or can it be a potential Issue 6 project?

Engineer McKillips said they can look into using Issue 6 funds for concrete repair. They've used full depth concrete replacement, which isn't the entire road, but just the areas that are bad, which would be cut out and replaced with full depth concrete. Depending on the condition of the old existing concrete, it may or may not be a candidate for asphalt resurfacing on top of it.

She said that they actually have Sugar Lane on the list to review.

Community Development Director Scott: No Report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

1. The matter of a lease by the city for the property at 1463 Lowell St. owned by Peggy Yorks, Trustee of the Yorks Living Trust, for two years at the rate of \$1,200.00 per month.

REFERRED BY: Police Chief Pelko

REFERRED TO: Community Development Committee

2. The matter of a land lease for property on Murray Ridge Road requested by Frank Engel.

REFERRED BY: Safety Service Dir Brubaker

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

3. The matter of placing a lien for the cost of demolition of a house damaged by fire located at 118 Lake Ave.

REFERRED BY: Safety Service Dir Brubaker

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

4. The matter of placing a lien for the cost of demolition of an abandoned house located at 316 10th Street.

REFERRED BY: Safety Service Dir Brubaker

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

5. The matter of declaring unfit and disposing of the best way possible, a 2005 Sterling V-Body Plow Truck.

REFERRED BY: Safety Service Dir Brubaker

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

6. The matter of a change order for additional quantities for the 2022 Street City Resurfacing Project, Phase 2, (Concrete Contract).

REFERRED BY: Engineer McKillips

REFERRED TO: Finance / Utilities Committees

7. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and award a contract for the Wastewater Pollution Control Plant concrete, masonry and miscellaneous repair projects.

REFERRED BY: Engineer McKillips

REFERRED TO: Finance / Utilities Committees

8. The matter of a Professional Service Agreement with CTI Engineers for Amendment #3 for construction inspection services for the Waste Water Pollution Control Plant.

REFERRED BY: Engineer McKillips

REFERRED TO: Finance / Utilities Committees

9. The matter of proposing a crosswalk on Gulf Road from Nottingham Drive to the east side.

REFERRED BY: Council member Kenny Oswald - Ward 4

REFERRED TO: Utilities Committee

10. The matter of revisions to the Sewer Use Ordinance, Section 932.03 (e) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Elyria.

REFERRED BY: WWPC Supt. Terry Korzan

REFERRED TO: Utilities Committee

11. The matter of referring the failed charter amendment regarding vacancies on city council.

REFERRED BY: Councilman Lipian - Ward 1

REFERRED TO: Rules Committee

12 - 13 Received and Placed on file in the clerk's office:

12. Denied Claim for Damage: Ronald R. Norris

13. Denied Claim for Damage : Christian and Marjorie Eastin

7. PETITIONS - LOBBY:

1. Lana Stone, 617 Cambridge Ave., Elyria

Ms. Stone said in the time she has lived in Elyria, since 2004 and she has seen cooperation between Council and the Mayor get progressively worse, especially during Mayor Whitfield's term. She supports the fact that the Mayor is trying to elicit change in this city and bring it back to what it was prior to the past 5 years. If something doesn't change and council doesn't learn to work with the Mayor then there's going to be a change in the guard because residents won't stand for it. Everyone thought that Judith Keys would win, she lost to Mr. Lipian because she didn't want to move forward. Ms. Stone strongly encourages to find a way to work with the Mayor to bring changes to Elyria to benefit Elyria.

2. Mary Siwierka, 119 Fresno Ct., Elyria

Ms. Siwierka send in this letter which is attached as Exhibit 'A' and was read to Council Members and those in attendance.

8. PETITIONS - COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. Andrew Lipian, 614 Garford Ave., Elyria, Ward 1 Councilperson

Mr. Lipian said to Mayor Whitfield, at the last Finance Meeting you welcomed Council Members to present ideas for how the rest of the ARPA monies could be spent.

Councilwoman Simmons offered one idea for Ward 5. Mr. Lipian would like to provide recommendations for Ward 1.

Residents of the first ward are concerned about Safety. There have been many accidents due to speeding and disobeying Stop Signs. They value their parks and recreational enclave in Eastern Heights.

Communication is also important, as many programs exist, but so many don't know they exist. Deterring crime and bolstering business also matters. They prize transparency and the desire for the first ward is for public comments during open meetings to be on mic and on the record. This will help build confidence in our municipal government from those who were elected to represent. Therefore for the remainder of the ARPA dollars through the end of the year or perhaps through other means, Ward one residents will have Mr. Lipian request the following:

- 1.) 20 - LED Stop Signs (solar powered),
- 2.) 3 - Speed radar digital signs assigned only to the 1st ward
- 3.) 2 - Temporary speed bumps so they can test their effectiveness
- 4.) 4 - 3-D painted speed bumps

- 5.) Bike pumping station in East Park
- 6.) Bleachers for outdoor basketball court and painted soccer lines on the field
- 7.) Mailers container informational pamphlets on programs available for use by the residents, including information on the Lateral Loan Program and Back-flow Preventer Program to help reduce flooding.
- 8.) Residential lights on S. Logan Street to help deter crime
- 9.) Informational flyer to send out to Ward 1 Businesses informing them of business resources available to them

Whether all or some of this can be paid for with ARPA, they appreciate the Mayor considering these requests.

The residents also asked Mr. Lipian to make a note on decorum in our government; with wars abroad and violence on our streets, many people in our City have experienced a loss of faith in humanity and this is understandable, however, as leaders in our City, we are it. Elyrians are depending on us to work together as a team and lift them out from their travails or at least make life a little less troublesome. We must do this with buoyancy of spirit and remembering that we are all on the same team, Team Elyria. We lead our residents not only legislatively, but also demonstrate what kind of values they should adopt. Let us adopt the values of collegiality and fellow feeling and take up the responsibility of renewing our City together which could turn the tide of suffering the City has experienced. With our national political climate so toxic, we do not have to fall under that sway. Let us build together durable relationships, let us align under one banner and let us soften hardened hearts. Having a grand debate, not petty quarrels and shouldering our burdens with skepticism, but not mutual- suspicion. Then, and only then, can we restore their faith in Humanity. The 1st Ward is ready to take up this responsibility, they hope they are not alone. Thank you.

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Sponsored by:
**Community
Development**
T. Callahan
A. Lipian
C. Schneider
D. Mitchell
K. Oswald

COMMITTEE NO. 2022-10
WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE MATTER OF A LIQUOR
LICENSE PERMIT AS REQUESTED BY OHIO SPRINGS
INC., OHIO DBA SHEETZ, LOCATED AT 38265
CHESTNUT RIDGE RD., ELYRIA, AND THE CITY OF
ELYRIA DOES NOT REQUEST A HEARING.

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to pass this committee report on its first reading.

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING: None

11. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING: None

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

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Development:
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A. Lipian
C. Schneider
D. Mitchell
K. Oswald
Finance:
V. Stewart
C. Schneider
B. Davis
P. Tollett
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-178
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT FUNDING AGREEMENT
WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE FOR THE USE OF
AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SUSPENSION	EMERGENCY	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 1 (Lipian)	ABSTAIN: 1 (Lipian)	ABSTAIN: 1 (Lipian)
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:
Community
Development:
T. Callahan
D. Mitchell
A. Lipian
D. Mitchell
K. Oswald
Finance:
V. Stewart
C. Schneider
B. Davis
P. Tollett
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-179
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HOUSING
REPAIR WEATHERIZATION, AND
BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM.

Callahan moved, Schneider seconded to pass this resolution 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. 2022-180**
Finance: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-45,**
P. Tollett **KNOWN AS THE “2022 PERMANENT**
B. Davis **APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE,” TO CHANGE FUNDS**
C. Schneider **IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.**
V. Stewart III
J. Cerra

Tollett moved, Schneider 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

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-181**
Finance: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO**
P. Tollett **ENTER INTO A ONE YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT**
B. Davis **WITH HORIZON EDUCATION CENTERS, AN OHIO**
C. Schneider **NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, TO UTILIZE THE**
V. Stewart III **CITY’S EAST RECREATION CENTER, AND**
J. Cerra **DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the 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. 2022-182**
Finance: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-6,**
P. Tollett **KNOWN AS THE SALARY ORDINANCE, TO**
B. Davis **INCREASE THE WAGES OF CERTAIN BUILDING**
C. Schneider **DEPARTMENT POSITIONS, AND DECLARING AN**
V. Stewart III **EMERGENCY.**
J. Cerra

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the 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. 2022- NOT ASSIGNED YET**
Community **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1131.02,**
Development: **CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA,**
T. Callahan **OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO**
A. Lipian **REZONE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT**
C. Schneider **1100 GULF ROAD, ELYRIA, OHIO, FROM R-MD**
D. Mitchell **RESIDENTIAL-MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT AND R-**
K. Oswald **MHL RESIDENTIAL-MULTI-HOUSEHOLD LOW**
 DENSITY DISTRICT TO R-MHL RESIDENTIAL-
 MULTI-HOUSEHOLD LOW DENSITY DISTRICT.

Public Hearing is Scheduled for December 5th, 2022

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022- NOT ASSIGNED YET**
Community **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE**
Development: **PERMIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1135 OF THE**
T. Callahan **CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA,**
A. Lipian **OHIO, TO VILLAS OF THE VALLEY**
C. Schneider **DEVELOPMENT, LLC AND MAPLE WAFFLES LAND,**
D. Mitchell **LLC FOR A RESIDENTIAL-PLANNED UNIT**
K. Oswald **DEVELOPMENT AT REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT**
 1100 GULF ROAD, ELYRIA, OHIO.

Public Hearing is Scheduled for December 5th, 2022

14. ORDINANCES–SECOND READING:

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022- NOT ASSIGNED YET**
Community **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE**
Development: **PERMIT TO LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF**
T. Callahan **COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 1135**
A. Lipian **AND 1156 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE**
C. Schneider **CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO FOR A DRIVE-UP WINDOW**
D. Mitchell **ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1230 N. ABBE**
K. Oswald **ROAD.**

Public Hearing is Scheduled for November 21st, 2022

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-NOT ASSIGNED YET**
Community **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1131.02,**
Development: **CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA,**
T. Callahan **OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO**
A. Lipian **REZONE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT**
C. Schneider **483 N. ABBE ROAD, ELYRIA, OHIO, FROM R-MF**
D. Mitchell **RESIDENTIAL -MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO B-N**
K. Oswald **BUSINESS-NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT.**

Public Hearing is Scheduled for November 21st, 2022

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-NOT ASSIGNED YET**
Community **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1131.02,**
Development: **CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA,**
T. Callahan **OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO**
A. Lipian **REZONE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1444**
C. Schneider **LOWELL STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO, FROM A L-I LIGHT**
D. Mitchell **INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO A H-I HEAVY INDUSTRIAL**
K. Oswald **DISTRICT.**

Public Hearing is Scheduled for November 21st, 2022

15. ORDINANCES–THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 11/14/2022 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items
Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.**

**FINANCE 11/14/2022 Following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers
w/Mayor, Fin. Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer**

**UTILITIES, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT 11/09/2022 6:00 P.M. All Referred items w/
Law Director, SSD, Engineer**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING 11/21/2022 Immediately following Council All Referred
Items Council Chambers w/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Dir., Law Director,
Engineer**

17. MISC AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Whitfield stated that he thinks it's important to know that he does not have a problem with anyone on Council. He thinks it's important to know, is that he doesn't want people to feel is that we're not getting business done, because we're still getting a lot of work done. Though we may have disagreements, which should be a part of democracy, we're getting work done. He doesn't want a picture of that there's not a functionality to the work getting done. He wants everyone to know that he doesn't see anyone as bad people, this is part of the process. He's trying to everyone to a place where we haven't been in recent years, because we haven't had the opportunity. We've been managing and all of a sudden we got this windfall and we have an opportunity to dream and imagine and let's do it. What he's asking everyone to do isn't normal, it's not what we're accustomed to doing, and he recognizes that. And he wants the residents to recognize that also. For us as a City, we've been managing decline for so long and now we have an opportunity to rethink our City. It takes some shaking up of the mind to get there and he's committed to be as patient as he can and to try to help us get there and not to go as fast as he personally would want to go, but to try to move at the speed of trust. His office is always open and he hopes he can continue the progress of the City. Thanks.

President Stewart thanked The Mayor and said he agrees that we're trying to move this City forward. We know this is an unprecedented windfall of money and we call that over and through and to try to advance the City. Obviously we're trying to be cognizant of spending those dollars and the best use of those dollars. We look forward to working with the Mayor and moving the City forward.

Mrs. Mitchell asked the Mayor if we can use some of the ARPA money to spend on streets?

Mayor Whitfield said that will be a part of their presentation. He appreciates one of the things that was done last year. Through Council's recommendation, the residents didn't get a chance to enjoy the roads, because by the time they were done, we were getting ready for snow. So, since it was recommended to choose them early and they got done early and the residents got a chance to enjoy the roads. Again, we're getting things, but want to get more done.

Mr. Oswald said he's a positive person and he sees a lot of things that are happening in the City that residents tend to forget. Look at all the growth on the South Side of town, the two developments, the Sheetz and Aldi that will be built. He said there is a development at Bender and Sugar Ridge, and that will feed on needing some retail to possibly be built on the Connector Road and the area where Sheetz and Aldi will be built.

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There in a Taco Bell going in near Midway Mall, so that means things have got to be happening. So let's not forget the positive things, things are being accomplished.

President Stewart wanted to weigh in on something that he received today at work through Lorain County, the applicant agency was Elyria Washington Village Park access Improvement Project. There will be a new access to this park and a new a small parking area and a walking pathway and drainage work in the amount of \$38,388. So, as Mr. Oswald said, things are getting done and moving forward.

Mrs. Mitchell said to the residents who don't know, Washington Park is off Fowl Road. This is finally getting done after about 2 years, it's finally getting done and thank you.

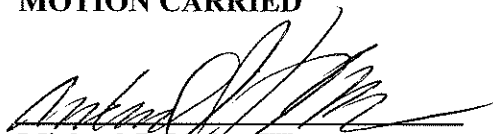
Mrs. Davis said they started on Bell Avenue Tot-lock today, removing old and getting ready for the new equipment. She thanked Parks & Rec.

President Stewart reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell motion to adjourn, Lipian seconded at 7:52 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED


Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council

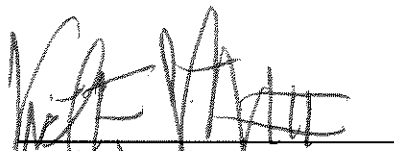

Victor F. Stewart, III
President of Council

EXHIBIT 'A'

October 24, 2022

Dear City Leadership,

I am unable to attend this important meeting to discuss the use of ARPA funds for Elyria due to a work conflict.

I want to take this opportunity to have my comments read into the record and offer suggestions to tonight's discussions relative to the use of these dollars.

This windfall of cash is a tremendous shot in the arm for our community and, as such, you must be thoughtful and unselfish stewards of these dollars. These monies must be used for things that support and enhance the community in meaningful ways.

One of the key factors in a growing community is education – the Elyria City Schools have taken that challenge and built all new schools – check that off the list!

The next most critical issue for hundreds of families here now and in the future, is safety. We are a critical juncture for the expansion of the services that Elyria Police and Fire deliver. The hundreds of houses that are being built at the fringe of our community's boundaries cannot be served in a timely manner without revamped stations. Much of the new construction lies in areas that are both inside of and outside of Elyria's boundaries. As this continues our safety forces transgress township and other unincorporated areas to deliver services – with areas getting further and further from centralized Elyria.

The next priority is to improve the horrible central garage. No one in this community would buy a brand-new truck or car and leave it out to the elements. This facility is over 50 years old and is not adequate to maintain the millions of dollars of rolling stock we have. A comprehensive plan has been discussed and developed and it is time to get that process started. This investment will protect equipment and sustain it for much longer - using those Issue 6 dollars wisely.

Thirdly – I implore you to look at the conditions of the railroad underpasses. Use some small portion of these dollars to improve at one or two - perhaps the most seen ones – East Bridge Street and Washington Avenue. No investment to the downtown is going to happen without some refreshed esthetics. The railroads are not going to beautify these structures – it is up to us.

Leaders – resist the leanings of fancy swimming pools and such...these items, including a senior center are admirable. They will always be in the "nice to have" category and cannot measure up against safety services or maintaining expensive equipment.

I remain, a lifelong Elyrian, who has dedicated over 40 years of service to this community,

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