

Minutes Approved
as circulated
May 1, 2023

April 17, 2023
Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on April 17, 2023 at 7:01 p.m. by President Srewart. President Stewart opened the meeting with a moment of reflection, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council member Tollett.

2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Whitfield, Safety Service Director Lundy, Safety Service Director Williams, Asst. Safety Service Dir. Calvert, Finance Director Pileski, Asst. Fin. Dir. Farrel, Law Director Deery, Police Chief Pelko, Fire Chief Pronesti, Eng. McKillips, Superintendent Korzan, CD Manager Almabayyed

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cerra moved, Mr. Schneider seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the April 3, 2023 council meeting as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Whitfield:

Mayor Whitfield shared a follow up from a few weeks ago regarding major investments needed in the city. He shared discussion of a process that engaged residents in terms of getting feedback of what residents desire to have as city services, programs and amenities. Some of the ideas he would like to explore includes: a Central maintenance garage complex training facility, Southeast side of town fire station (satellite for police and fire), a fire truck (was already approved), rebuilding of pools, evidence building for EPD, Oakwood roof and windows, downtown facade rehab program, increase in the home beautification program, community violence prevention, senior utility relief program, sanitation trucks, road resurfacing, parks master plan and downtown lighting and cameras. The recommendation would be some ARPA funding, some Issue six and some water. A referral was made from the floor for a discussion of all of the above items in an upcoming committee meeting. A joint referral was confirmed by President Stewart to community development and finance committees for the next meeting date of April 24, 2023.

Safety Service Director Lundy:

SSD Lundy advised that upcoming spring cleaning will be underway next week Monday April 24th and Thursday April 26th. Clean up crews will be launched in the downtown area, divided into two groups starting near municipal court working east, another starting at Dollar General and working west. Crews will clean sides streets, Kerstetter Way, Washington Ave., down near

railroad overpasses and onto the square. Crews will launch at 5:00AM and will work from 5:00AM to 7:00AM. Employees from streets, parks and cemetery will perform the cleanup weekly through September. SSD Lundy thanked all department heads who participated in the city job fair that was held on Friday April, 14th. SSD Lundy expressed his appreciation to HR Director Yousefi and SSD Williams for facilitating the job fair.

Finance Director Pileski: No report

Council member Lipian asked if Finance Director Pileski could offer an explanation to letters residents have received from NOPEC that auto-ops them in for gas and electric service. Residents would like to know why they are being auto-opted in for service. Council member Tollett explained that NOPEC provides every resident the option to choose their gas and electric suppliers. Every resident has the option to make an apples to apples comparison of rates on the state of Ohio website, by typing in gas and electric apples to apples. Council member Tollett explained that when utilities were deregulated, the selection process requires extreme care not to select a variable rate. First Energy has announced that electric is likely to double due to pending litigation. Council member Tollett provided a recommendation to shop First Energy and select a carrier for service prior to June 1st, 2023. SSD Lundy shared that he would like to have NOPEC come and share the specifics of the program. Council member Mitchell explained the importance of understanding, that if residents are not interested in NOPEC, they must opt-out. The options for opting out, are to make a phone call or submit the correspondence received in the mail. Law Director Deery explained the city of Elyria is a NOPEC community.

Law Director Deery: No report

Police Chief Pelko:

Chief Pelko provided an update to the helicopter that was flying overhead the past weekend. He explained that Elyria Police in collaboration with Ohio State Patrol conducted a saturated patrol event on Thursday and Friday. Some of the higher crime areas of the city were targeted. Eighty-four contacts with citizens were made, six arrests: three drug related, one fire arm related and twenty-nine verbal warnings. Chief Pelko felt the event as a success and plans for additional collaborated events in the future. Council member Oswald inquired if any cost was associated. Chief Pelko responded only cost associated was to the officers in overtime hours. Chief Pelko reported that 1825 Lorain Blvd, Days Inn was condemned, squatters were found living in the building. May 1st a traffic detail will begin at the police department, officers will be assigned specifically to traffic patrol throughout the city. Officer Rick Walker will be retiring April 28th after thirty years of service. A celebration will be held at 12:00 noon on April 28th, all are welcome. Chief Pelko made two referrals from the floor: The matter of purchasing up to twenty-five more body cameras and licenses, the matter of applying for and accepting the project safe neighborhood grant. Council member Mitchell expressed her excitement and appreciation with the traffic detail news. Council member Davis expressed her excitement with the news of the old Holiday Inn (Days Inn). Council member Cerra asked about foot patrol downtown. Council member Lipian congratulated Chief Pelko on the apprehension of the Cambridge shooter and Officer Brown for enforcing traffic patrol in the Eastern Heights area.

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

Fire Chief Pronesti:

Chief Pronesti shared good news in regard to a group of Girl scouts that was able to tour the fire station. During the covid pandemic, hours had to be suspended, however all are welcome to tour once again. Chief Pronesti shared that the fire department experienced another fatal fire on Easter Sunday. He shared the fire was extremely intense due to the construction of the house, which is a balloon frame old legacy style construction. Chief Pronesti explained the style of construction, means there were no fire stops and it was difficult for fire crews to get in and conduct a search. Chief Pronesti expressed the importance of a smoke detector program that he spoke with Mayor Whitfield about implementing. Chief Pronesti explained there have been eight fatal fires since 2021, most did not have smoke detectors installed. Chief Pronesti provided a reminder regarding safety precautions in Cascade Park. He shared that he has an unplanned employee that will be retiring from the fire department. He provided an update on the staffing issues with Lorain county 911 and EMA. The 911 director was let go and the EMA director quit, no communication was disseminated to the fire chiefs. Mr. Cerra asked Chief Pronesti about a birth. Chief Pronesti shared that the fire department delivered a baby boy by emergency delivery. Recognition for the firefighters involved will be given. Council member Oswald inquired about the fire departments's knowledge of balloon frame construction. Chief Pronesti explained he and his team are well versed in balloon frame dwellings due to Elyria being known as a legacy city.

Asst. Safety Service Director Calvert:

ASSD Calvert provided an additional reminder regarding the comprehensive plan. The survey remains open for feedback at ourelyria.com. A workbook was submitted to city council members requesting feedback. The survey will be closing in the next few weeks. The next step will be an existing conditions report that will be presented to the steering committee. The existing conditions report will be incorporated with the survey data.

Safety Service Director Williams:

SSD Williams introduced consultants McCauley & Company, per request they will provide quarterly reports to council. McCauley & Company are responsible for grant acquisitions with the City of Elyria and have been successful in supporting the city of Elyria. The latest grant awarded is in collaboration with the city of Lorain and the Lorain County Urban League for violence prevention.

Justin McCauley- 19660 Rosalind Dr. Rocky River, 44116- Mr. McCauley introduced members of his team that joined him at the meeting, Shannon Strachan and Sean Lowe. Ms. Strachan shared that bi-monthly meetings are conducted with the administration and several meetings throughout the month with staff. The grants submitted have been, two AFG grants, one for radios, one for a rescue truck, safe routes to school and an OEPA leaf vacuum grant. A couple of the awarded grants include the community violence reduction grant, TICI implementation, bike helmet, ARPA First responder wellness program, Safe Streets for All, through the Lorain County Public Health, Nature works and Nord Family Foundation grant. Ms. Strachan stated that some grants they continue to work on include a CMAQ grant in collaboration with NOACA, an EECBG grant, NOPEC nec grants, water, cop's hiring, and fire training grants. President Stewart

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

inquired about the communication with the city departments. Ms. Strachan explained that grants are reviewed weekly at the state and federal levels, submitted to the city of Elyria administration, Administration submits to appropriate staff members, McCauley then follows up with the Elyria staff members. Council member Lipian asked if ODOT had voted on the safe routes to school grant. He shared that Representative Manning stated that she would write a letter in support of the grant. Mr. Lowe explained that McCauley represents the city in a government relations capacity, representing the city to state officials and federal government. In February, McCauley arranged a meeting with J.D. Vance's Northeast Ohio Director to meet with the city administration, to ensure the new Senator is familiar with the city of Elyria. McCauley and Company tracked the federal appropriations process, certain projects are earmarked for local governments and non-profits. Mr. Lowe explained with control of the house switching to Republican control, the earmark process posed some new challenges. The team was able to submit the southeast sewer interceptor extension project to Congressman Latta and Senator Sherrod Brown. Congressman Latta has moved the project to the next phase of deliberation. The next update would be anticipated in June, with the final budget passing in December. President Stewart requested a bulleted report of the items that were presented.

Engineer McKillips:

Engineer McKillips congratulated council on compiling the 2023 street resurfacing list and getting additional funding. She expressed her appreciation to Engineer Schneider and Mr. Forthofer for their help as well with ride alongs and engineer bids. Cleveland Street project water line work is two weeks from completion. East side relief sewer project is moving along slowly, currently waiting for utilities on East Bridge Street. A big chamber will need to be built near East Bridge Street. On cityofelyria.org website, a link exist to traffic and construction map updates. Council member Cerra asked how long the delay may be. Engineer McKillips, explained she was not quite sure due to Windstream installation. Council member Cerra, asked if the delay with the project would affect the ODOT program along Cleveland Street and East Bridge Street. Engineer McKillips responded that could be a possibility. Council member Cerra inquired about the water main on Wesley. Engineer McKillips explained that they are currently reviewing the plans. Council member Mitchell thanked Mr. Schneider and Mr. Forthofer, she explained that even with the extra money received, more money is needed. Council member Lipian inquired about the East Broad Street project. Engineer McKillips explained the work would begin with underground work. Needs would be assessed for any traffic signals or poles. Engineer McKillips explained the traffic paving markers must be marked first to match the traffic signals. Council member Lipian requested to add the corner of Cornel and Fairlawn as an alternate to the street list as well. Council member Lipian asked about the train dividers near Prospect. Engineer McKillips explained the quiet zone has not been established yet, more paperwork is required.

Building Official Farkas:

Building official Farkas shared that Journey Inn located on the corner of Lorain Blvd. and Bell Ave. has been boarded up due to safety concerns. A condemnation notice was issued due to faulty electric. Building Officials accompanied EPD to Days Inn, the building was found to be in

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

deplorable conditions. Squatters were found in the building along with a gas generator. Mr. Farkas explained that his department, along with the fire department will submit a report for condemnation or recommendation of demolition of Days Inn as well. Mr. Farkas shared good news in that they had an applicant apply to the plumbing inspector position from the job fair. A position with the building department for a Deputy Housing Inspector will be posted next week. Council member Davis inquired on the security of the windows at the Days Inn building, and shared that Mr. Farkas could explain to her off record. Mr. Farkas explained all areas of damage would be secured throughout the building. Council member Mitchell explained that she receives multiple calls regarding windmill pieces at the old Moen building. Mr. Farkas explained there has been no cooperation with the owners of the building. Council member Lipian asked about the Friendly's building, inside is molded and infested with animals. Council member Lipian expressed concern that the building would not sell in the condition that it's in. Mr. Farkas explained that the building department does not have right of entry to the building. Council member Lipian inquired about the road near DIY Auto Parts and McDonalds, however not certain of the name of the road. Mr. Farkas requested confirmation regarding if the road is public or private and if a complaint had been lodge with the building department. Council member Lipian explained that is a private road. Council member Simmons asked about the monstrosity of the commercial building that sits across from the Wilkes Villa complex. Mr. Farkas explained that building is currently caught up in the court process.

WWPC Superintendent Korzan:

Superintendent Korzan shared that on Saturday April 8th, the WWPC team received a call regarding a report of twelve trash bags in the river, just downstream of Mussey Ave. bridge. The bags were removed and determined that it was brush in the bags. The team, led by Christopher Werling, consisted of Stephen Loesch, Alexander Deaton and Tyler Hugel are proof of the exceptional staff that is committed to protect public health and the environment. Superintendent Korzan made a public service announcement to secure items if you live along the river bank, items tend to be picked up by the water when the river is high and floating down the river. Council member Lipian asked about residents opting in for a lateral line. Superintendent Korzan explained that he is finalizing the quarry report and will have the opportunity to complete the paperwork in the next week.

P & R Dir. Reardon:

Director Reardon shared that the parks department is hiring, lifeguard, concessions, swim instructors, pool managers and camp counselors. Some applicants were identified from the job fair. North Park parking lot paving is just about completed. West Park walking trail has started. The process is to complete the trail, Lowell St. parking lot and then pickle ball courts. Washington Village will be completed after the pickle ball court. Registration for swim lessons will begin May 2nd. Saturday May 20th is Lorain County Beautification Day. A request for projects in your neighborhood or area throughout the city is being extended. Please call the parks department, please call to volunteer as well. May 4th will start food truck Thursdays in the square. Council member Tollett congratulated Ms. Reardon and Mr. Horwedel for the opening of the dog

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

park. Council member Mitchell expressed her appreciation for the West park project.

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

1. The matter of a Downtown Historic Redevelopment Program applicant: 246 Second Street.

REFERRED BY: CD MANAGER ALMOBAYYED

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. The matter of discussion of daycare requirements for the City of Elyria.

REFERRED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER OSWALD- WARD 4/ MAYOR WHITFIELD

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. The matter of a liquor license transfer from Ohio Mart Group LLC to MACS Convenience Stores LLC DBA Circle 5321, located at 515 N. Abbe Rd. Unit B, Elyria

REFERRED BY: OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. The matter of fee waiver: variance and zoning.

REFERRED BY: POLICE CHIEF PELKO

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ PLANNING COMMISSION

5. The matter of purchasing eight (8) Ford Explorer police cruisers through statewide for a total of \$365,272.00.

REFERRED BY: POLICE CHIEF PELKO

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

6. The matter of applying for and accept if offered the FFY2024 IDEP/ Step grant through Ohio's Department of Public Safety.

REFERRED BY: POLICE CHIEF PELKO

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

7. The matter of amending Ordinance 2023-35 for the purchase of patrol and surveillance cameras

REFERRED BY: POLICE CHIEF PELKO

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

8. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to complete the application for the NOPEC formula grant funds of \$208,907.05

REFERRED BY: ENG. MCKILLIPS

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES: CONTINUED

9. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to complete the application for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for formula grant funds of \$115,220.

REFERRED BY: ENG. MCKILLIPS

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

10. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with AECOM for the SSO/CSO/WWPCP Wet Weather Program.

REFERRED BY: ENG. MCKILLIPS

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

11. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter Professional Service Agreement with KE McCartney and Associates for E. Broad St. construction.

REFERRED BY: ENG. MCKILLIPS

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

12. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to apply and accept if offered a grant from NOACA's Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program.

REFERRED BY: ENG. MCKILLIPS

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

13. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the City of N. Ridgeville for the City of Elyria to continue receiving sewage.

REFERRED BY: WATER TEAM LEAD JACOB

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

14-18 Received and Placed on file in the clerk's office:

14. Denied Claim for Damage: Freddie Springfield and Kevin Wiggins

15. Denied Claim for Damage: Jane B. Siniard

16. Denied Claim for Damage: Thomas F. Alspach Jr.

17. March 2023 Income Tax Report

18. March 2023 General Fund Cash Balance Report

19. The matter of a presentation by Mayor Whitfield for planning of ARPA, Issue 6 and Water fund usage for discussion.

REFERRED BY: MAYOR WHITFIELD

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCE

20. The matter of purchasing 23 additional Axon body cameras, licenses and equipment at the total cost of \$167,799.69 for the Elyria Police Department.

REFERRED BY: POLICE CHIEF PELKO

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES: CONTINUED

21. The matter of applying for and accepting if offered the 2022 Project Safe Neighborhood Grant through the OCJS and Northern Ohio Crime Consortium (NOVCC).

REFERRED BY: POLICE CHIEF PELKO

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

7. PETITIONS--LOBBY:

Larry Klipstein- 959 Oakwood Dr.- Exhibit "A" attached

Wayne L Petti- 525 Georgetown Ave.- Mr. Petti asked that the city not support any proclamations of Pride Day.

Nita Stevens- 836 Sandalwood - Ms. Stevens explained that she is required to have a safety inspection.

8. PETITIONS--COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS--FIRST READING:

Sponsored by:

Finance

V. Stewart III

P. Tollett

B. Davis

C. Schneider

J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT INACTIVE UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID ACCOUNTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH CARLISLE TOWNSHIP.

Callahan moved, Mitchell 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

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D. Mitchell
K. Oswald
Finance
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C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-44
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ELYRIA TO MAKE A FUNDING CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00, TO SUPPORT THE ELYRIA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

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

Sponsored by:
Finance
V. Stewart III
P. Tollett
B. Davis
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-45
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: CONTINUED

AYE: 11
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

AYE: 11
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

AYE: 11
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:
Finance
V. Stewart III
P. Tollett
B. Davis
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-46

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$330,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A PUMPER TRUCK APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

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

Sponsored by:
Finance
V. Stewart III
P. Tollett
B. Davis
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-47

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$300,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A TRUCK FOR COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID WASTE AND APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE CITY SANITATION DEPARTMENT.

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

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

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

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: CONTINUED

Sponsored by:

Finance

- V. Stewart III
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-48

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$5,200,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING THE CHESTNUT COMMONS CONNECTOR PROJECT INCLUDING CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING STREETS, CONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS, WATER LINES AND RELATED WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES, STORM SEWERS AND RELATED DRAINAGE FACILITIES, INSTALLING LIGHTING, SIGNAGE AND TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION, AND RELOCATING EXISTING UTILITIES AS NECESSARY.

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:

Finance

- V. Stewart III
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-49

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CREATE A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND.

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: CONTINUED

Sponsored by:

Finance

- V. Stewart III
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-50

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

Tollett moved, 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:

Finance

- V. Stewart III
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-51

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-182, KNOWN AS THE SALARY ORDINANCE, TO REVISE THE WAGES OF CERTAIN BUILDING DEPARTMENT POSITIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Sponsored by:

Finance

- V. Stewart III
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-52

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH XTREME EXCAVATING, LLC FOR THE 2022-2023 SANITARY AND STORM SEWER REPAIRS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities

- D. Mitchell
- B. Davis
- D. Simmons
- M. Corbin
- K. OSwald

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

SUSPENSION		PASSAGE		EMERGENCY
AYE:	11	AYE:	11	AYE:
NAY:	0	NAY:	0	NAY:

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: CONTINUED

ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:

Finance

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M. Corbin

K. OSwald

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-53

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND, IF OFFERED, ACCEPT FUNDING THROUGH THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (DEFA) THROUGH THE OHIO EPA FOR THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE WATER PUMPING PLANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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EMERGENCY
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ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

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J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-54

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE WEST AVENUE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

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

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

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

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: CONTINUED

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Utilities

- D. Mitchell
- B. Davis
- D. Simmons
- M. Corbin
- K. Oswald

Finance

- V. Stewart III
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-55

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLACK & VEATCH MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:

Utilities

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- B. Davis
- D. Simmons
- M. Corbin
- K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-56

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READINGS:

Sponsored by:

Community Development

- A. Lipian
- K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1135 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, TO NITA STEVENS FOR TYPE 'A' IN-HOME CHILD CARE, AT REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 836 SANDALWOOD DRIVE, ELYRIA, OHIO.

Public Hearing Scheduled for May 1, 2023

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 4/24/2023 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

JOINT CD/FINANCE 4/24/2023 Following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

FINANCE 4/24/2023 Following Joint All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Auditor, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

UTILITIES, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT 5/10/2023 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/SSD, Law Director, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING 5/01/2023 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Auditor, Solicitor, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Whitfield responded that no resident should fear government. That the city would stand neutral to affirming groups.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:51 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED


Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council


Victor Stewart, III
President of Council

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ELYRIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 17, 2023

- ***Speeding on Oakwood drive. Install speed monitor system on poles.***
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- ***Listening to your citizen's ideas and feedback from council members. Reference infrastructure meeting last year.***
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- ***Pools for the city, rec center in Sears from County. Grocery south side, old Aldi store, contact IGA Lagrange or Oberlin owner.***
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- ***Reports from departments, even minor, mean communication with residents.***



