

Minutes Approved
As circulated
October 2, 2023

September 18, 2023
Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on September 18, 2023 at 6:58 p.m. by President Stewart. President Stewart explained that we were still experiencing technical difficulties and the youtube capabilities are not working. President Stewart opened the meeting requesting a moment of reflective silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council member Cerra.

2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Safety Service Director Lundy, Asst. Safety Service Dir. Calvert, Asst. Safety Service Dir. Williams, Asst. Fin. Dir. Farrell, Law Director Deery, CD Mngr. Almobayyed, Eng. McKillips, BO Farkas, Fire Chief Pronesti, Police Chief Pelko

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cerra moved, Mr. Schneider seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting as circulated. Council member Lipian stated she would like to comment that the specific discussion to the Coonville comment did not reflect his comment regarding investigating the Coonville comment. Council member Mitchell stated that it was her understanding that there was a family that existed with the name of Coonville. Law Director Deery confirmed if the motion concurred that the minutes be amended to reflect the comments.
MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

SSD Lundy:

SSD Lundy provided an update regarding high grass and preparation of leaf season.

Asst. Finance Director: No report

Law Director Deery: No report

Congratulated everyone on a successful Apple Festival.

EPD:

Chief Pelko provided an update regarding the homicide at the Elyria Chronicle Telegram.

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

EFD:

Chief Pronesti provided an update regarding the upcoming eclipse and the anticipated number of visitors we can expect to receive in the city. He provided a slide presentation (attached). He urged that no additional planned activities take place on that day as all manpower will be tasked to take care of the influx of people in the community. Chief Pronesti recommended that City Hall close as well.

BO Farkas:

Building Official Farkas provided an update regarding 888 Lorain Blvd., the old Journey Inn. The attorney is looking to rehab the building and have plans to demolish the house next door.

ASSD Williams: No report

Engineer McKillips:

Engineer McKillips provided two updates. The first regarding East provide and the continuous efforts moving forward. Cleveland St. Project is down to one lane. The goal is to have four lanes opened up by the beginning of November. The East side relief sewer project man made crater will be opened up on the side of East Bridge Street. The chamber crew will move back to Delworth. Council member Tollett stated he would like to commend city workers, Keith and Tim Gallagher on the big dig with an issue in the area of St. Jude school, he stated hats off to the employees. Council member Lipian agreed with Council member Tollett. Council member Lipian inquired about painting on the bridge and inquired about an update to the sidewalk project.

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

** Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of accepting the final plat for the River Run Landing Subdivision Phase 3.

REFERRED BY: WHITNEY TRIMBLE

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. The matter of review and approval Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Agreement with NBN Powder Packaging, LLC.

REFERRED BY: CD MANAGER ALMOBAYYED

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCE

3. The matter of purchasing a leaf vac truck.

REFERRED BY: SSD LUNDY

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES: CONTINUED

4. The matter of purchasing a dump truck.

REFERRED BY: SSD LUNDY

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

5. The matter of the purchase of a new 2023 Ford F-250 4x4 pick-up truck or similar for the needs of the Wastewater Pollution Control Plant.

REFERRED BY: SUPERINTENDENT KORZAN

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

6. The matter of the renewal of the city's Property & Liability Insurance.

REFERRED BY: SSD LUNDY

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

7. The matter of renewal of Elyria's Yard Waste Facility Agreement with Barnes Nursery.

REFERRED BY: SSD LUNDY

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

8 -11 Received and Placed on file in the clerk's office:

8. Ambulance Service Agreement for the City of Elyria

9. Copy of the Elyria Parks & Recreation Board Minutes from August 24, 2023

10. August 2023 Income Tax Report

11. August 2023 General Fund Cash Balance Report

7. PETITIONS- LOBBY:

Nancy Captain- 205 Fullerton Rd.- Basement Flooding/ Unscrupulous Contractors- Complained about 2 feet of water in her basement and structural damage. Ms. Captain also stated that a warning should be provided regarding contractors that may not be honest.

Karen Sims- 203 Fullerton Rd.- Basement Flooding- Ms. Sims stated that several of their neighbors have addressed council prior regarding basement flooding. She had work done on her basement and continues to have flooding. She would like any update that could be provided.

President Stewart asked if Engineer McKillips could provide an update from the recent meeting that was held at Northwood school regarding the SpringValley drainage issue. Engineer McKilrips stated that there are two issues that exist in the area regarding no storm sewers or no sanitary sewer systems. There is no place for the water to drain and contributes to the basement flooding. A consultant had been brought in to review the area. This would be a project that would benefit the neighborhood. Ms. Sims asked if additional new construction would create more problems in thee area. Additional discussion ensued. President Stewart asked that Engineer McKillips speak with the residents after the meeting.

7. PETITIONS- LOBBY: CONTINUED

Rev. William F. Mugnolo- 417 Windsor Drive- Redevelopment of Windsor Elementary School Site (Request for a Public hearing)- Concerned with the old Windsor school site for development. Request a public hearing and mailed information to the residents nearby that they would be informed regarding what may be developed on that site. President Stewart stated that would be a process for the Elyria school board to begin.

Dawn Guanajuato- 311 Gulf Rd.- Economic Climate/ emergency Preparedness- Ms. Guanajuato addressed the previous residents that spoke, additional discussion ensued. Ms. Guanajuato expressed concerns regarding catastrophes and the necessity of being more prepared. Her belief is that council doesn't care for the residents. Council member Lipian asked for point of order. Vote to extend time. President Stewart thanked Ms. Guanajuato for addressing council.

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. 2023-27

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 LORAIN 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

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:

Utilities

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE ELYRIA DEMOLITION BOARD OF APPEALS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1391.125 OF THE ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

10. RESOLUTIONS--FIRST READING:

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

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

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-34,
 KNOWN AS THE "2023 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
 ORDINANCE," TO CHANGE FUNDS IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1131.02, CODIFIED
 ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, KNOWN AS
 THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO OVERLAY A B-G
 BUSINESS-GENERAL DISTRICT OVER A L-I LIGHT
 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 1176,
 REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT ("RDOD"), CODIFIED
 ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, FOR REAL
 PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF REASER POINTE
 CROSSING, ELYRIA, OHIO AND OWNED BY DBR
 COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC.

Public Hearing scheduled for Oct. 16, 2023

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

Sponsored by:

Utilities

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-127

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE
UPDATED PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN.**

Mitchell moved, Simmons 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:

Utilities

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-128

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH LORAIN
COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, TO SHARE IN THE COST OF
REPAIR AND RESURFACING OF WEST RIDGE ROAD FROM
STATE ROUTE 113 TO RUSSIA ROAD, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

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

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

Sponsored by:

Utilities

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-129

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CT
CONSULTANTS, INC. TO MONITOR OVERFLOWS IN THE
CITY OF ELYRIA'S SEWER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: CONTINUED

Mitchell moved, Simmons to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

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

Sponsored by:

Utilities
D. Mitchell
B. Davis
M. Corbin
K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-121

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO EPA, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (DEFA), FOR THE SSO/CSO/WWPCP WET WEATHER PROGRAM, EAST SIDE RELIEF SEWER DIVERSION STRUCTURE AND PIPING IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Simmons to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

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

Sponsored by:

Finance
P. Tollett

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PAY A MORAL CLAIM TO THOMAS F. ALSPACH JR.

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

PASSAGE

ROLL CALL

AYE: TOLLETT, CALLAHAN, LIPIAN

NAY: CERRA, OSWALD, MITCHELL DAVIS, SIMMONS, SCHNEIDER, STEWART

ABSENT: 0

MOTION FAILED

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: CONTINUED

Sponsored by:

Community

Development:

T. Callahan

A. Lipian

C. Schneider

D. Mitchell

K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-131

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1131.02, CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REZONE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 615 FOSTER AVENUE, TO ELYRIA, OHIO FROM R-M D RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO R-MHL RESIDENTIAL -MULTI-HOUSEHOLD LOW DENSITY DISTRICT.

Council member Davis expressed that residents were provided an opportunity to meet with the developer during a Town Hall meeting to have their questions answered. She feels better that the residents are ready to move forward with the project and is ready to vote for a passage of the legislation. Council member Oswald thanked Council member Davis for her work on bringing the residents together for good conversation.

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

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READINGS: None

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 9/25/2023 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

JOINT CD/FINANCE 9/25/2023 Following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

FINANCE 9/25/2023 Following Joint All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Auditor, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

UTILITIES, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT 10/11/2023 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/SSD, Law Director, Engineer

COUNCIL/STRATEGIC PLANNING 9/18/2023 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items

Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Auditor, Solicitor, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

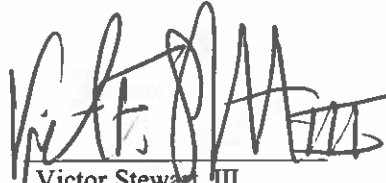
Council member Oswald expressed concerns with the down audio system. He understands that the IT department is working on repair of the system, however he stated how challenging it is for him to hear. Council member Lipian stated that he hopes the sidewalk program will be completed before October. Council member Lipian recognized special resident in the audience as an Army Nurse recognized for her service s a veteran Vietnam Army Nurse who will be recognized in Washington D.C.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:52P.M.

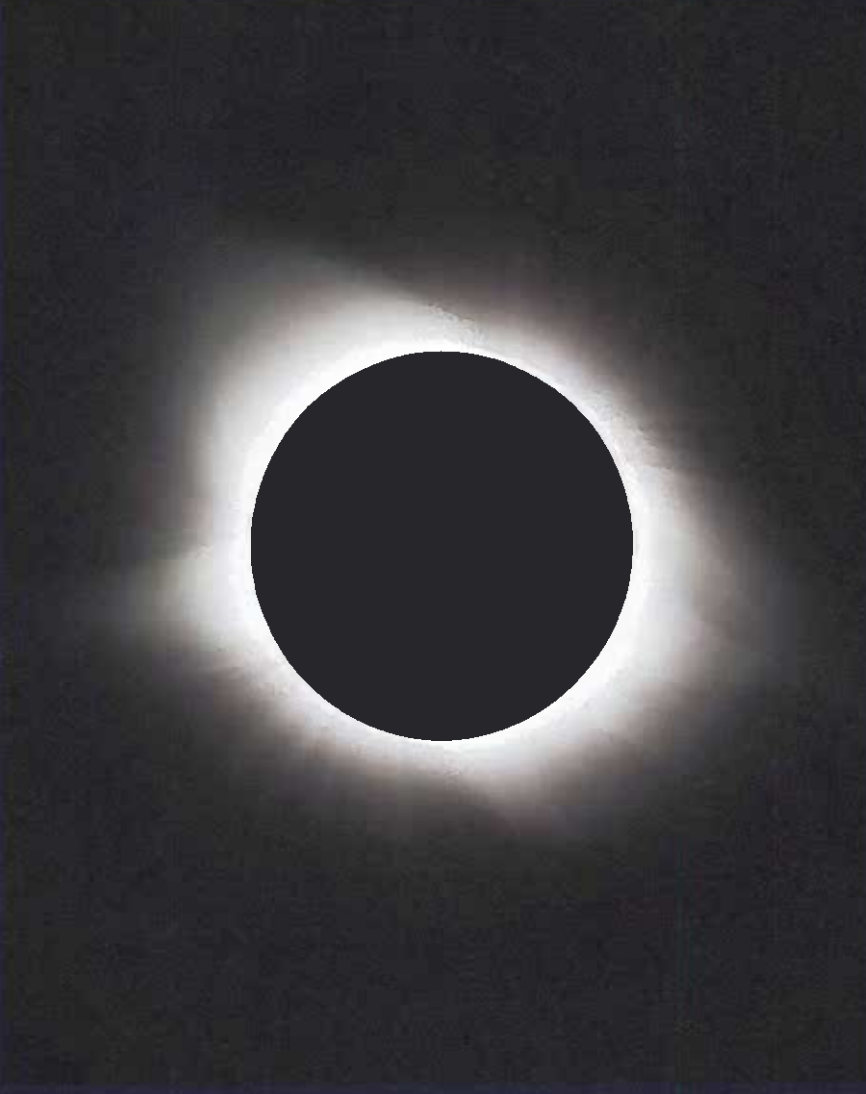
MOTION CARRIED


Michael J. Lotke, III
Clerk of Council


Victor Stewart, III
President of Council

RLP/

April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse



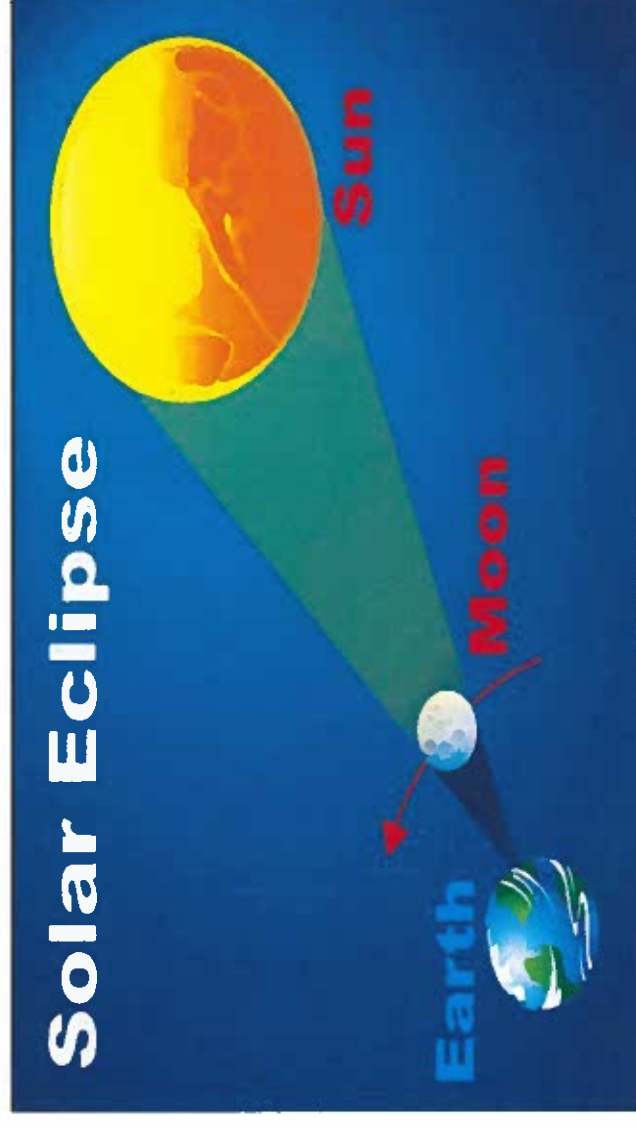
Colin Campbell, Planner
Planning, Training, & Exercise Branch

Christen Swayer-Cunningham, Planning Supervisor
Planning, Training, & Exercise Branch



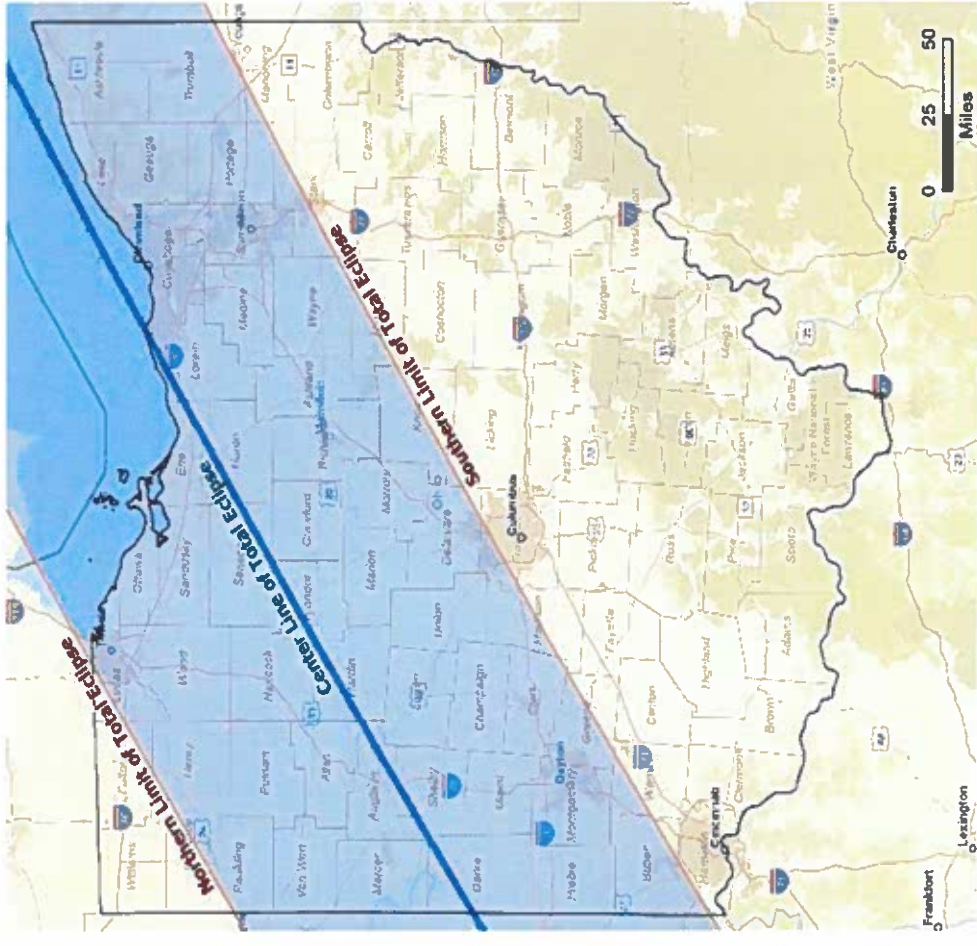
What is a Total Solar Eclipse?

- Last one in Ohio in 1806
- Only 15 visible in U.S. since 1867
- Last one in 2017 – visible from Oregon to South Carolina
- Last one in North America until 2044
- Next one in Ohio – September 12, 2444



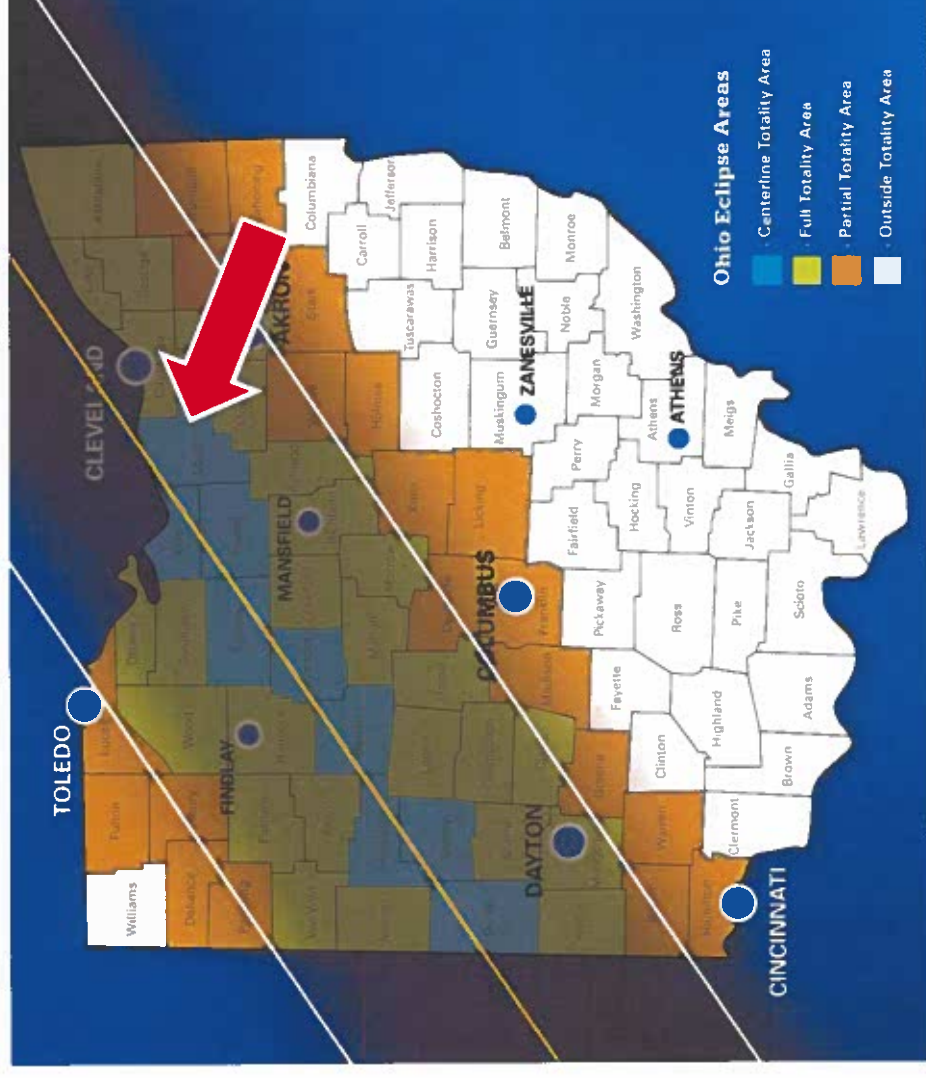
The Eclipse's Pathway

- Total Solar Eclipse – April 8th, 2024
- Eclipse will travel across Ohio from southwest to northeast
- Totality will enter Ohio near Greenville, Ohio around 3:00 pm, and will exit near Avon Lake, Ohio around 3:10 pm
- Takes about ten minutes to travel across Ohio
- Up to 2-4 minutes of totality – depends on where you are
- Areas of Totality and Partial Eclipse



What to Expect

- Population influx 300,000-1 million expected in Lorain County
- Extreme demand for local resources
 - Fuel
 - Food
- Stresses to local infrastructure



Community Planning

- Population surge
- Local emergency operational support
 - Crowd management
 - Increased roadway hazards
 - Staffing needs and costs
- Traffic management – egress support
 - Route planning
- Local infrastructure stresses
 - How will impact normal operations?
 - Public/Private
- Health, **safety** and welfare



