

*As circulated*

June 2, 2025

*July 7, 2025*

Regular Council Meeting  
Elyria City Council

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday June 2, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting requesting a moment of reflective silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of First Congregational Church pre-school students. President Stewart requested all cell phones please be turned off or placed on silent mode.

**2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Armstrong, Oswald, Mitchell, Tollett, Siwierka, Lipian, Davis, Schneider, Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, SSD Pyanowski, Fin. Dir. Pileski, Law Director Deery, Police Chief Welsh, Fire Chief Pronesti, Engineer Schneider

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None**

**5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor:**

Mayor Brubaker presented a proclamation to Ms. Carrie Hebble. Mayor Brubaker was provided information from Council member Schneider that Ms. Hebble has served the families of First Congregational Church for seventy-five years through a pre-school program. He expressed his appreciation to Council member Schneider and Annie Carstarphen for information obtained for the proclamation.

Mayor Brubaker introduced Steve Kristan of lumos fiber to provide a brief introduction of internet services.

Steve Kristan, 72 Morning View Circle, Canfield, Ohio. Mr. Kristan provided a brief overview of the need for broadband and especially in Ohio. A handout was provided to council members. Mayor Brubaker announced that over the weekend, he had a meeting with Council members Lipian and Tollett and Mr. Reaser of DBR. He believed they were able to come to an achievable, acceptable development agreement on the assignment language. All information has been submitted to Law Director Deery and all attorneys involved. Final meetings with Finance Director Pileski and Law Director Deery are agreeable with everyone. There are a few dates and items that will need to be tweaked in the agreement. Mayor Brubaker expressed his appreciation to Council members Lipian and Tollett for their help. He requested of President Stewart a Strategic Planning Meeting for Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>, prior to the July 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting with the hope for a full vote on the tiff agreement on July 7<sup>th</sup>. He expressed how great this news is for the city of Elyria.

Resident Stewart requested that all council members check their schedules to confirm availability for a June 30<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning meeting at 6:00 p.m. and to please confirm with the council clerk's office.

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**5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

Council member Lipian shared that he would like to credit Mayor Brubaker and Mr. Reaser for how quickly they accepted his request to meet and he is happy for a workable compromise. He expressed his appreciation to Law Director Deery.

Council member Siwierka stated that a compromise is great news. She would hope that the proposal of a fire station in that area would be considered. She explained there over a thousand homes that will be within a short radius of the property that will be under construction.

Council member Oswald inquired if there was any discussion of dropping the lawsuit against the city and council members in the meeting that was held. Mayor Brubaker stated that and the concern for the fire station both will be discussed during the June 30<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning meeting.

**Safety Service Director: No Report**

Council member Armstrong expressed what a fantastic job the Crack Sealing Team did repairing 10<sup>th</sup> Street Alley with the new equipment.

Council member Lipian thanked SSD Pyanowski and Council member Armstrong for attending the Memorial Brick Dedication in honor of Harlon P. Chapman, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps and Vietnam veteran. The ceremony was held in Ward one and was well attended.

**Finance Director:**

Finance Director Pileski shared just about everything is posted for the month of May with the exception of a little bit of interest income that has to be recorded. May was a pretty good month for the general fund. There was a rebound in May by about \$600,000 from the drop in April, down currently \$302,700 for the year. One thing that contributed to the result of May was receiving the annual Regional Income Tax Agency Retainer refund. RITA withholds 3% upon collection of income tax, processes a calculation for the year and factors in interest income. The refund amount received was \$679,498, with \$452,021 receded in the general fund. The employee's health insurance fund remains a big problem. We are down 230, 000 from three million from two and a half years ago.

Council member Siwierka inquired if RITA provides information to the city in delinquencies? Finance Director Pileski responded yes and explained that the Finance office works with the Law Director's office on contacting non-filers and RITA has employees in the municipal court that handles court cases for non-payers of RITA.

**Law Director Deery:**

Law Director Deery provided additional information regarding the date selection of the June 30<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning meeting as that date is available for Attorney Russ. The attorneys have had the opportunity to review the draft and mark a few items for comment. The attorney has reached out to the DBR economic development attorney as well. Law Director Deery also shared that she did have contact from the Lorain County Port Authority that they would be interested in exploring some options with being of assistance with the project. The goal is to have a final approve as to form draft agreement the night of June 30<sup>th</sup>. President Stewart requested that Law Director Deery have Attorney Steve Friedman in attendance as well.

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**5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

**EPD:**

Chief Welsh provided an update regarding his first two months as chief. He provided information on the goals set: one to reduce violent crime and two to increase narcotics enforcement. In April the NIU and narcotics team conducted operation genesis focused on targeting suspects distributing fentanyl and methamphetamines, the operation resulted in twenty arrests and significantly disrupted illegal drug activity. One of the other goals was to make the streets and highways safer and have seen a 5% reduction in motor vehicle crashes and 100% reduction in fatal crashes. A third traffic unit officer has been added and scheduled through the rest of 2025. Homicides are down 100% and a 50% decrease in violent crimes that includes non-fatal shootings. Funding has been sought for various ways to gain equipment, manpower and help reduce overtime. A \$65,000 violent crime reduction grant has been received that will be used to help supplement manpower and overtime in the NIU. A \$22,000 Project Safe Neighborhood grant has been received that will allow for the purchase of additional LPRs and flat cameras and a \$13,000 grant that will provide for the purchase of electric bicycles. Once the bicycle unit is operational, it will increase officer presence in the downtown area and at special events. LPRs and cameras are strategically placed throughout the city that help deter crime and aid in investigations. One of the other goals was to increase staffing, conditional employment has been offered to three sworn officers. The officers will attend the Cleveland Heights Police Academy at the end of June, which will bring staffing numbers up to 85. In addition, Chief Welsh expressed the commitment to community policing, and that that over the past weekend they just completed their teen driving program. The Kerstetter 5k is coming up in July. Police officers will participate again this year in the Apple Festival Dunk Tank fundraiser and in December the Holiday for Heroes event. Sgt. Rick Buckway and Chief Welsh are scheduled to attend the CALEA Conference in Little Rock Arkansas from August 7-10, 2025.

Request for travel above the mile radius was requested.

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to approve the travel.

MOTION CARRIED

**EFD: No report**

**Eng. Schneider: No Report**

**6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:**

*\* Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of a request for a final plat for Phase 7 of Ridge Water Subdivision.

**REFERRED BY: RIDGE WATER LTD.**

**REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ PLANNING COMMISSION**

2. The matter of a Vacation and Lot Split: Abbe Rd.

**REFERRED BY: SOUTH ABBE ROAD PLAZA LLC**

**REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S: Continued**

3. The matter of a re-zoning permit for 131 Williams Street from R-TH and H-I to L-I.

**REFERRED BY: XPRESS ASPHALT SOLUTIONS**

**REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ PLANNING COMMISSION**

4. The matter of a funding request by LC Transit for the continuation of the VIA Transportation Program in the City of Elyria.

**REFERRED BY: MAYOR BRUBAKER**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

5. The matter of disposing of city property unfit for municipal use: Model #GP30K.

**REFERRED BY: PWS EYE**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

6. The matter of disposing of city property unfit for municipal use: IBM# 1500 Water Distribution.

**REFERRED BY: PWS EYE**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

7. The matter of applying for an Urban Forestry Grant.

**REFERRED BY: P&R DIR REARDON**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

8. The matter of applying for a Norfolk Southern - Thriving Communities Grant.

**REFERRED BY: P&R DIR REARDON**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

9. The matter of the transfer of parcels from the City of Elyria to the Elyria Community Improvement Corporation: PPN 062056000017, 0624085102018, 0624085102019, 0624085102020.

**REFERRED BY: MAYOR BRUBAKER**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

***Item 10-11 received and placed on file in the clerk's office:***

10. Approved claim for damage: Cynthia/ Eugene Holloway

11. List of receipts collected by each division of the Clerk of Court's office for April 20257.

**PETITIONS- LOBBY:**

Barbara Radke- 241 Harvard Ave.- Reaser Point Development

Cam Rohaml, 133 Harvard Ave. – Safety Concerns

**8. PETITIONS-COUNCIL MEMBERS: None**

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**9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None**

**10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

**Sponsored by**

**Rules**

J. Cerra  
V. Stewart III  
T. Callahan

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 28**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER TO THE ELYRIA BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 182 OF THE ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cerra moved, Callahan seconded to pass this resolution 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

**11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None**

**12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None**

**13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:**

**Sponsored by**

**Community**

**Development**

C. Schneider  
D. Mitchell  
K. Oswald

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 92**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Schneider moved, Mitchell 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

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 93**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CREATE A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT FUND.

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

SUSPENSION

PASSAGE

EMERGENCY

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**13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued**

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  
C. Schneider  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 94**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CENTRAL MAINTENANCE PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX, LOCATED ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, ELYRIA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of 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  
C. Schneider  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 95**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF VACANT LOTS ON WOODFORD AVENUE, ELYRIA, OHIO 44035, 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	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  
C. Schneider  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 96**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING UPDATED WAGES FOR CERTAIN NON-BARGAINING CHAPTER 165 POSITIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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**13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued**

Tom Callahan recused himself

Statement Mary Siwierka

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 9	AYE: 9	AYE: 9
NAY: 1	NAY: 1	NAY: 1
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 97**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-73, TO ADDRESS THE THREE PER CENT (3%) WAGE INCREASE FOR CERTAIN NON-BARGAINING CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED CHAPTER 165 EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tom Callahan recused himself

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 9	AYE: 9	AYE: 9
NAY: 1	NAY: 1	NAY: 1 Siwierka
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 98**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-37, KNOWN AS THE "2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE," TO CHANGE FUNDS IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

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

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**13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued**

**Sponsored by**  
**Community**  
**Development**

C. Schneider  
D. Mitchell  
K. Oswald

**Finance**

P. Tollett  
M. Siwierka  
B. Davis  
C. Schneider  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 99**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, AND ACCEPT, IF OFFERED, THE PY 2025 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT & PRESERVATION (CHIP) FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

**Sponsored by**  
**Utilities**

D. Mitchell  
B. Davis  
V. Stewart III  
B. Armstrong

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 100**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Armstrong seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of 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

**14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READINGS: None**

**15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None**



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**16. COMMITTEE CALLS:**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mon. 6/9/2025 Beginning at 6:00 PM

All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

**JOINT CD/ FINANCE**

Mon. 6/9/2025 Immediately following Community Development All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

**FINANCE**

Mon. 6/9/2025 Immediately following Joint All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Mon. 7/7/2025 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers

W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer

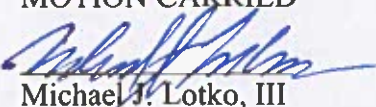
**17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**


President Stewart provided a reminder of the Strategic Planning meeting that will be held on Monday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

  
Michael J. Lotko, III  
Clerk of Council

  
Victor Stewart, III  
President of Council

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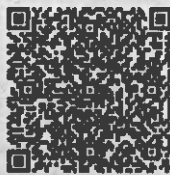


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#### Restoration

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