

*As circulated*  
*July 7, 2025*

May 19, 2025  
Regular Council Meeting  
Elyria City Council

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday May 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting requesting a moment of reflective silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council member Tollett. 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, Lipian, Davis, Schneider, Stewart

Excused Absent: Siwierka

Moved by Cerra, seconded by Schneider to excuse Council member Siwierka absence.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The meeting recessed for a Public Hearing at 7:02 P.M.

Clerk Lotko read the call to the Public Hearing.

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00P.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, to Jeremy Moen, JDJ Mobile Entertainment, Inc., and SG Taylor, LLC for Office Space, Record Sessions and Promotional Services at Real Property Located at 910 Taylor Street, Unit C, Elyria, Ohio.

President Stewart asked if there were any proponents?

Jeremy Moen, 144 Antioch Drive, Elyria, Ohio home address. Mr. Moen stated that he is the person that requested the conditional use permit. He attended the council meeting to answer any questions the council members may have. The address of the business is 910 Taylor Street, Unit C, Elyria, Ohio.

President Stewart asked if there were any proponents? There were none.

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President Stewart declared this Public Hearing had been held.

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**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Continued**

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-71**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1135 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, TO JEREMY MOEN, JDJ MOBILE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. AND SGTAYLOR, LLC FOR OFFICE SPACE, RECORD SESSIONS AND PROMOTIONAL SERVICES AT REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 910 TAYLOR STREET, UNIT C, ELYRIA, OHIO.

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

**SUSPENSION**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PASSAGE**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

Clerk Lotko read the call to the Public Hearing.

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00P.M. to consider the following:

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 620 East River Street, Elyria, Ohio, From R-TH Residential-Two Household District to B-G Business-General District.

President Stewart asked if there were any proponents? There were none.

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President Stewart asked if there were any opponents?

Gary Gersack, 228 Princeton, Elyria, Ohio, expressed concerns on behalf of himself and properties owners regarding the changes as a result of this ordinances as well as who owns the property. He asked if more helicopters would be landing in their backyards? He asked what type of industry or stores would be developed? Mr. Gersack expressed concern regarding their property values.

Building Official Farkas provided information regarding the first request which is currently zoned residential two household district. Building Official Farkas explained the request is updating an old non-conforming use to the correct use of business general.

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Mr. Gersack asked additional questions regarding whether or not multi units or low-income housing would be developed. He questioned if changing the status of the McKinley area would directly affect the surrounding houses in the area.

President Stewart asked Law Director Deery to provide feedback.

Law Director Deery explained since the existence of the hospital it has never operated as a residential two-household property. The request is to provide conformity to the parcel by brining it into its current usage of business general.

Council member Schneider provided a statement of remembrance that this process had to be made regarding school properties as well to align them with the current zoning.

Council member Tollett explained that if Mr. Gersack was looking at this as a heavy industrial type of property, that is not what this request is at all. It is a non-conforming zone change.

Mr. Gersack asked additional questions regarding development of the property.

Mr. Farkas explained what is taking place is the current use of the hospital is not in compliance with the established zoning. Rezoning will put it in line with the business general. Building Official Farkas read the principally permitted uses of business general.

Council member Mitchell asked Building Official Farkas to confirm the hospital as the property owner, yes. She further asked for clarification of hopes that the hospital would expand. Mr. Farkas stated yes, that is the hope. If this rezoning coincides, it will allow a free flow of the addition compliance with the business general zoning requirements.

John Ripley, 237 Oxford Ave, Elyria, explained that he believes he and his fellow neighbors are more concerned with the upcoming resolution because that is the property their houses all butt against. He questioned if it is because commercial use, what are the plans to commercialize that area? He stated he would respond to the next matter on the agenda which is the McKinley school property.

Council member Lipian asked if there was another classification besides business general?

Building Official Farkas explained, no, there is not. The next step down would be a business downtown district and that does not permit hospital use.

President Stewart asked if there were any opponents? There were none.

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President Stewart declared this Public Hearing had been held

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**Development**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-72**

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 620 East River Street, Elyria, Ohio, From R-TH Residential-Two Household District to B-G Business-General District.

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

**SUSPENSION**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PASSAGE**

AYE: 9

NAY: 1 (LIPIAN)

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

Clerk Lotko read the call to the Public Hearing.

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00P.M. to consider the following:

The matter of 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 630 East River Street, Elyria, Ohio, From R-TH Residential-Two Household District to B-G Business-General District.

President Stewart asked if there were any proponents? There were none.

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President Stewart asked if there were any opponents?

John Ripley, 237 Oxford Ave. upset regarding a landing pad in the McKinley parking lot.

President Stewart asked if there were any opponents? There were none.

President Stewart asked if there were any opponents? There were none.

President Stewart declared this Public Hearing had been held.

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**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Continued**

**Sponsored by**  
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**Development**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-73**

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 630 EAST RIVER STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO, FROM R-TH RESIDENTIAL-TWO HOUSEHOLD DISTRICT TO B-G BUSINESS-GENERAL DISTRICT.

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

**SUSPENSION**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**PASSAGE**

AYE: 9

NAY: 1 (LIPIAN)

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

President Stewart asked if there were any opponents? There were none.

President Stewart asked if there were any opponents? There were none.

President Stewart asked if there were any opponents? There were none.

President Stewart declared this Public Hearing had been held.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Cerra moved Schneider seconded to approve meeting minutes of the May 5, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

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

**Mayor:**

Mayor Brubaker provided an update regarding a grant opportunity. In March of 2025, the city applied for the Ohio Criminal Justice Services Grant for the Neighborhood Impact Unit to be able to continue with the work they have been doing. The administration was notified the grant was awarded in the amount of \$65,000. He expressed his excitement that the work of the NIU can continue. Mayor Brubaker congratulated Chief Welsh, Captain Palmer and McCauley & Associates for the work on the grant.

Council member Armstrong asked if there was an update related to Retail Strategies. Mayor Brubaker shared the report was received on Friday, he and ASSD Calvert will review the details and provide an update to council members later in the week.

Minutes Approved

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**Safety Service Director:**

Safety Service Director Pyanowski provided an update regarding the swearing in of three new firefighters, bringing the total up to 74. The three new firefighters are being paid for by the safer grant, which is a three-year grant that should cover the majority of their salary benefits. SSD Pyanowski shared the street department's crack sealing team has started working throughout the city.

The crack sealing team, is a four- person team. New equipment was purchased this year for the team. Things are going well; the team collaborates with the engineering department and utilizes other resources to identify which streets need repair.

Council member Lipian inquired about pothole repairs. SSD Pyanowski, shared potholes will remain a task with the street department, council members will field the information to the street department and they will take care of the requests.

Council member Armstrong inquired about repair of 10<sup>th</sup> St. Alley. Currently no report has been received, SSD Pyanowski will follow up.

**Finance Director:**

Finance Director Pileski shared that everything is posted for the month of April. The general fund cash balance dropped by \$106,408.60. For the first part of the year we are down by, \$89,249.98. Expenditures are exceeding revenues by an average of about \$22,000 per month for the first four months.

**Law Director Deery:**

Law Director Deery shared she would like to provide two matters to council's attention. The first, agenda items 23, 24, and 25 are three ordinances being brought without the benefit of a committee report. Three ordinances were recently passed regarding an annexation. The original petition was withdrawn by the applicant due to a technicality and was recently refiled. Due to the refile, the original ordinances are now considered moot. The second matter is that Attorney Balser is in attendance with relation to agenda item number 18 Professional services Contract for the purposes of the PFAS litigation. He is prepared to answer any questions. The litigation is for soil contamination, not injuries. The damages sought would be to clean up properties.

Council member Lipian had a question for Attorney Balser.

President Stewart asked Attorney Balser to come forward and state his name and address:

Brian Balser, 32528 Breakers Boulevard, Avon Lake, Ohio.

Council member Lipian stated his question was for the Law Director.

Mr. Balser explained he was here to answer any questions.

Council member Lipian questioned the 25% contingency and that it was not discussed when passed at committee.

Council member Lipian inquired about a letter sent from the county about a tiff regarding development that has been a discussion. He asked if "it were true" and what would council need to do to start engaging with the county to potentially assist council? He asked if there was a possibility of a collaboration? Law Director Deery inquired what project Council member Lipian was referring to? Council member Lipian responded , The Reaser Point project, in which Law Director Deery responded she was not aware of any letter from the county. Law Director Deery

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

stated should the county wish to be involved in the project, absolutely, the city would welcome the involvement. She believes it would be very good on behalf of the city.

Back and forth ensued in the meeting. President Stewart called for a point of order. Council member Lipian asked what the next steps would look like if the county had sent a letter. Law Director Deery responded she would engage the county with the city's economic development attorneys. Council member Lipian stated he would be open to working with Brubaker and the county to engage with this project. Law Director Deery stated that the opportunity to extend an appointment for discussion to Council member Lipian have all been without response. President Stewart responded in regard to the May 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting, he shared that dates were thrown out that were not responded to. If Mr. Reaser would like to engage with the city, a contact should be made with the city attorneys. Point of order was called again the meeting.

**EPD: No Report**

**EFD: No report**

**BO FARKAS: No Report**

Council member Armstrong inquired about 317 Fuller Rd., he explained there has been a lot of activity on the property, would like confirmation that the owner has acquired all permits. Building Official Farkas stated, yes, a contractor has been hired to eliminate the immediate concern in regards to the building. They are currently working on removal of the debris.

**Eng. Schneider: No Report**

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

*\* Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and accept bids for the construction of the new Public Works Complex.

**REFERRED BY: ASSD STROHSACK**

**REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

2. The matter of waiving the City of Elyria building permit fees for the construction of the new Public Works Complex.

**REFERRED BY: ASSD STROHSACK**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

3. The matter of a wage increase for all Chapter 165 employees.

**REFERRED BY: MAYOR BRUBAKER**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

4. The matter of the request to purchase real estate property on Woodford Ave.: (PPNs: 0624010102019 and 0624010102018).

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

**REFERRED BY: SSD PYANOWSKI**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

5. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to appoint (1) resident to the Elyria Bicycle Advisory Committee.

**REFERRED BY: MAYOR BRUBAKER**

**REFERRED TO: RULES**

6. The matter of a proposed ordinance restricting sex offender residency near public parks.

**REFERRED BY: JAYVIEN MICCO**

**REFERRED TO: UTILITIES**

*Item 7-8 received and placed on file in the clerk's office:*

7. Income Tax Collection Received in April 2025

8. April 2025 General Fund Cash Balance

**7. PETITIONS- LOBBY: None**

**8. PETITIONS-COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council member Lipian: Boldness and Action

President Stewart declared a point of order

Discussion was held about the Reaser Point Project between Council member Lipian and President Stewart. Mayor Brubaker stated he would follow up with ASSD Calvert regarding correspondence from the county.

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

**10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

**Finance**

P. Tollett

M. Siwierka

B. Davis

C. Schneider

J. Cerra

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 24**

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, Davis seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED



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**10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

**Finance**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 25**

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY HAS UNFIT FOR  
MUNICIPAL USE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY.

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

**SUSPENSION**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PASSAGE**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Finance**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 26**

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY HAS UNFIT FOR  
MUNICIPAL USE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY.

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

**SUSPENSION**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PASSAGE**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 27**

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY HAS UNFIT FOR  
MUNICIPAL USE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY.

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

**SUSPENSION**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PASSAGE**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

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

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

*Companion to above Resolution*

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-74**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE  
DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA TO DISPOSE OF CITY  
PROPERTY THAT IS UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL USE.

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

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

*Companion to above Resolution*

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-75**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE  
DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA TO DISPOSE OF CITY  
PROPERTY THAT IS UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL USE.

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

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

*Companion to above Resolution*

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-76**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE  
DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA TO DISPOSE OF CITY  
PROPERTY THAT IS UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL USE.

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10

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

NAY: 0 NAY: 0  
ABSENT: 1 ABSENT: 1  
MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-77**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN LANDS, EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREETS AND UTILITIES AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE FINAL PLAT OF RIVERFIELD RESERVE SUBDIVISION NO. 1.

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

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

**Sponsored by**  
**Utilities**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-78**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 OPWC EAST RIVER STREET RESURFACING PROJECT.

**Finance**

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

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

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

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**Utilities**

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

**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-79**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR  
THE 2025 OPWC GULF ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT.

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**Sponsored by**

**Utilities**

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

**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-80**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR  
THE 2025 OPWC LEONA STREET RESURFACING PROJECT.

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

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**Utilities**

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

**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-81**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR  
THE 2025 OPWC MURRAY RIDGE ROAD RESURFACING  
PROJECT.

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**Sponsored by**

**Utilities**

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

**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-82**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR  
THE 2025 OPWC WEST RIVER ROAD RESURFACING  
PROJECT.

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

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**Utilities**

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**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-83**

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE APPLICATION OF THE MAYOR FOR THE SHINE A LIGHT ON DUMPERS GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID GRANT, IF OFFERED, 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: 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**  
**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-84**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BRIAN K. BALSER CO., LPA, AND ITS ASSOCIATED LAW FIRMS, TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ELYRIA AGAINST COMPANIES CONCERNING SOIL CONTAMINATION FROM PFAS- AFFF.

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

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

**Sponsored by**  
**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-85**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING UPDATED WAGES FOR CERTAIN NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES OF THE ELYRIA MUNICIPAL COURT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Davis moved, Cerra 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**

Tollett recused himself

**SUSPENSION**

AYE: 9

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PASSAGE**

AYE: 9

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EMERGENCY**

AYE: 9

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

P. Tollett

M. Siwierka

B. Davis

C. Schneider

J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-86**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-73, TO ADDRESS CERTAIN ELYRIA MUNICIPAL COURT EMPLOYEE SALARIES, NON-ELECTED, NON-BARGAINING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Tollett recused himself

**SUSPENSION**

AYE: 9

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PASSAGE**

AYE: 9

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EMERGENCY**

AYE: 9

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Sponsored by**

**Utilities**

D. Mitchell

B. Davis

V. Stewart III

B. Armstrong

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-87**

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.

**SUSPENSION**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PASSAGE**

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

P. Tollett

M. Siwierka

B. Davis

C. Schneider

J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-88**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A UTILITY EASEMENT FROM MCGREGOR PACE, AN OHIO NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-89**

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.023(C) REQUIRING A BUFFER BETWEEN THE TERRITORY PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION AND SURROUNDING TOWNSHIP LAND IF ELYRIA DETERMINES THAT THE USE DISTRICTS IN THE TOWNSHIP ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THOSE IN THE CITY OF ELYRIA.

Schneider moved, Tollett seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, without the benefit of a committee report.

President Stewart recused himself

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-90**

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.023 (E) PROVIDING THAT ELYRIA WILL MAINTAIN ANY SEGMENTED ROAD CAUSED BY THE ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF ELYRIA TERRITORY OWNED BY CHESTNUT RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Schneider moved, Tollett seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, without the benefit of a committee report.

President Stewart recused himself

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



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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-91**

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE  
SECTION 709.023(C) INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE  
CITY OF ELYRIA WILL PROVIDE UPON ANNEXATION TO  
TERRITORY OWNED BY CHESTNUT RIDGE BAPTIST  
CHURCH.

Schneider moved, Tollett seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of  
rules, without the benefit of a committee report.

President Stewart recused himself

SUSPENSION

AYE: 9

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 9

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

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

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

**16. COMMITTEE CALLS:**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Tuesday 5/27/2025 Beginning at 6:00 PM

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

**JOINT CD/ FINANCE**

Tues. 5/27/2025 Immediately following Community Development All Referred Items Council  
Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

**FINANCE**

Tues. 5/27/2025 Immediately following Joint All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor,  
Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**UTILITIES** Wed 5/21/2025 Beginning at 6:00 PM All Referred Items Council Chambers

D. Mitchell Chr. w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**RULES** 5/21/2025 Immediately following Utilities All Referred Items Council Chambers

J. Cerra, Chr., w/ Mayor, SSD., Law Director

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Mon. 6/2/2025 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items  
Council Chambers

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

Minutes Approved

*As Circulated*  
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**17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Elyria Community Partnership- Monet Roberts provided infographic flyer update with completed projects, thanked everyone who supported the groundbreaking of Foster Senior Lofts on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Historical Looking Glass Project is near unveiling. Farmers Market is coming back to Elyria. Two vibrancy funds mini grants have been distributed. No Third Thursday in June due to the Juneteenth Holiday, will resume in August. Plans are in place for the Dining Under the Stars Fundraiser. Recently had a resource Fair at Riverview Plaza in collaboration with LMHA. Council member Oswald provided feedback regarding questions from Facebook: why was the Third Thursday held at Riverview Plaza and why is it still being held on Thursdays? Council member Davis expressed how grateful ward two is of the \$18 million Foster Senior Loft Project and how well it is moving along.

Council member Mitchell provided a reminder of the Utilities meeting on Wed. at 6pm. Streets will be finalized; your attendance is appreciated.

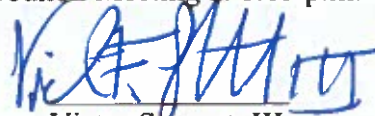
Council member Lipian congratulated the new owners on the re-opening of Espresso Bakery.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

  
Michael J. Lotko, III  
Clerk of Council

  
Victor Stewart, III  
President of Council

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBbHcsUpvEQ>

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## Major Projects

\$18 million investment for Foster Senior Lofts



## Business Development



Two Vibrancy Fund Mini Grant Awardees  
-Frankie B's  
-Vintage Vibes  
\$18K still available for the year

## Placemaking & Signage



Historical Looking Glass Marker ready for installation

Repurposing old signage for wayfinding and downtown entryway signage



Four Businesses enrolled for the Pitch Deck Competition



Spring Open House served 17 storefronts

## Partnerships



Empowered Riverview Resident Council in partnership with Raise Up (Formerly LMHA) to host a Third Thursday Resource Fair

Connected Paras Family Farm with Resources for the Farmers Market



Strengthening the Urality Program -Downtown Business Inventory for dual benefit

## Collaboration

Juneteenth with Elyria Black Legacy



Supporting Garford Arts Festival for Kerstetter Way Beautification Efforts

## Sustainability

- Securing stronger community support
- Intern placement through Leadership Lorain County May 27th
- Securing more CRA Funds through Banking Partnerships

Thank you for your support

