

Minutes Approved

As circulated November 3, 2025
Jan 5, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday November 3, 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 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, Siwierka, Davis, Schneider, Stewart

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

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of the October 6, 2025 council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor:

Mayor Brubaker announced that within the upcoming week, there are five ribbon cuttings scheduled of new businesses opening in the City of Elyria. Wednesday November 5th at noon at The Shoppes on Broad, at 374 Broad Street, designs by Kathy V. is scheduled. Thursday January 13 at 3:00 p.m. The Pace McGregor Senior Clinic will officially open, with an anticipated crowd of two-hundred people. Saturday November 15th, three of the Shoppes on Broad will have back to back ribbon cutting ceremonies beginning at 11:00 a.m. Kicking off the openings will be Kreations by Kianga, who was the business owner who utilized the business incubator space inside city hall with the hopes of opening a storefront. Next opening will be Find It, Keep It, a thrift Shop and the final opening of the day will be Ali Rose Creations at noon. The total shops total six at the Shoppes on Broad. They are looking to add more.

Mayor Brubaker invited Mr. Vince Peterson, writer/ lobbyist of McCaulley & Company to provide grant updates ads part of the administration semi-annual report.

Vince Peterson- 8671 Bayberry Drive, Warren, OH 44484- Exhibit 'A' attached

SSD:

SSD Pyanowski provided an update that the EMS study has been completed. If there are any questions he would be happy to answer them. Also, the dispatch union negotiations have been completed.

Finance Director: No Report

Law Director Deery: No Report

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

EPD: No Report

Council member Siwierka complimented the new vehicles and inquired about staffing. Chief Welsh accepted the compliment and added the vehicles look more professional. The current staffing is eighty-five officers, three in the police academy, that is the maximum budgeted staffing for 2025. Council member Siwierka suggested some discussion regarding HB 44 in the coming days which will allow cities without a civil service commission to hire officers without the benefit of an exam, which means laterals would increase dramatically. Council member Oswald inquired about e-bikes.

EFD:

Chief Pronesti stated that his comments were in agreement with SSD Pyanowski regarding the EMS Study. He shared the stats of call response from ten years ago. In 2015 EFD responded to 3,580 calls, 5,540 EMS issue across the nation. He believes the volume increase is only going to get worse.

Engineer Schneider: No Report

HR Dir. Yousefi:

Director Yousefi shared that benefit open enrollment began 11/3 and her and the HR staff would be available to assist anyone with help if needed.

WWD Rothgery: No Report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:

** Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of an amendment to Community Reinvestment Area No. 1 (CRA 1).

REFERRED BY: CDM ALMOBAYYED

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. The matter of a request for a conditional use permit at 2101 West River Road North.

REFERRED BY: HILL TIDE VENTURES, LLC

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ PLANNING COMMISSION

3. The matter of a Downtown Historic Redevelopment Grant Program Applicant.

REFERRED BY: CDM ALMOBAYYED

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCE

4. The matter of removal of city property no longer fit for municipal use: Serial # 6301

REFERRED BY: PWS EYE

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

5. The matter of the Finwood Apartment Lease for Brandon Roelle.

REFERRED BY: P&R DIR. REARDON

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6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S: Continued

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

6. The matter of a demo lien referral: 330 West River Rd.

REFERRED BY: BUILDING OFFICIAL FARKAS

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

7. The matter of a demo lien referral: 342 11th Street.

REFERRED BY: BUILDING OFFICIAL FARKAS

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

8. The matter of the ambulance feasibility study.

REFERRED BY: SSD PYANOWSKI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

9. The matter to approve a year renewal of agreement with Utilitec/Doxim.

REFERRED BY: PWS CONNER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

Items 10-12 received and placed on filed in the clerk's office:

10. Damage claim for water in basement: Jessica Stewart

11. Request for re-plat from City of Elyria

12. Request for re-plat of 264 Windsor Place Subdivision

7. PETITIONS- LOBBY:

Sharon Furcron – 2077 Carol Lane, Elyria- Stoplight removal at Oberlin Rd. and West Ave.

8. PETITIONS-COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council member Lipian acknowledged SSD Pyanowski for his work on the Gold Star Memorial Committee.

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett

M. Siwierka

B. Davis

C. Schneider

J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 50

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

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

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10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING: Continued

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

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

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

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

Companion to above Resolution

Sponsored by

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-180

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

Sponsored by

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 181

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-169,
APPROVING A SECOND EXTENSION AND REIMBURSEMENT
INCREASE FOR A DOWNTOWN HISTORIC REDEVELOPMENT
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION, FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT
124 MIDDLE AVENUE, ELYRIA, OHIO.

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

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

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

V. Stewart III

K. Oswald

B. Armstrong

Finance

P. Tollett

M. Siwierka

C. Schneider

J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 182

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE
PROPOSED 2025 COMPENSATION STUDY COMPLETED BY G
ALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES, INC.

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

Callahan recused himself

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett

M. Siwierka

B. Davis

C. Schneider

J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 183

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

Tollett moved, Schneider 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

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

Sponsored by

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 184

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH REAL PROPERTY OWNER JAMIL ELDER FOR THE SHARED STAIRWELL AT 336 AND 340 BROAD STREET, 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
M. Siwierka
B. Davis
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 185

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ELYRIA YOUTH SPORTS CLUB, AN OHIO NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, TO UTILIZE CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 338 BROAD STREET, 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

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

Sponsored by
Utilities

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 186

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HAZEN AND SAWYER FOR DESIGN SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 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:

Sponsored by
Community
Development

D. Mitchell
K. Oswald
A. Lipian

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-

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 ON WEST RIDGE ROAD, ELYRIA, FROM R-MHL RESIDENTIAL-MULTI-HOUSEHOLD LOW DENSITY DISTRICT AND R-MHH RESIDENTIAL-MULTI-HOUSEHOLD HIGH DENSITY TO R-MHH RESIDENTIAL-MULTI-HOUSEHOLD HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT.

Public Hearing Scheduled for 11/17/2025 at 7:00 p.m.

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mon. 11/10/2025 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

JOINT CD/FINANCE

Mon. 11/10/2025 Immediately following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, w/ C. Schneider . w/ P. Tollett, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

FINANCE / UTILITIES

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16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

Mon. 11/10/2025 Immediately following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, w/ D. Mitchell . w/ P. Tollett, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mon. 11/17/2025 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council member Callahan expressed good luck wishes to everyone on the election day. He stated the importance of celebrating freedom and getting out to vote.

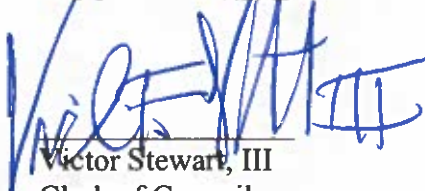
Council member Mitchell shared that as a result of SNAP Benefits being stooped, her church, Second Baptist Church will host a free family dinner every Friday at 427 Chapman Lane, Elyria from 4:30-7:30 p.m. to help families in need,

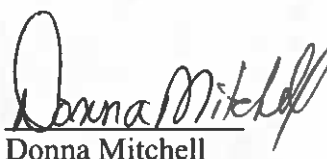
Mayor Brubaker shared that on Saturday 11/8 will be the 4th Annual REVS- Race to end veterans' suicide 22K at the Lorain County Transportation Center.
2025.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED


Victor Stewart, III
Clerk of Council


Donna Mitchell
President of Council

YouTube Link: [https:// https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqkhUkNrXU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqkhUkNrXU)

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2025 and 2024 Awards

- *10 Award Wins*
 - 2024
 - \$ 1,115,870
 - 2025
 - \$615,000
- **Total - \$1,731,556**
- 1. Natureworks**
 - a. \$69,817
 - b. Pocket Park
- 2. Shine a Light on Dumpers Grant**
 - a. \$19,400
 - b. Upgraded fencing and security measures at the Republic Steel Corp Quarry
- 3. Community and Litter Grant**
 - a. \$136,469
 - b. Contract with Barnes Nursery to operate compost facility
- 4. Land and Water Conservation Fund**
 - a. \$325,00
 - b. West Park Inclusive Playground
- 5. 2025 VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM**
 - a. \$65,000
 - b. Neighborhood Impact Unit
- 6. Fiscal Year 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant**
 - a. \$847,503
 - b. Hire additional Fire Fighters
- 7. H2OHIO RIVERS INITIATIVE: CHLORIDE REDUCTION GRANTS**
 - a. \$60,536
 - b. Brine Production Mixer and Storage Tank
- 8. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) PROGRAM**
 - a. \$115,200
 - b. Replacing high-pressure sodium street lights with new LED Luminaires and poles in downtown.
- 9. 2024 VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM**
 - a. \$89,436
 - b. Neighborhood Impact Unit
- 10. WATER BOTTLE REFILLING STATION GRANTS**
 - a. \$3,195
 - b. South Park Picnic Shelter Water Bottle Refilling Station

Since working in Elyria, we have had 51 grant wins for a total of \$8,937,157.

Currently Pending

- **9 Grants**
 - \$2,654,575
- 1. FY25 COPS Hiring Program**
 - a. \$1,061,490
 - b. Hire Additional Officers
- 2. NEA Grants for Arts Projects 1, FY 2026**
 - a. \$11,775
 - b. Cleveland Pops Concert
- 3. FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects**
 - a. \$117,500
 - b. Inclusive Wellness program for officers
- 4. URBAN FORESTRY GRANTS**
 - a. \$75,049
 - b. Scott Hennigan Salary
- 5. Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI)**
 - a. \$150,000
 - b. New Pedestrian and Transportation Study for a Plan
- 6. Fiscal Year 2024 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program**
 - a. \$204,762
 - b. to implement a smoke detector installation program
- 7. NOPEC Foundation Fund**
 - a. \$40,000
 - b. Elyria Art Council's Building HVAC replacement
- 8. OCJS Body-Worn Camera Grant Program**
 - a. \$8,999
 - b. Additional Body worn Camera
- 9. Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG)**
 - a. \$985,000
 - b. New Pumper Truck

Lobbying

Just this year, we have coordinated multiple meetings.

- **May 22** -Senator Moreno's Northeast Regional Director, Max Kovacs, came to Elyria to meet with the Mayor and discuss the city and Earmarks.
- **June 4** - We went to DC and met with Senator Moreno, Senator Husted, and Congressman Latta in their DC offices.
- **June 5** - We attended a White House briefing that provided insight into some of the newer faces in agencies and facilitated networking contacts.
- **August 20**- We had a private meeting with Senator Moreno in Cleveland to discuss earmark projects.
- **September 4**- Senator Husted, Deputy Northeast District Director Duncan, came to Elyria to meet with the Mayor and discuss the city and Earmarks.
- **September 12** Meeting with Rep Manning at Park to Discuss Capital Budget Project

Member Directed Spending

Earmarks

- **FY24**
 - *Southeast Sanitary Sewer Interceptor - \$1,00,000*
- **FY25/ FY26 (Pending)**
 - *Middle Ave Sewer Ext- \$2,00,000*
 - *Police Radio Replacement Project - \$500,000*