

*As Circulated* January 20, 2026  
*Feb 2, 2026* Regular Council Meeting  
Elyria City Council

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 6:59 p.m. by President Mitchell. President Mitchell opened the meeting requesting observance of a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by council member Lipian. President Mitchell requested all cell phones please be turned off or placed on silent position out of respect for the council. President Mitchell provided an update that the planned Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for the evening will be cancelled and held on Monday February 2, 2026

**2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Cerra, Van Wormer, Armstrong, Rothgery, Davis, Tollett, Lipian, Doehne, Schneider, Mitchell

ABSENT: Oswald

Moved by Cerra, seconded by Armstrong to excuse Council member Oswald absence.

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

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Cerra moved, Armstrong seconded to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of the November 17, 2025 and January 5, 2026 council meetings.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**Mayor:**

Mayor Brubaker expressed his appreciation to Regan Phillips and members of the Elyria Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission for an outstanding program that was held on Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Elyria Performing Arts Center. Mayor Brubaker especially expressed appreciation to all of the community members, leaders and organizations that braved the snowstorm that began as the group left Elyria City Hall to march to the Elyria High School PAC. Kudos to Regan and the Holiday Commission Team, the program was awesome and very well attended. The celebration of Dr. King was appreciated.

**SSD:**

Safety Service Director Pyanowski provided an update on road salt usage and availability. The city contracted for 9,000 tons for the year. The amount that is in the salt shed totaled 7,000 tons. The recent order, under contract totaled 5,400 tons. SSD Pyanowski shared that he is sure that if additional salt is needed they would have the access to buy it under contract. A fair amount of salt has been used so far this season.

**Finance Director: No Report**

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

**Law Director Deery:**

Law Director Deery provided an update of the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas, a hearing has been set for the second half of March from the receiver on the former Days Inn. A motion to get court approval on the purchase agreement that the receiver has entered into with the Lorain County Port Authority. The property owner objected to the agreement. Law director Deery shared she believes this is good news and there should be movement on the case once the hearing is held. Law Director Deery provided an update from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control Commission regarding a hearing on the city's objection regarding Xanmar LLC, informally known as The Bistro on Taylor Street. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup> virtually, no travel would be required of the Law Office staff. Once the results are confirmed information will be shared with all council members.

Council member Lipian expressed his appreciation to the Law Office for their assistance in helping him compile a statement received from complainants throughout the years about the Xanmar property. Law director Deery added that Attorney Margaret O'Brien will be the handling the argument at the hearing. Attorney O'Brien has had nothing but good things to say about all of the city departments, as well as the county health department that have been extremely helpful, and will be a part of the hearing as well.

**EPD: No Report**

**EFD: No Report**

**Engineer Schneider: No Report**

**Supt. Stewart: No Report**

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

*\* Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of Amendments to Community Reinvestment Area No. 2 (CRA 2), No. 3 (CRA 3), No. 4 (CRA 4), No. 5 (CRA 5), No. 6 (CRA 6) in accordance with provisions of Ohio Revised Code, as amended by Senate Bill 33.

**REFERRED BY:** CD Manager Almabayyed

**REFERRED TO:** Joint Community Development / Finance

2. The matter of the Transfer of Real Property located on Lorain Blvd. from the City of Elyria to the Elyria Community Improvement Corporation for subsequent sale and development.

**REFERRED BY:** Admin Legal Counsel Mark F. Craig

**REFERRED TO:** Joint Community Development / Finance

3. The matter of a Demolition Lien to be placed on the property of 413 Marseilles Ave., Elyria.

**REFERRED BY:** Chief Building Official Farkas

**REFERRED TO:** Finance

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

4. The matter of (6) Police Dept. vehicles that are no longer fit for municipal use and to be disposed of by placing for sale on govdeals.

**REFERRED BY:** Police Capt. Palmer

**REFERRED TO:** Finance

5. The matter of Amendment No. 5 to the professional services agreement with CTI Engineers, Inc. for construction inspection services for The Water Reclamation Facility.

**REFERRED BY:** Engineer Schneider

**REFERRED TO:** Finance

6. The matter of entering into a contract for Legal Services with Bricker, Graydon, Wyatt for the year 2026, (service to be provided by City Labor Counsel Susan Anderson).

**REFERRED BY:** Safety Service Dir Pyanowski

**REFERRED TO:** Finance

**Items 7 - 9 received and placed on file in the clerk's office:**

7. Memo from CD Dir Scott regarding Elyria Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) Meeting.

8. November and December 2025 Cash Balance Reports.

9. November and December 2025 Income Tax Reports.

**7. PETITIONS- LOBBY:**

Judith Padua- Lorain county Children Services – 226 Middle Ave. Ste. 300, Elyria, 44039:  
Foster Care information

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

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

**10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1**

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THREE (3) ELYRIA COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, EACH FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

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**10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING: Continued**

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2**

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

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3**

A RESOLUTION FINDING 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**

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

*Companion to above Resolution*

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2**

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

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

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

<b>SUSPENSION</b>	<b>PASSAGE</b>
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

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

C. Schneider  
A. Lipian  
E. Doehne  
D. Mitchell  
G. Rothgery

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-3**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A  
SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM SOUTH ABBE ROAD  
PLAZA, LLC, AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

<b>SUSPENSION</b>	<b>PASSAGE</b>	<b>EMERGENCY</b>
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

**Sponsored by**  
**Finance**

P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-4**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-214,  
KNOWN AS THE "2026 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE".

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

<b>SUSPENSION</b>	<b>PASSAGE</b>
AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

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**Sponsored by**

**Utilities**

D. Mitchell  
K. Oswald  
B. Davis  
G. Rothgery  
B. Armstrong

**Finance**

P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-5**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR  
CHEMICALS FOR THE WASTEWATER POLLUTION CONTROL  
(WWPC) PLANT/ WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY FOR  
CHEMICALS FOR THE YEARS 2026/2027, AND DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY.

Davis 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**

**Utilities**

D. Mitchell  
K. Oswald  
B. Davis  
G. Rothgery  
B. Armstrong

**Finance**

P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR  
CHEMICALS FOR THE WATER PUMPING PLANT FOR THE  
YEARS 2026/ 2027 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Davis 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

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**Sponsored by**  
**Finance**  
P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-7**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION, 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: 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  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-8**

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 ACTIVATED SLUDGE AERATION TANK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Lipian abstained from the vote

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

**Sponsored by**  
**Finance**  
P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH CROSSROADS ASPHALT RECYCLING, INC. FOR THE 2025 OPWC LEONA STREET RESURFACING PROJECT, 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: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0

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ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

**Sponsored by**  
**Finance**  
P. Tollett  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 165.33(a) OF THE ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADD THE POSITION OF PROJECT MANAGER TO WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY, FORMERLY WASTEWATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT AND ASSIGN A PAYGRADE FOR SAME; 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: 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  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-195, TO ADDRESS THE WAGES FOR CERTAIN NEWLY CREATED JOB POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 165 OF THE ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, 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: 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  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RURAL LORAIN COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES WATER SERVICES IN THE CHESTNUT COMMONS COMMERCE PARK AREA, TO REFLECT DEFERRED RATE AND TAP FEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, 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
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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  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE  
SECTION 137.01, PERSONNEL; BONDS, IN PERTINENT PART,  
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: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

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

**16. COMMITTEE CALLS:**

**CD/FINANCE**

Mon. 1/26/2026 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider, Chr., P. Tollett, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**FINANCE**

Mon. 1/26/2026 Immediately following CD. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ P. Tollett w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Mon. 2/2/2026 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 Lipian asked if he could address questions of a resident that was unsure of the request to address council process. His questions were regarding Days Inn and the old Friendly's property. Law Director Deery provided the information that was provided at the beginning of the meeting regarding the former Days Inn. The resident unfamiliar with the council meeting process, did not agree with the report being provided. Council President Mitchell declared a point of order and requested a sidebar discussion be held to respond to the resident's concerns.

Minutes Approved

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**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

Davis moved, Schneider seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED

  
Victor Stewart, III  
Clerk of Council

  
Donna Mitchell  
President of Council

YouTube Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_t9c4FSpFOY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_t9c4FSpFOY)

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