

*As circulated*  
*March 14, 2026* February 2, 2026  
Regular Council Meeting  
Elyria City Council

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday February 2, 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 Doehne. President Mitchell requested all cell phones please be turned off or placed on silent position out of respect for the council.

**2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, SSD Pyanowski, Assistant Fin. Dir. Farrell, Law Director Deery, Police Chief Welsh, Asst. Fire Chief Vargo, Building Official Farkas, Engineer McKillips

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Cerra moved, Armstrong seconded to approve the meeting minutes of the November 17, 2025 Strategic Planning meeting and January 20, 2026 council meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**Mayor:**

Mayor Brubaker provided an update that through McCaulley & Associates he was able to secure a zoom call appointment with Norfolk Southern and D.C. lobbyists regarding the five city bridges. The main point of discussion was the East bridge with it being the entry point into downtown as well as our squads, and the direction of fire apparatus. Mayor Brubaker shared that he left the meeting with an understanding that Norfolk Southern does have plans to rehabilitate the five bridges in the downtown area. A follow up meeting is planned the week of February 9<sup>th</sup> to meet with the next level manager for more information. Mayor Brubaker shared that grant dollars are available for painting and repair of the bridges and repair of the underpass concrete. Once final details are provided, Mayor Brubaker will share with council members. Mayor Brubaker introduced Lorain County Community College students in attendance of the meeting. The students are in a state and local government class at LCCC. He welcomed Gabby and Scott Lateki to the meeting and thanked council clerk Admin. Phillips for providing minutes for the students to review prior to their attendance of the meeting.

**SSD:**

SSD Pyanowski provided an update on road salt. Deliveries have been frequent and currently they have about 1,600 tons of salt in inventory. The street department supervisor will order the remaining balance of the salt contract. Salt will continue to be applied conservatively to get through the remainder of the winter. SSD Pyanowski provided an update that on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, five two men crews will tour the entire city after the street lights turn on using the

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sanitation routes to identify any street lights that are out to compile a master spreadsheet to provide to First Energy.

Council member Armstrong gave a “shout out” to Director Reardon and the Parks and Recreation department regarding the work within the warming shelters with the ten individuals in need of shelter to include a six-month old baby.

Council member Schneider expressed his appreciation regarding the sanitation delay. He said he thought it was a well thought decision and he didn’t hear any resident complaints.

Council member Oswald asked if snow plow drivers could call into someone when a resident vehicle is in violation of the snow ban. SSD Pyanowski explained that he believes part of the concern with the snow ban is that it does not apply to every street in the city. Discussion around what the snow ban does apply to would be helpful and is under review. SSD Pyanowski agreed it would be a fine idea to have the drivers call into to dispatch for vehicles in violation of the snow ban. He shared the snow ban was enforced during the last snow event and a total of twelve cars were towed. He anticipates an increase in response and results to the ban with resident’s knowledge of enforcement.

**Assistant Finance Director: No Report**

**Law Director Deery:**

Law Director Deery provided an update regarding the Ohio Liquor Control Commission. The hearing convened regarding the Bistro on Taylor Street’s liquor license on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The ownership is held under the name Xanmar LLC. A request by the ownership for a continuance was made the morning of the hearing. Although the law office opposed the request, it was granted and rescheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Law Director Deery will keep council updated. Council member Lipian stated he would be out of town on the rescheduled day of the hearing, but if a virtual option existed, he could attend virtually. Law Director Deery responded that she would let Attorney O’Brien know as she will be in touch with the commission and have confirmation of the arrangements.

**EPD: No Report**

Council member Armstrong shared that the two-hour rotation at the warming centers was a great rotation. He gave a shout out to Officer Helming for transporting an infant baby and the parent to Greyhound Station.

**EFD: No Report**

**BO Farkas:**

Building Official Farkas provided a construction status update to council. Since 2024, there have been 194 new residential homes, 38 commercial single-family style homes. In 2025 the house number decreased to 129 and 16 commercial style homes. This year for the month of January, there have been 21 single family residential homes submitted as well as a forplex. Staffing changes have occurred, there was an internal promotion from a housing inspector to a residential

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position as well as a property maintenance division new hire. All new hires are working out well within the department. The building department is in the process of hiring a potential third property maintenance inspector.

**Engineer Schneider: No Report**

**6. PRESIDENT’S REFERRAL’S:**

*\* Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of Downtown Facade Improvement Program Applicant-605 Cleveland Street, Hubert Oliver.

**REFERRED BY: CDM ALMOBAYYED**

**REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

2. The matter of accepting the 2026 NOPEC Energized Community Grant.

**REFERRED BY: MAYOR BRUBAKER**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

3. The matter of an EMS Study Committee for discussion with possible action.

**REFERRED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER ARMSTRONG- WARD 5**

**REFERRED TO: UTILITIES**

**Item 4 received and placed on file in the clerk’s office:**

4. List of receipts collected by each division of the Clerk of Court’s office for December 2025.

**7. PETITIONS- LOBBY: None**

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

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

**10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTION OF DEMOLITION-RELATED COSTS FOR 413 MARSEILLES AVENUE, ELYRIA, OHIO, 44035 AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID COSTS TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR.

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

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**10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING: Continued**

ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

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- J. Cerra

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5**

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

Tollett moved, Cerra seconded to pass this resolution 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**

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- B. Davis
- M. Van Wormer
- J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14**

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

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Development

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E. Doehne  
D. Mitchell  
G. Rothgery

Finance

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J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-15**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 2, (CRA 2), IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL 33, EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2023, TO REPEAL ANY TERMS CONTRARY TO THOSE SET FORTH IN SENATE BILL 33, 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: 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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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 3, (CRA 3), IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL 33, EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2023, TO REPEAL ANY TERMS CONTRARY TO THOSE SET FORTH IN SENATE BILL 33, 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: 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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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-17**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 4, (CRA 4), IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL 33, EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2023, TO REPEAL ANY TERMS CONTRARY TO THOSE SET FORTH IN SENATE BILL 33, 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: 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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J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-18**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 5, (CRA 5), IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL 33, EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2023, TO REPEAL ANY TERMS CONTRARY TO THOSE SET FORTH IN SENATE BILL 33, 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: 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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- J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-19**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 6, (CRA 6), IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL 33, EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2023, TO REPEAL ANY TERMS CONTRARY TO THOSE SET FORTH IN SENATE BILL 33, 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: 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
- B. Davis
- M. Van Wormer
- J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN VACANT LAND (REAL PROPERTY) FROM THE CITY OF ELYRIA TO THE ELYRIA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION.

Community  
Development

- C. Schneider
- D. Mitchell
- E. Doehne
- G. Rothgery

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

Council member Oswald asked for confirmation of the property, if it was the old Mountain Jack restaurant property. It was confirmed, yes. Council member Oswald inquired on the process of the parcels being transferred to the corporation. Law Director Deery explained there are some adjacent properties that are already in ownership with the Elyria CIC, for marketable reasons, this last parcel is being added.

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

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J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-21**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CTI ENGINEERS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASTE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (WWPC), PROJECTS, 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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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**

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B. Davis  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-22**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRICKER GRAYDON WYATT LLP, FOR LEGAL SERVICES (LABOR MATTERS), 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**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-23**

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

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

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

**16. COMMITTEE CALLS:**

**UTILITIES**

Wed. 2/4/2026 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ D. Mitchell, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mon. 2/9/2026 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**FINANCE**

Mon. 2/9/2026 Immediately following CD. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ P. Tollett w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

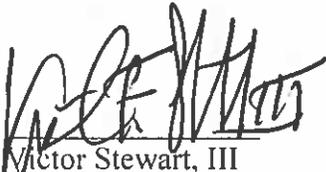
Tues. 2/17/2026 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer

**17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

Davis moved, Armstrong seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Victor Stewart, III  
Clerk of Council



Donna Mitchell  
President of Council

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptDub1dqplw>

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