

Minutes Approved

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April 20, 2026

April 6, 2026
Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday April 6, 2026 at 7:01 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, VanWormer, Armstrong, Rothgery, Davis, Oswald, Tollett, Lipian, Doehne, Schneider, Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, Fin. Dir. Pileski, Attorney Michelle Nedwick, Police Chief Welsh, Building Official Farkas, Engineer Schneider, Fire Chief Vargo

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Cerra moved, Davis seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 16, 2026 council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor:

Mayor Brubaker provided an update on meetings he has had with Senator Moreno, Senator Husted and Congressman Latta regarding the condition of all seven of the Elyria bridges. Mayor Brubaker shared he was successful in providing a full review of the aesthetics of the bridges and the overall debilitating condition of the bridges. In follow-up conversation with McCaulley and Associates as well as Norfolk Southern resulted in favorable results with plans for early 2027 to remove and rebuild the East bridge railroad trestle with an estimated cost of millions of dollars. In addition, a meeting is scheduled for May 6th for a full tour and review of the other six bridges for future planning of assessment and repairs.

Council member Schneider inquired if the city would be responsible for signage at the completion of the rebuild. Mayor Brubaker shared the plans are in the draft stage currently. Council member Oswald asked if an update regarding the Amtrak station could be provided. Mayor Brubaker shared the county is working in collaboration with Amtrak and Norfolk Southern to open the Transportation Center with a goal by 2028.

Law Director: Attorney Nedwick stated No Report

Council member Lipian expressed his appreciation to the Law Department for the work they did regarding the Bistro o Taylor Street.

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

Finance Director:

Finance Director Pileski shared that everything has been posted for the month of March, the first quarter of the year cash in the general fund is down by 1.64 million dollars. Finance Director Pileski stated the reimbursement has not been received from the F.B.I., invoices are pending authorization totaling, \$942,000.

EPD:

Police Chief Welsh provided an update on three events that will take place in the month of April. In observance of Autism Awareness Month, EPD will host Connect with Elyria Police on Saturday April 18th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the West Recreation Center located at 1200 Foster Ave. This event is a sensory friendly event for neuro-diverse individuals to meet and interact with police officers. The Elyria Police Department is the first and only law enforcement agency to institute an Autism response Program, a voluntary program that allows family members with members of their family that have autism spectrum disorder or are neurodivergent to provide information to the police department that will allow them to respond to incidents more effectively. The goal of the event is for families to meet police officers in a sensory friendly environment, build trust, improve communication and end ensure that all members of the community feel understood and supported. The second event is in partnership with the Parks and recreation department and the Lorain County Children and Families First Council. It will be held at the North Park Ice Arena, located at 901 Duffey Street on Saturday April 25th from 11:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Both safety forces will be in attendance. EPD will discuss bike safety, EFD will discuss child seat safety. The event is a family fun day with bounce houses, craft games, wellness demos, resources and giveaways. The last event will be held on Saturday April 25th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m. at the Elyria Police Department lobby for National Drug Take Back Day to take any type of old prescription medication.

EFD: No Report

Engineer Schneider: No Report

President Mitchell inquired on when the residential resurfacing work would begin. Engineer Schneider stated they are still in the design phase about half way through to completion. He would estimate three to six weeks out to bid. President Mitchell further inquired about Murray Ridge. Engineer Schneider responded he believed it would be going before council. Plans are still being worked out with ODOT.

Council member Armstrong inquired about the pocket park. Engineer Schneider explained it is scheduled to go out for bid within the next two weeks. He further inquired about the crosswalk from State Street to the stadium. Engineer Schneider shared he believed signs were in, he will confirm and follow up.

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

Council member Oswald inquired about the FBI building. Engineer Schneider shared the first building has structural steel up.

Council member Lipian inquired about an update on the Safe Routes to School project. Engineer Schneider shared he believes the project is scheduled for bid over the next two weeks.

Council member Davis inquired if street scanning was still being conducted. Engineer Schneider shared the vehicles Council member Davis may be seeing in her ward could be goggle earth vehicles.

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:

** Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of a Downtown Facade and Historic Rehabilitation Grant to Elyria Freight House LLC for the property located at 412 East River.

REFERRED BY: ASSD CALVERT

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/FINANCE

2. The matter of disposal of city property unfit for municipal use.

REFERRED BY: POLICE CAPTAIN PALMER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

3. The matter of request to purchase two 2026 F-150s and eight 2025 Ford Explorers.

REFERRED BY: POLICE CAPTAIN PALMER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

4. The matter of the proposed CRA 1 amendment to the appropriate Council Committee for review.

REFERRED BY: CD DIRECTOR SCOTT

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

5. The matter of maturing/issuance of bond anticipation notes.

REFERRED BY: FINANCE DIRECTOR PILESKI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

6. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into an LPA agreement with ODOT for complete improvements on the E. Broad St. Bridge.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/UTILITIES

7. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into an LPA Agreement for the reconstruction of Second St.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

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6. PRESIDENT’S REFERRAL’S: Continued

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/UTILITIES

8. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into an LPA Agreement with ODOT for constructing pedestrian improvements along Burns Rd. And Abbe Rd.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/UTILITIES

9. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into an LPA Agreement with ODOT for the reconstruction of Murray Ridge Rd.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/UTILITIES

10. The matter of amending Ordinance 2025-068.

REFERRED BY: SSD PYANOWSKI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/UTILITIES

11. The matter of request to review noise ordinance to disallow wind chimes.

REFERRED BY: PAMELA DIAZ

REFERRED TO: UTILITIES

Items 12-13 received and placed on file in the clerk’s office:

12. February 2026 General Fund Cash Balance Report

13. Income Tax Collections Received in February 2026

14. The matter of a Type II Expedited Annexation to annex 65.2559 acres of property Parcel Nos. 05-00-071-000-073 & 05-00-090-000-024 from Amherst Township to the City of Elyria, Ohio

REFERRED BY: JON D. CLARK

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

7. PETITIONS- LOBBY: None

8. PETITIONS-COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

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10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

Sponsored by
Community
Development

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

Finance

- C. Schneider
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE ELYRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Schneider moved, Tollett 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

Sponsored by
Finance

- C. Schneider
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

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

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution 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

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

Companion to above Resolution

Sponsored by
Finance
P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-40
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
C. Schneider
B. Davis
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-41
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR
THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT – HIGH SERVICE PUMP
STATION EARLY PROCUREMENT, 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	EMERGENCY	PASSAGE
<u>13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued</u>		
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
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-42
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR
THE ROAD DIET ON OBERLIN ROAD FROM MIDDLE
AVENUE TO THE CITY CORPORATION LIMITS.

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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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

<p><u>Sponsored by</u> <u>Finance</u> P. Tollett C. Schneider B. Davis J. Cerra</p>	<p><u>ORDINANCE NO. 2026-43</u> AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF ELYRIA.</p>
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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

<p><u>Sponsored by</u> <u>Finance</u> P. Tollett C. Schneider B. Davis J. Cerra</p>	<p><u>ORDINANCE NO. 2026-44</u> AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 165.33(a) OF THE ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADD THE POSITION OF ENGINEER-IN-TRAINING TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, AND ASSIGN A PAYGRADE FOR SAME; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.</p>
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Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules.

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

<p><u>Sponsored by</u> <u>Finance</u> P. Tollett C. Schneider B. Davis J. Cerra</p>	<p><u>ORDINANCE NO. 2026-45</u> AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 165.33(a) OF THE ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE POSITION OF OPERATONS ANALYST TO THE ENGINEER DEPARTMENT, AND ASSIGN A PAYGRADE FOR SAME; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.</p>
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Tollett moved, Davis 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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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

Sponsored by

Utilities

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

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-46

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD, OHIO.

Davis moved, Armstrong seconded to pass this ordinance 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
C. Schneider
B. Davis
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-47

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2026-34, KNOWN AS THE "2026 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE," TO CHANGE FUNDS IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

Tollett moved, Cerra seconded to pass this ordinance under suspension of rules.

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

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READING: None

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

UTILITIES

Wed.4/8/2026 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. 4/13/2026 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider, Chr., Mayor, Law Dir. Fin. Dir., SSD, Engr.

JOINT CD/FINANCE

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MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

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JOINT CD/FINANCE

Mon. 4/13/2026 Immediately following Community Development. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider, Chr., w/ P. Tollett, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

FINANCE

Mon. 4/13/2026 Immediately following Joint CD/ Finance. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ P. Tollett, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mon. 4/20/2026 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 thanked everyone that attended Council member Armstrong's 11th annual Easter Egg Hunt that was held on Saturday, April 4th at South Recreation Center from 12:30 until 2:30p.m. He shared there were over two hundred children in attendance,

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Davis moved, Schneider seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:01 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

Victor Stewart, III
Clerk of Council

Donna Mitchell
President of Council

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfUSV01GFxoRlp/>

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16. COMMITTEE CALLS: Continued

Mon. 4/13/2026 Immediately following Community Development. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider, Chr., w/ P. Tollett, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

FINANCE

Mon. 4/13/2026 Immediately following Joint CD/ Finance. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ P. Tollett, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

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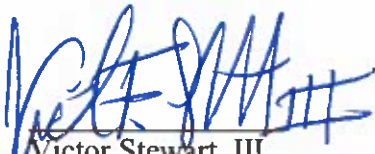
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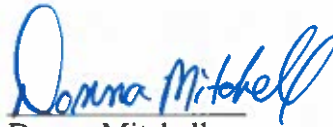
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Rlp/

CONNECT WITH ELYRIA POLICE



APRIL 18

2:00PM-4:00PM

WEST RECREATION CENTER

1200 FOSTER AVE, ELYRIA, OH 44035

*A SENSORY FRIENDLY EVENT FOR NEURO-DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS
TO MEET AND INTERACT WITH POLICE OFFICERS*

A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR OFFICERS AND CITIZENS

- MEET OFFICERS
- FAMILY RESOURCES
- ASK QUESTIONS

**Learn more about the Autism Alert
Response Program:**



The EPD Autism Alert Response Program helps officers:

- Identify and understand the unique needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
- Access critical information quickly during encounters.
- Respond more effectively during missing persons incidents.
- Improve communication, safety, and support for individuals with ASD.



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WHEN FAMILIES ARE STRONG, CHILDREN SHINE

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY!

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NORTH PARK ICE ARENA
901 DUFFEY ST.
ELYRIA, OH 44035

HOURS
11A-2P

APRIL 25, 2026

PRESENTED BY:



Department of
Children & Youth
Ohio Children's Trust Fund

