

Minutes Approved

*As circulated* March 16, 2026  
*April 4, 2026* Regular Council Meeting  
Elyria City Council

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday March 16, 2026 at 7:00 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 Cerra. 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, SSD Pyanowski, Fin. Dir. Pileski, Law Director Deery, Police Chief Welsh, Building Official Farkas, Engineer Schneider, Fire Chief Vargo, City Planner Schoenig

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m. for Public Hearing.  
Clerk Stewart read the call to public hearing:

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.** to consider the following:

An Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions of Elyria Codified Ordinance, Part Eleven, Planning and Zoning Code, to be Effective May 1, 2026.  
This Proposed Zoning Code will result in the Rezoning of all Parcels within the City of Elyria.

*President Mitchell asked if there were any proponents*

CP Chris Schoenig provided an update on what has been addressed in the update as well as when the process began with City of Elyria comprehensive plan in 2022. The City of Elyria contracted with MS Consultants for the adoption of a comprehensive plan and with a subconsultant zone co to assist with drafting the proposed zoning code. The comprehensive plan component included various public engagement opportunities, including a kickoff meeting and tour, open house, four steering committee meetings with representatives of a cross-section of community members, an online survey, four walking tours, and participation at various community events, including the MLK Day presentation and Third Thursdays in the summer of 2023. The public engagement opportunities did not solely cover the comprehensive plan, but also included the opportunity for residents to help steer the proposed zoning code as it was being drafted. CP Schoenig continued to share the comprehensive plan was adopted by city council in 2024, the city offered additional public meeting opportunities. In November 2024, February 2025 and May 2025. Notices for the round of public meetings were advertised in utility bills sent to all residents, social media posts and videos, the Chronicle Telegram, flyers at local businesses and churches, and the community calendar on the City of Elyria website. While the proposed zoning code does deviate from the current zoning code, it aligns with the goals of the comprehensive plan, provides further

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**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Continued**

flexibility and use to alleviate hardships felt by homeowners and businesses in the community, and strives to balance economic development with retaining the character of the community. The proposed zoning code modernizes our existing approach to zoning, societal trends are ever changing and the goal is for this document to be a living document that is continually amended as it is standard practice in peer communities. Providing provisions will be standard practice moving forward as times change and adapting to trends is necessary to make genuine lasting progress. The last significant zoning code update to the City of Elyria's zoning code was completed in 1998, several concerns had not been addressed in recent years. Within the proposed zoning code, language has been included to address breweries, vape stores, daycares, short-term rentals, accessory dwelling units, chickens, front yards on corner lots and parking minimums. City staff believes they have proposed a logical compromise that addresses various opinions throughout the community. The zoning code aligns with community feedback and provides much needed updates to the aging zoning code, implements uses that are currently unaddressed, and promotes housing diversity to address concerns of affordability within the community. CP Schoenig shared that his belief that the proposed zoning had been thoroughly discussed. He would defer to addressing any comments and concerns provided by the public or council members.

*President Mitchell asked if there were any other proponents*

*There were none*

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*There were none*

*President Mitchell asked if there were any opponents*

**Kevin Kirschner, 339 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Elyria** - Mr. Kirschner explained he is a lifelong resident of Elyria. He has been attending the zoning meetings since they began. He expressed that the community recommendations went in "one ear, and of of the other". The city did not take the community's residents recommendations. He expressed the Downtown Historic District does not want businesses next to residential homes. They would like to be R1, residential neighborhood, similar to Washington Avenue.

*President Mitchell asked if there were any other opponents*

**Matt Schwab, 503 West Avenue, Elyria** - Mr. Schwab expressed he is against the zoning of West by the River District becoming a downtown residential zoning. He stated that at every public meeting that was held, a representative of West by the River was in attendance, and never requested a zoning change. He stated the historic district does not need modernized codes, they need their codes to remain the same, residential. Mr. Schwab suggested a discussion be had with the historic district when downtown is bursting at the seams with business. He stated under the current zoning, the West by the River District has seen improvements not seen in any other neighborhood within the city.

*President Mitchell asked if there were any other opponents*

**Jennifer Bulick, 418 West Avenue, Elyria** - Mrs. Bulick stated that she stands behind everything that her neighbors stated. They purchased their house in the historic district because they wanted to help preserve it, save it and restore it back to the way it was originally. Mrs.

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Bulick stated the residents of the historic district would like to be left alone and do what they want to do in the historic district.

*President Mitchell asked if there were any other opponents*

**Tom Aiden, 307 West Avenue, Elyria** – Mr. Aiden stated that he has been a resident of the City of Elyria for fifty years. He shared when he moved to his neighborhood, it was zoned MR3 at that time. He shared that he would be in communication with past building employees. Every property in the historic district was non-conforming, one acre was required for re-development, two acres was required for new development. Mr. Aiden shared that he attended many of the meetings and well as his attendance on Planning Commission. He thanked Mayor Brubaker for many of the changes that have taken place.

**Brad Pole, 281-285 South Logan Street**- Mr. Pole stated that he hated to hear residents say they had not been heard as he feels the same way. He expressed his appreciation of the idea of looking at the zoning code and doing something to make the City of Elyria better. He questioned if the zoning code would be enforced. Mr. Pole stated that he has approached the administration with traffic issues at the corner of South Logan and Cleveland Street. Mr. Pole stated that he raised concern about a scrapyard near his property to his ward council member a while back and it remains a concern. Mr. Pole stated he has been a resident for over thirty years and wishes that if the zoning would be put forward that it would be enforced.

**Kim Lanford, 280 S. Logan, Elyria, Lang Optical**- Ms. Langford shared that her business has operated at its current location since 1979. She is a second-generation owner. She has operated the business for over thirty years after purchasing it from her parents. Ms. Langford expressed concern about a property at 275 South Logan Street located across the street from her business. She stated the business is not used in the manner that aligns with the R2 zoning district that it is located in or the proposed zoning code that would be voted on. Ms. Lang stated the proposed zoning code does not say that trash, scrapyard, abandoned vehicles, or boats are allowed in that R2 district, however that is what her patients see when they patronize her business. The business is a scrapyard with no running water, however people live there, there is electricity. Ms. Langford, describes animals and cats on the property. Her request is to clean up this area before a vote is made on new zoning. She stated the current zoning is not working for that location. Ms. Langford shared that she is aware of the process of the city Prosecutors office process for zoning code, sanitation and health violations. She made contact with the building department and was informed this property is currently going through the court process.

Clerk Stewart shared a letter that was submitted to Council member Schneider on behalf of Carol and Tony Gallardo, Annitta and Kevin Shepherd.  
Exhibit 'A' – attached

**President Mitchell declared this public hearing had been held.**

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**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Continued**

**Sponsored by**  
**Strategic Planning**

D. Mitchell  
B. Davis  
G. Rothgery  
B. Armstrong  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra  
C. Schneider  
E. Doehne  
K. Oswald  
A. Lipian  
P. Tollett

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-32**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE, PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, TO BE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026.

Davis, moved Tollett seconded to pass this ordinance on its third reading.

**PASSAGE**

AYE: 10  
NAY: 1 Lipian  
ABSENT: 0  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Cerra moved, Schneider seconded to approve the meeting minutes of February 2, 2026 council meeting February 2, 2026 Strategic Planning meeting, February 17, 2026 council meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**Mayor:**

Mayor Brubaker reminded council members that Tuesday March 17 his state of the city address would be held at Lorain County Community College. He expressed his appreciation to all those who would be able to attend.

**SSD:**

SSD Pyanowski shared the Hometown Heroes Banners Program started Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>. An announcement of the program was in the Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Chronicle Telegram. The banners will be up for three years and the cost is \$35, it is supplemented by the Elyria Council of Veterans. SSD Pyanowski expressed his appreciation to the Elyria Council of Veterans for their help with the cost to residents. The application is available on the city of Elyria website: <https://www.cityofelyria.org/>

Council member Armstrong inquired about an update to 1415 Middle Ave. SSD Pyanowski shared the Lorain County Landbank will demolish the property for the City of Elyria. The asbestos assessment has been completed. A walk through with interested bidders was recently completed.

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

Council member Oswald inquired about a house on Cedar Street that was demolished and asked if delinquent utility payments were recovered. SSD Pyanowski responded, yes, a certificate of judgment is granted and once received it creates a lien against any property owned in Lorain County. Properties identified have been foreclosed upon. He shared that a lien on Texas properties would be placed as well. Council member Lipian inquired about a dumpster site. SSD Pyanowski clarified the 275 South Logan site currently has a pending case in municipal court for a building violation.

**Law Director Deery:**

Law Director Deery provided additional information regarding confirmation the judgement has been filed in Texas against property owner Mr. Colossa of the vacant lot on Cedar Street., in hopes of recouping monies. Law Director Deery provided an update on the Days Inn property regarding a telephone conference, another call will be scheduled later in the month. There has not been an update regarding The Bistro on Taylor Street.

**Finance Director: No Report**

Council member Van Vormer expressed his appreciation to Finance Director Pileski for being available to answer questions regarding the budget as they prepare to vote on the budget. Council member Lipian expressed his appreciation as well for his time. Councilmember Lipian inquired about how many cities across Ohio have 100% reciprocity. Finance Director Pileski shared Elyria is one city and that he would inquire with the folks at RITA to find out how many cities throughout the state

**EPD: No Report**

Council member Van Wormer expressed his appreciation for the celebration of life for Sgt. Kerstetter.

**EFD:**

Fire Chief Vargo expressed his appreciation to EPD, building department, LifeCare, Lorain County dispatch and everyone that came in during the storm on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>. The collaboration helped to mitigate seventy-five calls for service, while minimizing delays to other calls for service. Chief Vargo invited the administration, council members and residents to a police versus fire blood drive that will take place on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from eight a.m. to noon at the Elyria Police Department, 18 West Ave. and Elyria Fire Station 1, 40 Cedar Street.

**BO Farkas:**

Building Official Farkas provided an update on the demolition pending budget approvals. 185 Roosevelt is slated for demolition, and 204 Lake Avenue, 360 South Maple, as previously mentioned 1415 Middle was taken over by the landbank. An additional half dozen homes are on the list for investigation for potential demolition. 311 Branson was on the list, however was re-sold and rehabbed, the property has been saved. BO Farkas shared the Wright Traffic Control is

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

relocating, the complaints regarding the business should resolve itself. Construction is moving forward full steam.

Council member Davis stated the house on Parmely Ave. that encountered a fire, has a lot of movement, however it doesn't appear to be productive. BO Farkas responded the house has been condemned, they are pursuing the case.

**Engineer Schneider: No Report**

Council member Oswald inquired about street directional paint in the Hillard area due to concerns for lane turns. Engineer Schneider explained pavement markings are handled by the street department, new signage has been put in place, they will into further options to address safety concerns.

Council member Schneider inquired about the Ford Road/ West River Rd. repairs update. Engineer Schneider responded he had a meeting with the geotechnical engineer and SSD Pyanowski and they are prepared to move forward with some further investigation on the road itself to determine what we can and cannot do.

Council member Lipian inquired on an update on the safe routes to schools grant and if a response has been received from the feds? Engineer Schneider responded a request for additional documentation was recently requested in order to get authorization to go out for bid.

**CP Schoenig: No Report**

President Mitchell expressed her appreciation for all the hard work placed in updating the zoning code ordinance.

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

*\* Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of review and approval of recommendations from the Elyria economic Development Committee.

**REFERRED BY: CD MANAGER ALMOBAYYED**

**REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/FINANCE**

2. The matter of disposal of city property unfit for municipal use: IBM # 1209.

**REFERRED BY: PW SUPERVISOR EYE**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

3. The matter of creation of a new position: Engineer-in-Training (EIT).

**REFERRED BY: HR DIRECTOR YOUSEFI**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

4. The matter of a paygrade request for Operations Analyst/GIS Position.

**REFERRED BY: HR DIRECTOR YOUSEFI**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

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

5. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bid and enter into a contract for the 2026 Street Sweeping Program.

**REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

6. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the Elyria Water Treatment Plant- High Service Pump Station early Procurement.

**REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

7. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise and award a contract for completing a road diet on Oberlin Rd. From Middle Ave. to corporation limits.

**REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE**

8. The matter of entering into a contract for the Sale of Water to Sheffield Village.

**REFERRED BY: SSD PYANOWSKI**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE/UTILITIES**

9. The matter of determining the necessity for certain improvements within the Spring Valley neighborhood,

**REFERRED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER OSWALD - WARD 4**

**REFERRED TO: FINANCE/UTILITIES**

**Items 10 received and placed on file in the clerk's office:**

10. List of receipts collected by each division of the Clerk of Court's office for February 2026.

**7. PETITIONS- LOBBY:**

Cynthya Aguilar Wetherbee 136 Eastern Heights Blvd.-Stormwater re-route-neighbor

**8. PETITIONS-COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council member Lipian- Honoring Our Heroes

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

**10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8**

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY (SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL) OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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**10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SR-57 AND ABBE ROAD NORTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution 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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10**

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 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  
M. Van Wormer  
J. Cerra

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11**

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

**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. 2026-33**  
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: 11		AYE: 11	
NAY: 0		NAY: 0	
ABSENT: 0		ABSENT: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		MOTION CARRIED	

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-34**  
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PERMANENT  
APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, FOR THE  
YEAR 2026.

Tollett moved, Cerra 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**  
**Community**  
**Development**

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

**Finance**  
C. Schneider  
P. Tollett  
B. Davis  
M. VanWormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-35**

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

Schneider moved, Rothgery 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**  
**Community**  
**Development**

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

**Finance**  
C. Schneider  
P. Tollett  
B. Davis  
M. VanWormer  
J. Cerra

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-36**

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

Schneider moved, Rothgery 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**

**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-37**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A CERTAIN VACANT LOT ON WOODFORD AVENUE, ELYRIA, OHIO 44035.

**Community**

**Development**

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

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Sponsored by**

**Finance**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-38**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A CERTAIN VACANT LOT ON WOODFORD AVENUE, ELYRIA, OHIO 44035.

**Community**

**Development**

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

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

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**

**Utilities**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-39**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR  
THE 2026 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Davis moved, Armstrong seconded to pass this ordinance 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 READING**

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

**16. COMMITTEE CALLS:**

**UTILITIES**

Wed. 3/18/2026 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ D. Mitchell, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**FINANCE**

Mon. 3/30/2026 Immediately following CD. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ P. Tollett, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**JOINT CD/FINANCE**

Mon. 3/30/2026 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider, Chr., w/ P. Tollett, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Mon. 4/6/2026 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**

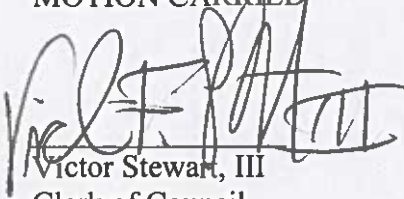
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**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

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=BUR0fx1Z6M8>

Rlp/



## Regan Phillips

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**From:** Chad Schneider  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2026 6:43 PM  
**To:** Regan Phillips  
**Subject:** Fwd: corridor and zoning.. tell us the real plan...

Chad Schneider  
Elyria City Council at Large  
440-225-8449  
Committees: Finance & Community Development

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** carol gallardo <carolgallardo12@gmail.com>  
**Date:** March 16, 2026 at 6:40:46 PM EDT  
**To:** Chad Schneider <cschneider@cityofelyria.org>  
**Subject:** corridor and zoning.. tell us the real plan...

**CAUTION:** This Email is from an EXTERNAL source. Ensure you trust this sender before clicking on any links or attachments.

I am not able to join the meeting tonight but I would appreciate it if someone could read my comments. I own property on Middle Ave and on 4th street historic district along with a couple others in that neighborhood.

A few years ago I volunteered & co chaired the neighborhood committee for the 2015 plan. That plan required an assessment be done so the city could apply for grants to cover some of the costs. Recently another assessment was completed and they came up with just about the same things except for this corridor zoning because it has worked in other areas. As we all know the only major thing that came out of that plan was the new high school. Nothing we suggested was even addressed. At that time they suggested changing the middle ave area to neighborhood zoning instead of GB. If I remember right there was no plan for other areas except the mall .

My Point is that changing things without the city having a plan makes no sense. Ah but maybe there is a plan that we really don't know about. If so let us know. If not, why waste time and money. When I see what you are saying about the areas that you want to change I am dumbfounded. Can you imagine what home business might pop up on 4th street that is like a thoroughfare for Elyria residents and life care. Good grief. And what about some of the houses in the Middle? May I remind you of the house and empty lot across from the highschool. A permanent garage sale and a drug house. Seriously? And who will support this type of business? Certainly not anyone who lives outside the city. It is hard enough to get our residents to support our own businesses.

I would like to go on and talk about a few other things such as the Mall but las representitives of the City please consider what a waste of time this idea is without a plan and funds to support it by the city.

Thank You.  
Carol & Tony Gallardo



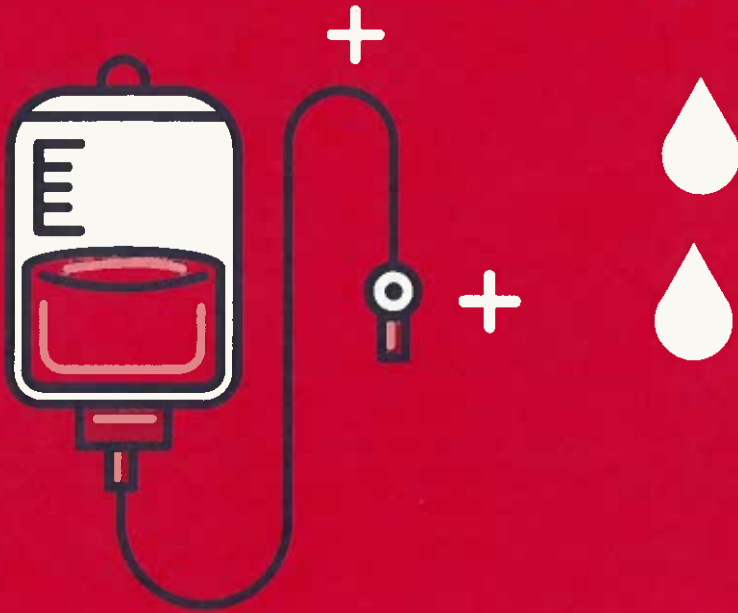


**THE CITY OF ELYRIA**



# **POLICE VS FIRE** **BLOOD DRIVE**

**ALL EPD & EFD PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE  
A COFFEE GIFTCARD!**



**Friday**

**APRIL**  
**3rd**  
**8am-Noon**

**Elyria Police Dept.**  
**18 West Ave**  
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