

As circulated April 20, 2026
May 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 April 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 Davis. 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, Doehne, Schneider, Mitchell

ABSENT: Lipian

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, Safety Service Director Pyanowski, Fin. Dir. Pileski, Law Director Deery, Police Chief Welsh, Fire Chief Vargo, Engineer Schneider,

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Cerra moved, Schneider seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 2, 2026 and April 6, 2026 council meetings.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor:

Mayor Brubaker provided information on the NOPEC Energy Efficient Grant. A flier will be disseminated on social media sites on Wednesday April 22nd to provide residents with information to apply for the grant as well as eligibility requirements for emergency repair or replacement of their hot water tanks up to \$10,000.00 in reimbursement through the Community Development Department.

Safety Service Director:

Safety Service Director Pyanowski provided an update on the Parks and recreation department preparation of preparing the fountain in Ely Square to be turned on for the season. The staff is cleaning some of the valves and or replacing as necessary and pressure washing the fountain. Once the preparation is completed, the fountain will be turned on for the season.

Law Director:

Law Director Deery shared that she wanted to bring to the attention of council information regarding the City of Elyria noise disturbance ordinance and the fact that the ordinance refers to a timeframe commencing at 12:00 p.m. midnight. Law Director Deery asked that the council clerk's office pull previous ordinances to confirm how the time was referred. Based on Law Director Deery's review of ordinances as far back as the 70's and 80's, it appears that the start of "quiet time" was progressively pushed back, starting at 8:00 p.m., then to 10:00 p.m. and then to midnight. Law Director Deery shared the p.m. appears to reflect as a typographical error. Law Director Deery will refer to have the language updated as the ordinance does clearly state

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

midnight. Other municipalities statues and the state were reviewed as well, many do not list the numbers, only the words to reflect midnight. Law Director Deery stated she does not believe it is an issue for enforcement.

Finance Director: No Report

EPD: No Report

EFD:

Fire Chief Vargo shared that Police Chief Welsh inspired him to create an autism awareness training program within the Fire department in collaboration with Elyria Police and the non-profit Heroes Helping Those with Special Needs, whose mission is to provide free autism and first responder training throughout Ohio. Heroes Helping Those with Special Needs is going to help the Elyria Fire department create a training program and create sensory bags that can be provided to members of the community that are severely autistic to help with calming the members of the community during times of response. Chief Vargo expressed his appreciation to Chief Welsh for spearheading such an important initiative. Chief Vargo shared that May 4th is International Firefighters Day, food will be provided at Station One starting at 11:30a.m. Chief Vargo extended an invitation to the administration and council members to join the fire department for lunch and meet the newest fire members as well.

Council member Tollett expressed words of sentiments to both chiefs for the work and attention provided to the disabled community.

Engineer Schneider: No Report

Council member Davis inquired about properties located at 744, 748 West River Road with dirt piles in the front yards. She explained that it looks like an apartment building is being constructed. She asked Engineer Schneider if he could provide additional information on what is being constructed. Engineer Schneider explained he is not aware of this project; however, he would follow up with council member Davis.

President Mitchell inquired about work on Murray Ridge Road. Mayor Brubaker shared that the street department and Assistant Safety Service Director Strohsack met in an area of the road to clean out a ditch near that area of the road and replace the pothole areas with hot patch versus cold patch.

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:

** Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of a New Liquor Request for Viva Pinches Taco LLC, Viva Tacos, located at 360 and 366 Chestnut Commons Drive, Elyria.

REFERRED BY: DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

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6. PRESIDENT’S REFERRAL’S: Continued

REFERRED BY: PWS EYE

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

3. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the cleaning of two (2) anaerobic digesters at the Elyria Water Reclamation Facility.

REFERRED BY: SUPERINTENDENT STEWART

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

4. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with HDR Engineering Inc. to complete an emerging contaminant study of the City of Elyria’s sanitary collection system.

REFERRED BY: SUPERINTENDENT STEWART

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

Items 5-7 received and placed on file in the clerk’s office:

5. List of receipts collected by each division of the Clerk of Court’s office for March 2026.

6. March 2026 General Fund Cash Balance Report.

7. Income Tax Collections received in March 2026.

7. PETITIONS- LOBBY:

Karen Johnson 33 Lakeview Dr. Carlisle Twp.- Mega site and future annexation concerns

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. 2026-14

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, Cerra 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

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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. 2026-15
A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY HAS UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL USE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this resolution under suspension of rules.

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| SUSPENSION | PASSAGE |
| AYE: 10 | AYE: 10 |
| 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. 2026-16
A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY HAS UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL USE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this resolution under suspension of rules.

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| SUSPENSION | PASSAGE |
| AYE: 10 | AYE: 10 |
| NAY: 0 | NAY: 0 |
| ABSENT: 1 | ABSENT: 1 |
| 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
C. Schneider
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-48
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.

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| SUSPENSION | PASSAGE |
| AYE: 10 | AYE: 10 |

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13. ORDINANCES—FIRST READINGS: Continued

NAY: 0 NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1 ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Companion to above Resolution

Sponsored by

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-49

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

SUSPENSION PASSAGE
AYE: 10 AYE: 10
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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-50

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE UP TO TWO (2) 2026 FORD F-150 TRUCKS AND UP TO EIGHT (8) 2025 FORD EXPLORER INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES, OR SIMILAR TYPE, AND NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR SAME, FOR THE ELYRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH A PARTICIPATING PURCHASING PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE OF 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 EMERGENCY PASSAGE
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

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. 2026-51

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE E. BROAD STREET BRIDGE OVER THE EAST BRANCH OF THE BLACK RIVER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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| SUSPENSION | EMERGENCY | PASSAGE |
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| 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. 2026-52

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF 2ND STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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| SUSPENSION | EMERGENCY | PASSAGE |
| 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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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. 2026-53

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ON BURNS ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

| SUSPENSION | EMERGENCY | PASSAGE |
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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

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. 2026-54

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MURRAY RIDGE ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

| SUSPENSION | EMERGENCY | PASSAGE |
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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 |

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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. 2026-55

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-68, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BROWNING-FERRIS INDUSTRIES OF OHIO INC., DBA REPUBLIC SERVICES OF ELYRIA, FOR SOLID WASTE CONTAINER SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

| SUSPENSION | EMERGENCY | PASSAGE |
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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. 2026-56

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,200,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING THE CHESTNUT COMMONS CONNECTOR PROJECT INCLUDING CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING STREETS, CONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS, WATER LINES AND RELATED WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES, SANITARY SEWERS AND RELATED SANITARY FACILITIES, STORM SEWERS AND RELATED DRAINAGE FACILITIES, INSTALLING LIGHTING, SIGNAGE AND TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION, AND RELOCATING EXISTING UTILITIES AS NECESSARY

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules and to waive the fiscal officer's certificate.

| SUSPENSION | PASSAGE |
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| NAY: 0 | NAY: 0 |
| ABSENT: 1 | ABSENT: 1 |
| MOTION CARRIED | MOTION CARRIED |

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Sponsored by

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-57

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

Tollett moved, Van Wormer seconded to pass this ordinance 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

Community

Development

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

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-58

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 1, (CRA), TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES AND FRAMEWORK OF CRA 1, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL 33, EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2023, TO REPEAL ANY TERM CONTRARY TO THOSE SET FORTH IN SENATE BILL 33, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READING: None

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mon. 4/27/2026 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider, Chr., Mayor, Law Dir. Fin. Dir., SSD, Engr.

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16. COMMITTEE CALLS: Continued

FINANCE /UTILITIES

Mon. 4/27/2026 Immediately following Community development. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ P. Tollett, Chr., w/ D. Mitchell, Chr., w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

JOINT CD/FINANCE

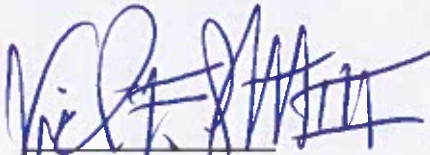
STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mon. 5/04/2026 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

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