

As circulated
June 1, 2026 May 18, 2026
Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday May 18, 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 Armstrong. 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, Lipian ,Tollett, Doehne, Schneider, Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Safety Service Director Pyanowski, Fin. Dir. Pileski, Law Director Deery, Police Chief Welsh, Fire Marshall Gall, Engineer Schneider, Supt. Jacob

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Cerra moved, Schneider seconded to approve the meeting minutes of May 4, 2026 council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor:

Mayor Brubaker shared that Governor DeWine ordered flags to be lowered to half-staff in observance of Ohio politician Jeff Armbruster. Mayor Brubaker provided an update on the 2026 NOPEC HVAC energy grant, all dollars have been expended. Eleven households benefited from the program. The average cost was \$9,766. Items provided were three hot water tanks, ten furnaces, and eleven air conditioning units. The total of all items expended the \$100,000.00 received for this year. Mayor Brubaker was granted permission from NOPEC to provide previous fund grants in the amount of \$32,000.00 to an additional four applicants. The total number of grant recipients would total fifteen. Mayor Brubaker expressed his appreciation to NOPEC and the council members.

Safety Service Director:

SSD Pyanowski shared with council members that item number ten on the agenda relates to a 2026-2027 year contract for road salt. It is requested without the benefit of a committee report and approval of the legislation was being asked to be approved in the meeting, due to time sensitivity and a delay in notification receipt. The deadline has passed. The salt contract is a standard contract. The requested amount is equivalent to the previous year of 10,000 tons. SSD Pyanowski provided information regarding a forward plan to build out the second floor of the Broad street fire station. They are currently working on transitioning pumper two from Cedar Street Station. Updates are needed to communication devices and the replacement of a generator is necessary. In addition, a meeting is scheduled to meet with an architect to work on plans to build out the second floor. The department is in anticipation of the proposal and will review paperwork this year, bidding, contractor and actual build out would be planned for next year.

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

This plan is an economical expenditure and will shorten the response time for the service area of town from Cedar Street by 1.5 to 2 minutes.

Council member Oswald suggested some sort of recognition program for resident volunteers who assist with help around the city.

Law Director:

Law Director Deery shared with council members that item number eleven on the agenda is appearing without the benefit of a committee report. At the most recent employee's hospitalization committee, it was discovered that this section of chapter 165 had been inadvertently omitted during the most recent codification. The request before the council is to repass and recodify 165.095, which was put in place several years ago, sets forth the structure of the committee, rules, who sits on the committee, the composition of the committee and how often they meet. Law Director Deery shared that she was also happy to report that the thirty-day appeals period has expired for the Bistro on Taylor Street. Chief of Staff, Margaret O'Brien has confirmed with the State of Ohio Liquor Control the license has officially expired.

Finance Director: No Report

EPD:

Chief Welsh provided an update regarding the recent annual award ceremony of the police department that was held on Monday May 11th. Friday May 15th was the kick-off of the seatbelt safety and buckle up for burgers campaign in coordination with the department of Public Health, as well as Lorain County Safe Communities Coalition. The downtown and Midway Mall McDonald locations passed out burgers to patrons that were wearing their seatbelts. Earlier in the afternoon the 86th police officer was sworn into the department, Keaton Jordan. Mr. Jordan will attend the police academy and then field training. May 20th Kevin Jaro graduates from the academy and will begin field training. May 19th U. S. Attorney David M. Toepfer will be at the Elyria Police Department to present the Freedom 250 Hometown Hero Award for the Northern District of Ohio, an award that commemorates the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America to Patrol Officer Ali Sabeiha. Traffic controls are being increased. Council member Rothgery expressed her appreciation for the invitation to the award ceremony. Council member Schneider expressed his appreciation for the Roll to School day that Chief Welsh and EPD led at Ely School, he stated it was wonderful.

Council member Oswald suggested that maybe additional e-bike safety can be offered throughout the community.

Council member Tollett shared that he is familiar with information from the city of North Olmsted regarding education e-bikes and scooters.

Council member Armstrong inquired and suggested that the bicycle committee provide helmets and locks if they do not already.

Council member Van Wormer expressed his appreciation to Chief Welsh and surrounding department that assisted with the bomb threat at Elyria High School.

President Mitchell shared that she spoke with Captain Grooms regarding Leo Bullocks Parkway and the increased speed of travelers.

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EFD: No Report

Engineer Schneider: No Report

President Mitchell inquired about a ditch on Lowell Street if it would be covered. Engineer Schneider explained it was previously open, it will remain open.

SSD Pyanowski asked for an update regarding the paving process. Engineer Schneider shared that both street resurfacing and asphalt programs are out for bid. The Oberlin-Elyria Road Diet is out for bid as well. The referrals presented in the meeting reflects a number of Ohio Public Works projects that will go out for bid soon. Engineer Schneider shared that a number of sidewalk programs are out for bid along with community block grant programs. The Middle Avenue program has been awarded. Approval from ODOT to bid the safe routes to school has recently been received. President Mitchell inquired about the start of Murray Ridge Road. Engineer Schneider explained final approval must be granted from ODOT and the department is in the process of obtaining the environmental approval. He explained the process is typically a two-month process.

Council member Armstrong inquired about the crosswalk on Middle Ave. to the stadium. Engineer Schneider responded the contractors are waiting to get the pavement striping completed.

Council member Rothgery stated the manhole covers on East River are fantastic and the signage on route 57 is not visible at night.

Council member Schneider inquired of any plans to mark lines between South Abbe Rd. and 57. Engineer Schneider will follow up with the street department to freshen the lines up.

Council member Lipian inquired about reflective paint in the area of Expresso Bakery. Engineer Schneider confirmed that item as well would be added to the list.

Supt. Jacob: No Report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:

** Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. *The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the purchase of road salt for 2026-2027.

REFERRED BY: SSD PYANOWSKI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

2. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with K. E. McCartney & Associates (KEM) for construction management and inspection services.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

3. The matter of approval of purchasing vacant parcel by the City of Elyria for use as an expansion area for West Park: PPN 06-24-025-105-026 from William J. Forthofer for \$4,800.00.

REFERRED BY: MARK F. CRAIG

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6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S: Continued

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

4. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise and award a contract for the resurfacing of West Ave.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

5. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise and award a contract for the resurfacing of Washington Ave.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

6. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise and award a contract for the resurfacing of Taylor St.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

7. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise and award a contract for the resurfacing of Griswold Rd.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

Items 8-9 received and placed on file in the clerk's office:

8. April 2026 General Fund Cash Balance report.

9. Income Tax Collections received in March 2026.

7. PETITIONS- LOBBY:

Dave and Julie McFarland – 167 Burns Road, Elyria, OH -Burns Road

Council member Tollett expressed his appreciation of the McFarland's as community leaders as well as the administration for funding of the Burns Rd. project.

Engineer Schneider provided an update that the Burns Road sidewalk, multi-use path is that letters of intent for the project were recently requested. Construction will begin in 2028.

Mayor Brubaker shared the program was a grant administered through Governor DeWine's office through ODOT.

Council member Davis asked about a permanent flashing light. SSD Pyanowski shared that he requested speed monitor signs be placed right away for a minimum of thirty days. The area will be reviewed for signage.

8. PETITIONS-COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

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10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

Sponsored by

Finance

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18

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, Schneider 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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT 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	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:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-62
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE
DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA TO DISPOSE OF CITY
PROPERTY THAT IS UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL USE.
Companion to above Resolution

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
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-63
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ELYRIA TO
MAKE A FUNDING CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$75,000.00 TO SUPPORT THE ELYRIA COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP, A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION.

Tollett moved, Armstrong 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
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-64
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
INTO A SIX (6) YEAR LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH
BROWN EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR A 2026 IBAK CAMERA
TRUCK FOR THE WASTEWATER SEWER COLLECTION
SYSTEM, THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM
OR EQUIVALENT PROGRAM, 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	EMRGENCY	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by
Utilities

- D. Mitchell
- K. Oswald
- B. Davis
- B. Armstrong

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-65

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC., FOR AN EMERGING CONTAMINANT STUDY OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA'S SANITARY COLLECTION SYSTEM, 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 EMRGENCY 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

Sponsored by
Utilities

- D. Mitchell
- K. Oswald
- B. Davis
- B. Armstrong

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-66

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 A POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) MONITORING STUDY, 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 EMRGENCY 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

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

Sponsored by

Utilities

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

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-67

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ECOTREE SERVICES LLC, AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 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	EMRGENCY	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

Sponsored by

Utilities

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

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-68

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 165.33(a) OF THE ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE POSITION TITLED UTILITIES COORDINATOR IN THE SAFETY SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND ASSIGN A PAYGRADE FOR SAME.

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

SUSPENSION	EMRGENCY	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

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

without the benefit of
a committee report

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-69

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT, 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	EMRGENCY	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

without the benefit of
a committee report

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-70

AN ORDINANCE RE-CODIFYING THE EMPLOYEES HOSPITALIZATION PLAN COMMITTEE AT SECTION 165.095 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	EMRGENCY	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

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READING: None

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

JOINT CD/FINANCE

Tues. 5/26/2026 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider, Chr., w/ P. Tollett, Chr., Mayor, Law Dir. Fin. Dir., SSD, Engr.

FINANCE /UTILITIES

Tues. 5/26/2026 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

FINANCE

Minutes Approved

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16. COMMITTEE CALLS: Continued

Tues. 5/26/2026 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers Chr., w/ P. Tollett, Chr., Mayor, Law Dir. Fin. Dir., SSD, Engr.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mon. 6/1/2026 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Finance Director Pileski sked that a referral be made to the June 8th Finance Committee Meeting the matter of the 2027 tax budget. The budget must be passed and submitted to the Lorain County Budget Commission in July.

Council member Lipian congratulated Mayor Brubaker on the sale of Midway Mall.

Mr. Lipian provided an update to his mailbox being out of service, repaired and his meeting notice signed for April 21st.

Council member Armstrong reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 25th.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Davis moved, Lipian seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Victor Stewart III
Clerk of Council



Donna Mitchell
President of Council

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChU9KLYDGxs>

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