Minutes Approved
As circulated October 19, 2026
November 2, 26 Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:
The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday October 19, 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 Oswald. 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, Tollett, Oswald, Lipian , Doehne, Schneider, Mitchell
OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, SSD Loesch, Finance Director Pileski, Law Director Deery, Police Captain Palmer, Engineer Schneider

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Meeting minutes of the October 5th council meeting was moved for approval by Council member Cerra, seconded by Council member Schneider.
Council member Lipian questioned meeting minutes of the August 3rd, 2026 meeting.
The amended meetings minutes of the August 3rd, 2026 meeting were circulated and approved by full council at the October 5th 2026 meeting by all council members in attendance.
MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:
Mayor:
Mayor brubaker shared that he and Safety Service Director Loesch attended the Elyria Firefighter's Award Ceremony held at the American Legion on October 19th earlier in the day. He was unable to stay for the entire ceremony, however offered his congratulatory. Mayor Brubaker announced the details of two public meetings regarding the Via Transportation that will be held at the Transportation Center located at 40 East Ave. on Tuesday October 20th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Thursday October 22nd from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Mayor Brubaker informed council that Ms. Perkins will attend the November 2nd council meeting to provide additional information regarding via.
He provided an update to the completion of the Middle Ave. sidewalk project. Thursday October 22nd, Open Door Christian School will have their groundbreaking for their multi-million-dollar expansion. A meeting will be held with First Energy and the new employee with Mayor Brubaker for a discussion of street light outages on Thursday October 22nd at 3:30 p.m.

SSD Director: No Report

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

Law Director:

Law Director Deery provided an update that the city of Elyria received a payment that is a part of the opioid settlement. This payment was related to proceedings related to Drug Mart Corporation in the amount of $22,000.00. The funds will be split between recovery court, police and fire, per the legislation that was passed.

FD: No Report

EPD: No Report

ENGINEER: No Report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:

** Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of a request to purchase a new tool truck body for the chassis cab purchased in 2026
REFERRED BY: WATER DIST. MNGR. ROTHGERY
REFERRED TO: FINANCE

2. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise and award a contract for the 2026 Emergency Sanitary and Storm Sewer Repair.
REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER
REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

3. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with K. E. McCartney & Associates, Inc. For professional services for Spring Valley Stormwater Improvements Project
REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER
REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

4. The matter of applying for an ODNR grant to assist with funding the West Park Skatepark project.
REFERRED BY: P&R DIR. REARDON
REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

Items 5-6 received and placed on file in the clerk's office:
5. September 2026 General Fund Cash Balance report.
6. Income Tax Collections received in September 2026.

7. PETITIONS--LOBBY:

Marc Chappo – 1057 Bell Ct. – Lake Shore Railway Association

Engineer Schneider shared that ODOT District Three applied for the project. It is a stand-alone project. This is the first and last time this project would be funded. No one has taken ownership of the bridge.

8. PETITIONS--COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council member Van Wormer – In Support of Issue4: The Elyria City Schools

Council member Lipian – The minutes for the August 3, 2026 Meeting of Council

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. 2026-34

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, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this resolution 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:	0ABSENT: 0

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-35

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this resolution 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:	0ABSENT: 0

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

Sponsored by Community Development
C. Schneider
E. Doehne
D. Mitchell

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE SECTION 1119.02, OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP, TO REZONE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 420-428 OBERLIN ROAD, ELYRIA, OHIO, FROM CORRIDOR DISTRICT TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Public Hearing Scheduled 11/16/2026

Sponsored by Community Development
C. Schneider
E. Doehne
D. Mitchell
G. Rothgery
Finance
C. Schneider
P. Tollett
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-136
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL UPDATES AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF SAME TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS.

Schneider moved, Tollett 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

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. 2026-137
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE A PRATT 300# METAL SEATED BALL VALVE FOR THE WATER PUMPING PLANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Davis moved, Tollett 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

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
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-138
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VERDANTAS LLC, FOR ASSISTANCE WITH DESIGNING, BIDDING, AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT-PHASE 6, 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

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. 2026-139
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND, IF OFFERED, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT THROUGH THE OHIO EPA FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LEAD SERVICE LINES AND GALVANIZED SERVICE LINES (PHASE 6) IN THE CITY OF ELYRIA, 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		EMRGENCY		PASSAGE	
AYE:	11	AYE:	11	AYE:	11
NAY:	0	NAY:	0	NAY:	0
ABSENT:	0	ABSENT:	0	ABSENT:	0

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
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-140
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR REMOVAL OF THE ORPHAN RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER STATE ROUTE 57 IN THE CITY OF ELYRIA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Davis moved, Tollett 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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-141
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRANDSTETTER CARROLL, INC., FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE EAST PARK POOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Van Wormer 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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-142
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO LEASE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 799 NORTH ABBE ROAD, OWNED BY THE CITY OF ELYRIA, 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

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-143
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED $6,000,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A NEW CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE FACILITY FOR THE STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING SPACES FOR CONSUMABLE MATERIAL STORAGE, VEHICLE WASHING, FUELING FACILITIES, DECONTAMINATION, EVIDENCE STORAGE FOR THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS, AND CLEARING, EQUIPPING AND IMPROVING ITS SITE.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Tollett moved, Cerra seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.
SUSPENSION
AYE: Cerra, VanWormer, Armstrong, Rothgery, Davis, Tollett, Oswald, Lipian , Doehne, Schneider, Mitchell
PASSAGE: Cerra, VanWormer, Armstrong, Rothgery, Davis, Tollett, Oswald, Lipian , Doehne, Schneider, Mitchell

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-144
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 on its first reading under suspension of rules.

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

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READING: None

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

JOINT FINANCE/UTILITIES

Tues. 10/26/2026 Immediately following Community Development. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider, Chr., w/ D. Mitchell, Chr., Mayor, Law Dir. Fin. Dir., SSD, Engr.

FINANCE

Tues. 10/26/2026 Immediately following Finance/Utilities All Referred Items Council Chambers Chr., w/ P. Tollett, Chr., Mayor, Law Dir. Fin. Dir., SSD, Engr.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mon. 11/2/2026 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 Council Meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Victor Stewart, III
Clerk of Council

Donna Mitchell
President of Council

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