

Minutes Approved

November 4, 2024
Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on November 4, 2024 at 7:01 p.m. by President Stewart. President Stewart requested all cell phones please be turned off or placed on silent mode. President Stewart opened the meeting requesting a moment of reflective silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council member Lipian.

2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Armstrong, Oswald, Mitchell, Stewart, Schneider, Davis, Siwierka, Lipian, Tollett

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, SSD Pyanowski, Fin. Dir. Pileski, Law Director Deery, Police Chief Pelko, Engineer Schneider, CD Mngr. Almobayyed

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Schneider moved, Mitchell seconded to approve council meeting minutes.

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Brubaker:

Mayor Brubaker shared that he and SSD Pyanowski begin zoom meetings with potential consultants for EMS transport. Additional meetings will be held in the upcoming weeks as they prepare to submit a proper RFP for the 2025 budget. Mayor Brubaker introduced the new city of Elyria City Planner to the members of council, Mr. Christopher Schoenig. Mr. Schoenig introduced himself and shared information of his background. He is an Ohio State University graduate with a degree in City and Regional Planning. He has previous experience in governmental planning and as a consultant. President Stewart offered a warm welcome to Mr. Schoenig on behalf of council.

Safety Service Director: No report

Finance Director: No report

Law Director Deery:

Law Director Deery had a request for two employees to attend a conference in Arizona in the April of 2025, due to an early bird registration rate, the request was being submitted. The conference would provide certification to the employees that utilize the Axon system of the dashcam and body camera systems.

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to approve travel beyond the 500 - mile radius.

AYE: 11

MOTION CARRIED

Council member Siwierka inquired about the marijuana moratorium update. Law Director Deery stated a meeting had been held with Asst. Law director Breunig, herself, ASSD Calvert and CD

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Director Scott to discuss anticipated zoning changes and land use. The adult use marijuana will be incorporated into land use. Currently there is no confirmed date, however plans are that it will be brought forth prior to the end of the year.

EPD: No report

Eng. Schneider:

Engineer Schneider provided updates on a few of the street projects. Broad Street is open. Cleveland Street needs pavement markers. Street resurfacing will be completed in 2025. Furnace Street, Midway Blvd. and South Abbe have all been paved.

Council member Schneider expressed his appreciation to Eng. Schneider for addressing the cones on Leo Bullocks Parkway.

Council member Davis expressed her appreciation for residents that travel Midway Blvd. and Furnace.

Council member Tollett asked for guidance of a resident for the correct departments. Law Director Deery stated the correct department would be Safety Service.

Council member Siwierka inquired if the administration and Engineering working on water/sewer rates. Engineer Schneider shared that Eng. McKillips is working on that project with the city consultant.

Council member Oswald expressed his appreciation to everyone involved with the Cleveland Street and Broad Street projects.

CD Mngr. Almabayyed:

Community Development Manager Almabayyed provided an update on the CDBG grants, one project is left from 2022, South Park multi - purpose filed. CDBG 2023, monitoring for non-profits was recently completed successfully. South Park Ball field contact is waiting to be finalized. CDBG 2024, so far has completed six home repair programs. Nine homes are in process for completion. Ten contracts are signed with non-profits and programming has started. Additionally, the Pocket park is a part of the current grant, the bidding process has not started. The comment period for CDBG 2025 is currently open until November 18th and all are welcome to submit comments. The five- year consolidated plan is near completion. The ten -year Slum and Blight Study and Fair Housing of Analysis of Impediments are anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. The CHIP 2021 monitoring program was just completed. The current grant is CHIP 2023, three private owner rehabilitations have been covered. Early next year the CHIP 2025 application will begin. CD is also preparing for the Tax Increment Review Committee as well as the Enterprise Zone and CRA agreements. An update was provided on the Historic Development Project as well as 50 working projects under the Spruce Up Elyria Program.

Council member Davis, expressed her appreciation of those helped with the Spruce Up Elyria. Ms. Davis inquired when residents can apply for CHIP.

Council member Oswald inquired of grant balances. He would like to repeat the Spruce Up Program.

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6. PRESIDENT’S REFERRAL’S:

1. The matter of addressing salaries of city council members for the council term commencing January 1, 2026 and future council terms.

REFERRED BY: LD DEERY/ FD PILESKI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

2. The matter of an agreement with Street Scan/ Street Logix to grade and provide service to city streets.

REFERRED BY: SSD PYANOWSKI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

7. PETITIONS- LOBBY:

1. **Andrea Hall-** 792 W. River Rd. N. Elyria- CDBG Home Repair
2. **Bernita White-** 639 Reublin Ct., Elyria- Street Appreciation

8. PETITIONS--COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

Finance

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 41

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

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rule.

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:

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 170

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

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D. Mitchell
A. Lipian
C. Schneider
K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-171

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL UPDATES AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSIONS OF SAME TO THE FEDERAL HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AGENCY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the 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	

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-172

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RUBICON GLOBAL, LLC FOR FLEET OPTIMIZATION CONSULTATION SERVICES.

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

SUSPENSION		PASSAGE	
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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

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

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READINGS: None

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

FINANCE

Tues. 11/12/2024 Beginning at 6:00 PM All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

JOINT FINANCE/ UTILITIES

Tues. 11/12/2024 Immediately following Finance All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.


COUNCIL/STRATEGIC PLANNING

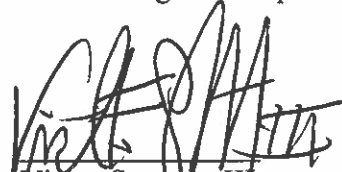
Mon. 11/21/2024 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED


Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council


Victor Stewart, III
President of Council

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4WgZtHfmhc>

