

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
June 2, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:34 P.M., Vice Mayor David A. Frey, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, J. Price, J. A. Gambatese, L. A. Schlessel, S. C. Grushetsky, C. A. LoPresti.

Others Present: P. A. Ward, Mayor;  
J. P. Luskin, Director of Law;  
R. J. Schmidlin, Assistant Director of Law;  
P. A. Rhode, Chief of Police;  
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;  
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;  
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;  
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire.

\*Due to military duty assignment, Mr. LoPresti was present remotely via the Zoom meeting application.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, May 19, 2025, copies of which were distributed to all Members, be dispensed with, and said minutes stand approved as circulated.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward shared that the annual Mayor's Young at Heart Party was held yesterday at the Lyndhurst Community Center with entertainment by Dennis Ford. The event was a huge success with lots of compliments received! He thanked those who were able to help including his wife, Council member Jeff Price and his wife Beth, Council members Steve Grushetsky and Joe Gambatese, Kelly Miller, Melissa Weldon, his assistant Clarice White, and resident volunteer Joanne Schneider. Mayor Ward said he presented a Proclamation during the event to a resident who will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this summer. He has proclaimed this will be the summer of Rose Scotland in The City of Lyndhurst! Mayor Ward shared that Rose still teaches water aerobics at the Hillcrest YMCA and was recently featured in a video from the Senior Transportation Center. He remarked how amazing it is that someone of that age could be so vibrant!

Mayor Ward announced that the first Summer Concert in the Park will be on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm, featuring the band Funkology. D'Antonelli's food trailer will be onsite with food for purchase, and Council will provide free ice cream treats.

Mayor Ward reported that 2 new fire fighters were sworn in this morning to begin their career here in Lyndhurst. He stated that they will be officially welcomed at the July 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Mayor Ward delivered the following message:

Good evening to our Community of Neighbors.

Recent commentary and events have reminded us that we, your public officials sitting here, represent people, we do not represent opinions. We do not do the “feel good” but do-nothing legislation or gestures that might happen elsewhere. It is one of the things that makes our City Council meetings move so smoothly and professionally. I often say how grateful I am for that. This being said, we do have opinions, and those opinions reflect our residents, our Community of Neighbors, as they should.

There has been a proliferation of hate speech and hateful violent acts across our country. Over and over again things are happening and over and over again some factions try to justify these things. That is ridiculous. There is no space for that here and we should not let the world believe we have no opinion on that.

Anti-Semitism has no place in our Community. Anti-Semitism has no place in our country. The irony that those perpetuating Anti-Semitism or really acts against any other interest group are demanding respect for others should not be ignored.

So, Mr. Chairman, I would appreciate the record indicating our Community’s belief that the rights of all and the dignity of all must be respected and that hate speech or acts of violence against Jews or any other person or group must not be tolerated, especially not in a Community of Neighbors. Thank you.

Mayor Ward concluded that he and city council rarely speak to what takes place outside the 4.8 square miles of Lyndhurst. He said, “we do whatever we can and however we can especially when so many of our residents have been voicing hurt and outrage over events going on across the country.”

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky stated that the committee met this evening to discuss human resources software; the minutes will be forthcoming.

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Frey had no report.

**ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Price had no report.

**SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Price had no report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Gambatese had no report at this time.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky had no report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Council member Schlessel had no report.

**SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – School board member Crystal Shelby delivered the following report:

Ms. Shelby stated that the last day of school for students is Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and the last day for staff is Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. She announced that the Brush High School Class of 2025 celebrated with a commencement ceremony last Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, with 220 graduates who collectively earned over 2.6 million dollars in scholarships.

Ms. Shelby shared that there were 9 third graders from Sunview Elementary who received a perfect score on their MAP state testing. She reported that during the May 4<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting, they approved a five year forecast which can be found on the school district’s new website at [www.selschools.org](http://www.selschools.org). Based on the five year forecast, Ms. Shelby aired that the school district will be putting a levy on the ballot this November for 6.9 mill for general funds and 1 mill for permanent improvements.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – PROPERTY OF DISTINCTION AWARD** - Mayor  
Ward announced the recipients of the Property of Distinction Awards:

- 5167 Edenhurst Road – Molly Francis
- 5652 Cherokee Drive – Renee and Mike Jones
- 1792 Brainard Road – Tom and Barb McCaffery
- 5087 Chickadee Lane – Robert and Debbie Wasserman

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

The floor was opened for public comment, with the following being heard:

Sally Lang, 5288 Chickadee Lane, and Betsy Goodfriend, 5283 Meadow Wood expressed concerns over the home purchased by North Coast CHDO Homes at 5278 Chickadee Lane being turned into a group home.

Mayor Ward responded that the city has not received any communication from the owners other than what they provided to the Building Department for a permit; the Building Commissioner contacted them to find out what they are planning. At that time, the owners were told they are within 100 feet of a residence they currently own and operate as a group home. He added that they have no excuse as to not know what the regulations are because it was their operations that inspired us to create regulations in the first place. Mayor Ward shared that North Coast currently owns homes on Dogwood, Overbrook, Falkirk, and Chickadee.

Ms. Lang inquired whether the owners could move in without making any changes to the residence, in which Mayor Ward responded that they could in a single family capacity. He added that if they attempt to move in a group home situation, that would give the city cause to remove occupancy. He explained there is a process for any property owner who feels the city regulations present a hardship, or practical difficulty, to come before the Board of Zoning Appeals to plead their case. Mayor Ward further stated that when someone is in the business of purchasing property then they know what it means to put a property under option and have that conditioned upon use. He thanked Ms. Lang and Ms. Goodfriend for sharing their concerns and asked that they keep the city informed if they see anything.

Ms. Goodfriend asked whether there was any responsibility of the previous owner.

Mayor Ward responded that; most often the seller has no idea who is purchasing the property.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-28**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-28 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Schlessel, Grushetsky, Frey.  
Nays: None

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-28 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2025-28 be passed.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Schlessel, Grushetsky, Frey.  
Nays: None

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-28 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-29**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO RESCHEDULE THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL IN DECEMBER 2025 FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-29 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Schlessel, Grushetsky, Frey.  
Nays: None

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-29 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2025-29 be passed.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Grushetsky, Frey.  
Nays: None

Motion carried with Mr. Schlessel abstaining.  
Ordinance No. 2025-29 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-30  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE 2025 CUYAHOGA COUNTY MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM TO BE USED FOR AN OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER PROJECT IN LYNDHURST PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2025-30 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Schlessel, Grushetsky, Frey.  
Nays: None

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-30 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2025-30 be adopted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Schlessel, Grushetsky, Frey.  
Nays: None

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2025-30 is adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that correspondence from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new permit for YONG CHEN LLC, 5433 Mayfield Road, was noted with no hearing requested.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the meeting be adjourned.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Approved: July 7, 2025

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

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Vice Mayor