

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
February 16, 2026

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 16, 2026 at 7:32 P.M., Vice Mayor Charles A. LoPresti, presiding.

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

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;  
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;  
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;  
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;  
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: J. Maichle, Building Commissioner.

\* Mr. Schlessel and Mr. Luskin both attended the meeting 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 Monday, February 2, 2026, 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 announced there are two opportunities scheduled to volunteer at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, the first being Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and also on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> both from 6-8pm at the partner distribution hub on Coit Road; everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Mayor Ward aired that State Representative Eric Synenberg will be conducting a town hall at the Lyndhurst Community Center on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30am to talk about statewide policies; representatives from the Western Reserve on Aging and Federal Trade Commission will also be present to discuss common issue affecting older residents including fraud awareness and protection.

Mayor Ward shared that the annual Bunny Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12pm at the Lyndhurst Community Center, again benefitting student enrichment programs at Corpus Christi Academy.

Finally, Mayor Ward talked about the career fair taking place on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Brush High School in partnership with the City of South Euclid and South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools. He mentioned that the event will be open to Brush students from 1-3pm and open to the public from 4-7pm; there are currently over 20 employers participating.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky reminded his colleagues of the Finance Committee meeting scheduled to begin at 6pm on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in the Remote Learning and Meeting Center.

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Marko reported that the committee met this evening at 6:45pm in the Remote Learning and Meeting Center to discuss the 2026 pool compensation ordinance. The committee recommended a 2.8% wage increase for seasonal pool employees. Mr. Marko noted that the ordinance is on the agenda this evening for passage in order for the pool director to begin the hiring process. He further reported that the admission fees for the pool and spray park were also discussed, and the committee recommended that all fees remain the same for 2026; this ordinance is also included on the agenda this evening. Additionally, the committee reviewed requested equipment items that are included in the capital budget. No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

**ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Dirk had no report at this time.

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Schlessel was absent; therefore, no report was given.

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

**SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – It was not the first meeting of the month; therefore, a report was not delivered from the school board.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

The floor was opened for public comment, with none being heard.

Mr. Gambatese recognized Mayor Ward and his son, who works for the Seattle Seahawks football team. He congratulated the team on winning the Super Bowl, acknowledging this incredible accomplishment, and expressing pride in achieving that caliber of success from a member of the community.

Mr. Marko also wished to recognize Mayor Ward for being honored a the Kindland Leadership Award, noting the extensive work he does beyond Lyndhurst. He highlighted the Mayor's service on the Board of Directors at RITA, his involvement with the City Mayors and Managers Association across Northeast Ohio, and the Hillcrest Council of Councils. Mr. Marko remarked that this level of engagement helps keep Lyndhurst on the map.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 957.02 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES REGARDING ADMISSION FEES FOR LYNDHURST POOL AND  
BRAINARD SPRAY PARK IN 2026**

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 Ordinance No. 2026-14 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-14 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Gambatese, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2026-14 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2026-14 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-15  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR SWIMMING  
POOL PERSONNEL IN 2026 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13**

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2026-15 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-15 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Gambatese, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2026-15 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2026-15 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS BY RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, PAVING AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, 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 Ordinance No. 2026-16 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-16 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 16 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Gambatese, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2026-16 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2026-16 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-17  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH KONSTRUCTION KING, INC. FOR THE 2025 SIDEWALK PROGRAM – CONTRACT A SLAB REPLACEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE CLOSEOUT OF SAID CONTRACT, 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 Ordinance No. 2026-17 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-17 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 6 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2026-17 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2026-17 is passed.

### **Confirm decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals:**

Recommendation made to Council to confirm the decision of the Board in Case No. 2026-01 to grant requested variance to Matthew Garson of 1896 Dunellon Drive, for a rear yard area variance from the provisions of Chapter 1160.05 of the Planning and Zoning Code to erect a proposed addition in a ten thousand (10,000) square foot single family zoning district which requires a forty (40) foot rear yard setback. The variance request is for five (5) feet, three (3) and three eighths (3/8) inches, which will encroach into the rear yard for a total setback distance of thirty-four (34) feet and eight (8) and five eighths (5/8) inches.

The findings in Case No. 2026-01 as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals held February 10, 2026 were read by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Council confirm the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Case No. 2026-01 and grant the requested variance.

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

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that correspondence from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new permit for EVOO, 25365 Cedar Road, was noted with no hearing requested.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Marko commented that several new businesses are set to open at Legacy Village this year and expressed hope they will bring good vibes back to the area.

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

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 7:50 P.M.

Approved: March 2, 2026

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

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Vice Mayor