

Lyndhurst, Ohio
February 17, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 17, 2025 at 7:32 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;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

* Mr. Luskin, Mr. Schlessel, and Mr. LoPresti 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 on Monday, February 3, 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 with Mr. Frey abstaining.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward announced that he and Chief Rhode have started to interview applicants for 2 current openings in the police department. He also remarked how the Service Department was out in full force over the weekend due to the winter snow events that took place both Saturday and Sunday.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky did not have a formal report; however, he reminded his colleagues of the meeting scheduled for next Wednesday, February 26th at 6pm to review the 2025 budget.

PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Frey announced he will hold a committee meeting before the next Council meeting on Monday, March 3rd beginning at 6:45pm to discuss the 2025 pool season including admission fees, and personnel compensation.

Mayor Ward asked the Pool Director, or a member of her senior staff, also be invited to the meeting as well as the Director of Service. He will forward a copy of the 2024 End of Year Report to the committee for review.

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Gambatese reported that the committee met earlier this evening to discuss the pressing need for additional dispatch personnel to ensure the highest level of public safety to our community. A formal report will be forthcoming.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Schlessel was not attending live to provide a report; however, Vice Mayor Frey commented that there has not been any activity to report.

SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – It was not the first meeting of the month; therefore, a board member was not present to deliver a report.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

Mr. Price shared that 7 Brew Coffee opened last week and the ribbon cutting was well attended, including members of the Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce (HRCC).

Mayor Ward added that keeping with their mission to Cultivate Kindness, 7 Brew Coffee was passing out free shirts and presented a check in the amount of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to the Brush Band program.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 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. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-06 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-06 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 16 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2025-06 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-06 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH A&S ANIMAL CONTROL, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR ANIMAL
CONTROL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST**

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. 2025-07 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Vice Mayor Frey asked Mayor Ward to report on the relationship with A&S Animal Control, at an appropriate time.

Resolution No. 2025-07 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that Resolution No. 2025-07 be adopted.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Marko questioned the current population in Lyndhurst, acknowledging this is not the same type of animal control that A&S provides.

Mayor Ward responded that the last count taken in 2024 by the USDA came in lower than expected at 16 deer culled for the season.

Vice Mayor Frey commented that he has noticed an uptick of deer in the warmer months; more so than in previous years.

Mr. Gambatese agreed and made mention of coyote sightings as well.

Mayor Ward noted that due to time and personnel, the culling program is not being worked as often as he and the Police Chief would like. With regard to A&S Animal Control, he believes they are very responsive when residents call and offer suggestions on how to remedy the nuisance when they have to trap an animal. Regarding the coyotes, Mayor Ward reminded Council there are seven and a half miles of open streams in the City of Lyndhurst which is a highway for wildlife.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2025-07 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE
ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS AND/OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY
FOR ANY RETAIL VAPOR STORES, 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. 2025-08 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-08 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2025-08 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2025-08 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE VICTIMS OF
CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT FUND NO. 262, 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. 2025-09 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-09 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

Mr. Price asked for more information about the grant.

Mayor Ward explained that the Municipal Court was awarded the grant, and this fund is the vehicle for the city budget to manage and dispense upon those funds on behalf of the court. He further explained that a victim's advocate has been hired by the court, and she will be serving all the communities within the footprint of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2025-09 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-09 is passed.

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 7:51 P.M.

Approved: March 3, 2025

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor