

Lyndhurst, Ohio
October 7, 2024

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:32 P.M., Vice Mayor Stephen C. Grushetsky, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. Price, J. A. Gambatese, L. A. Schlessel, D. A. Frey, C. A. LoPresti.

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

Absent: Council Representative J. A. Marko;
P. A. Rhode, Chief of Police;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, September 16, 2024, 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 spoke about the Council Coffee & City Expo event that took place on Saturday, October 5th at the Community Center, which was well attended. He also reminded everyone about the Community Shredding Day & Food Drive that will take place this coming Saturday, October 12th from 11:30am-3:30pm in the parking lot of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Ward shared that the city was awarded a \$200,000 grant for the Community Center to improve the audio visual and sound quality including acoustic wall treatments and flooring with sound absorption. He also mentioned they are looking to upgrade the sound system in the Remote Training Room and the Municipal Courtrooms as well.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had no report.

PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Frey had no formal report this evening.

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 Schlessel had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Schlessel did not have anything to report at this time.

SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – School Board Member Crystal Shelby delivered the following report:

Ms. Shelby started by introducing herself as she is a newly elected board member. She then shared that the district kicked off a new program to offer free breakfast and lunch for students thanks to a four year grant.

Ms. Shelby shared that The American Red Cross awarded Brush High School graduate Meredith Davis Cooper a \$5,000 scholarship for her efforts to recruit blood donations and raise awareness about sickle cell disease. Brush was one of the top 10 schools in the country that collected the most units of blood from African American students.

Ms. Shelby gave an update on the Evolve Metal Detectors and Yonder Bag usage, stating both programs are going great! Metal detectors are used in all school buildings, while Yonder Bags are only used at Brush High School to store cell phones during class. She noted that students are much more engaged with each other and their classes without the distraction of cell phones.

Finally, under the direction of the new Superintendent, Dominic Kaple, the district is focused on communication and transparency. Kristen Cash is the new Communications Director, and she is sending out bi-weekly newsletters. Each newsletter focuses on what is going on in each school building to keep parents and the community well informed.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-67

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION AND SINCERE APPRECIATION TO JEFFREY TRACI FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF LYNDHURST AS A MEMBER OF THE LYNDHURST POLICE DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2024-67 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2024-67 was read in its entirety by Ms. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Resolution No. 2024-67 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2024-67 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-68
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY THE LOCAL SHARE NEEDED FOR RESURFACING CEDAR ROAD FROM IR-271 NB EXIT RAMP INCLUDING PAVEMENT PLANING, ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE, ADDING A 6” CONCRETE TRAFFIC ISLAND, AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS, LYING WITHIN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE SAID PROJECT

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. 2024-68 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2024-68 was highlighted by Ms. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Resolution No. 2024-68 be adopted.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Ward commented that this is a great opportunity for the city to get this area paved, while removing the delineators, at a decent price. He added that while this was not part of the original road program plan, the fact that other contracts came in lower than the project bid will allow funds to cover the cost.

Mr. Schlessel questioned whether a 6” curb is high enough for the island, in which Mayor Ward explained that the curbing will be similar to the current island at the Brainard on ramp.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2024-68 is adopted.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Approved: November 4, 2024

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor