

Lyndhurst, Ohio
May 18, 2026

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 18, 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;
M. Scipione, Acting 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.

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 4, 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 with Mr. Grushetsky abstaining.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward announced that beginning next month Council will begin awarding the property of distinction for the months of June, July, and August.

He also reported that the Hometown Heroes banners have been installed throughout the city. Special thanks were extended to the Lyndhurst Police Foundation and Detective Barna for facilitating the program, as well as to the Service Department for hanging the banners.

Mayor Ward shared that the Lyndhurst pool has been filled and the water features are working! Pool passes are currently on sale, and both Lyndhurst Pool and Brainard Spray Park will open this Saturday, May 23rd for the season.

Additionally, on June 25th the Community Partnership on Aging will host a fundraiser at the Lyndhurst Community Center featuring author and former Lyndhurst Police Chief Rick Porello, who will discuss his new book titled *Bomb City USA*.

Lastly, Mayor Ward announced that more than 1,300 pounds of non-perishable food was collected during the Community Shredding and Food Drive event. A total of \$630 has been raised through the online Harvest for Hunger virtual food drive with donations continuing to be accepted through the end of May.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had no formal report. He noted that the minutes from the April 20th meeting have been submitted.

PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Marko had no report.

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Dirk 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 stated there is no report.

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 member of the school board was not present to deliver a report.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

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

Stuart McQuillen, of 911 Roland Road, shared that this was his first time attending a City Council meeting. He stated that his daughter would be ecstatic to know the water features would be operating this summer.

Vice Mayor LoPresti thanked Mr. McQuillen for attending and asked that he reach out if he needs anything, noting he has the support of one ward council member and three at-large council members as well as the Mayor, Law Director, Service Director, Building Commissioner, Chiefs of Police and Fire.

Mr. Marko stated that there will be new chairs at the pool this summer!

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-43
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE BY NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION OR BY INTERNET AUCTION OF NINE SURPLUS MOTOR VEHICLES, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR SUCH MOTOR VEHICLES, 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. 2026-43 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-43 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 6 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2026-43 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-43 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-44
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN

AN ORDINANCE PARTIALLY SUSPENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND WINE IN LYNDBURST PARK DURING LYNDBURST HOME DAY FOR 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. 2026-44 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-44 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2026-44 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-44 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-45
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH AAA ADVANCED PLUMBING AND DRAIN FOR THE 2024 SEWER INSPECTION AND CLEANING PROGRAM, 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. 2026-45 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-45 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 6 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2026-45 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-45 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-46
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO RESCHEDULE THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL IN DECEMBER 2026 FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

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. 2026-46 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-46 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2026-46 be passed.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Marko commented that, with regard to changing meeting dates and times, it was his opinion that everyone should make a concerted effort to attend the regularly scheduled meetings, which are held on the first and third Mondays of each month, with the exception of the summer recess in June, July, and August, as well as the month of December. Mr. Marko further stated that Council should refrain from rescheduling meeting dates as long as there is a quorum of five members present to pass legislation as an emergency measure.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-46 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-47
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 23, 2026 AS “NATIONAL
PUBLIC WORKS WEEK” 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. 2026-47 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-47 was read in its entirety by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-47 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-47 is adopted.

Confirm decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

Recommendation made to Council to confirm the decision of the Board in Case No. 2026-02 to grant requested variance with conditions to Steven Caldwell of 5276 Spencer Road, for a use variance to erect a greenhouse in the rear yard. Chapter 1160.04 (a) of the Planning and Zoning Code does not include language for a greenhouse as a permitted structure in a Ten Thousand Square Foot Single Family Zoning District.

The findings in Case No. 2026-02 as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals held May 12, 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. 2026-02 and grant the requested variance with conditions.

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

Mayor Ward commented that there have been a lot of requests for greenhouses, and the Planning Commission is reviewing the matter in order to develop rules and standards that the Board of Zoning Appeals can consider when evaluating these requests.

Recommendation made to Council to confirm the decision of the Board in Case No. 2026-03 to grant requested variance, with conditions to Catherine Nahas of 4909 Fairlawn Road for a use variance to erect a greenhouse in the rear yard. Chapter 1160.04 (a) of the Planning and Zoning Code does not include language for a greenhouse as a permitted structure in a Ten Thousand Square Foot Single Family Zoning District.

The findings in Case No. 2026-03 as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals held May 12, 2026 were read by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Council confirm the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Case No. 2026-03 and grant the requested variance with conditions.

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

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, 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: June 1, 2026

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor