

Lyndhurst, Ohio
July 7, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 7:35 P.M., Council Member Stephen C. Grushetsky, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, J. Price, J. A. Gambatese, L. A. Schlessel, 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;
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: Vice Mayor D. A. Frey.

*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, June 2, 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 Ward began the swearing in ceremony by introducing two new members of the Lyndhurst Fire Department, Bradley Richmond and Nicholas Foard. He also announced there are two advancements within the department to the rank of Lieutenant and one to the rank of Captain.

Before the Oath of Office was administered, Chief Carroll asked the new Firefighter Medics to commit to the mission statement and uphold the core values of the Lyndhurst Fire Department. He also asked each of the newly promoted officers to recommit to the mission statement and continue to uphold the core values of each of their roles.

Mayor Ward administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter Medics Bradley Richmond and Nicholas Foard, Fire Lieutenant Adam Bobinski, Fire Lieutenant Jeff Buehner, and Fire Captain Todd Drum.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward announced the first summer Concert in the Park was held on Wednesday, June 18th featuring the band Funkology.; there was a great crowd in spite of the rain. The July 4th concert featuring the Hillcrest Concert Band was well attended and residents were so appreciative.

Mayor Ward aired that with the warm temperatures, the pool and spray park have been busy. He commented that reminders have been given outlining the expectations of decorum and common sense behavior for a family friendly facility; upon review, neighboring communities have much stricter rules. Mayor Ward stated how the staff have been doing a great job with a lot of new and young employees this season.

Mayor Ward reminded everyone that the next Concert in the Park will be Wednesday, July 16th featuring the band Red Light Roxy; beer and wine consumption is permitted in Lyndhurst Park during the concert thanks to City Council.

Finally, Mayor Ward shared that the first Eric Carmen Music Scholarship was granted to a Memorial 8th grade student, Liam Branham. He remarked how this is what the scholarship was envisioned to be elevating the talent and contribution of this student through the Music Settlement and their Jazz Ensemble back to our Arc Bands music program. Mayor Ward was pleased to receive the recommendation from the SEL school music department.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had no report.

PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Frey was absent; therefore no report was given.

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 Erin Harris delivered the following report:

Ms. Harris started by expressing gratitude to the Governor for vetoing some of the things on the budget bill that would have impacted the school district negatively.

Ms. Harris shared that Dr. Kaple and his cabinet are currently laying the groundwork for a unified and forward thinking strategic plan. She commented that while there was a strategic plan under Dr. Reid, the board realized that the plan needed to align with new leadership.

Ms. Harris remarked on how the new administration is going above and beyond. She shared that for example; the special education department is being mirrored by other school districts. Ms. Harris also mentioned that they welcome any and all feedback from the community.

She reported that the Summer School Program was successful with the focus of academic reinforcement while offering opportunities for students to engage in enrichment activities to support their overall learning and growth.

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

- 4901 Hartley Drive – M. Christina Savage
- 1231 Gordon Road – George and Sandra Cappotto
- 5658 Alberta Drive – Martin and Nancy LaCava
- 5264 Haverford Road – Larry and Tina Magyar

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-31
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS
OF COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2028, AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER**

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. 2025-31 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-31 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. 2025-31 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-31 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-32
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2026 TAX BUDGET, AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-32 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-32 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2025-32 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-32 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-33
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH VASCO ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE 2024 CONCRETE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-33 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-33 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. 2025-33 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-33 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-34
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN HOVANCSEK & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES FOR RESURFACING MAYFIELD ROAD IN THE CITY OF LYNDBURST, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatase, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2025-34 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-34 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatase, that Resolution No. 2025-34 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2025-34 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-35
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION AND SINCERE APPRECIATION TO SCOTT MAYNOR FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF LYNDBURST AS MEMBER OF THE LYNDBURST FIRE DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatase, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2025-35 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-35 was read in its entirety by Ms. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2025-35 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2025-35 is adopted.

Confirm decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

Recommendation made to Council to confirm the decision of the Board in Case No. 2025-01 to grant requested variance to Shelly Drenski of 984 Dalewood Road for a variance from the provisions of Chapter 1160.09 of the Planning and Zoning Code, to install a replacement front doorstep/landing unit which will be eighty (80) square feet in size, in lieu of the required thirty-five (35) square feet, to encroach into a front yard setback. The proposed unit will encroach eight (8) feet into the front setback. The required front yard setback per the zoning map for Dalewood Road is fifty (50) feet. Due to the unique positioning of her home on a corner lot, the home has an existing non-conforming front yard setback of approximately thirty (30) feet.

The findings in Case No. 2025-01 as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals held June 10, 2025 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. 2025-01 and grant the requested variance with conditions.

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 8:21 P.M.

Approved: August 4, 2025

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor