

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
November 17, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:31 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;  
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;  
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;  
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, November 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 unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward aired that November has been a busy month already beginning with volunteering at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank on November 5<sup>th</sup>. He also shared that thanks to Mr. Elhindi at the Corner Market BP, four hundred (4 turkeys were distributed to residents through the Community Partnership on Aging and other local organizations including Grace Tabernacle Church which will be given out during their annual Turkey and Food Drive Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am.

Mayor Ward announced the annual holiday light event, Candy Cane Lane, will be held on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in Lyndhurst Park, and the annual holiday concert featuring the Hillcrest Concert Band will be on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3pm in the Lyndhurst Community Center.

Mayor Ward talked about a recent homeowner association meeting he attended where the SCAM Squad spoke. He commented on how surprising it was to hear about so many residents have been impacted by scammers. He stated that no legitimate company will take a payment via gift cards.

Finally, Mayor Ward aired there will be a Lyndhurst Business Resource Fair and Appreciation Breakfast this Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> in the community center from 8-9:30am.

**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; however, it was mentioned that the committee will meet on December 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss 2026 capital requests.

**SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Price had no report; however, it was mentioned that the committee will be meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss 2026 capital requests.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Gambatese reported that the committee met earlier this evening to discuss 2026 capital requests for Police and Fire; the minutes are forthcoming. He also welcomed back Council member LoPresti who has been on military assignment.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky had no report.

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

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – KINDNESS KORNER** - Mayor Ward presented a Proclamation to the residents of Eastover Road who inspired the Kindness Korner initiative featured in the recent issue of Lyndhurst Life Magazine. Along with the Proclamation, the young residents were given gift bags from our partners at Kindland.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

Mr. Schlessel announced that with tonight being his last in-person meeting of the year. With that, he expressed the honor and privilege it has been to work alongside Vice Mayor Frey serving the Lyndhurst community for the past 20 years. Mr. Schlessel thanked Mr. Frey for his dedicated service and wished him all the best in his retirement. He reminded him that on the first and third Monday of every month, he will always be welcome to join city council.

Mr. Frey responded that it has been an honor and pleasure to serve on city council, and it has been a great ride!

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-57  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO IMPLEMENT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY, 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. 2025-57 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-57 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Resolution No. 2025-57 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2025-57 is adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-58**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 759 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY WITH REGARD TO CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS  
OCCUPANCY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-58 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-58 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2025-58 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-58 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-59  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN  
AGREEMENT WITH JOHN P. LUSKIN TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2026,  
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. 2025-59 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-59 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2025-59 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-59 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-60  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN  
AGREEMENT WITH HENDERSON, SCHMIDLIN & MCGARRY CO., L.P.A. TO  
PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-60 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-60 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2025-60 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-60 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-61  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 159.115 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES TITLED LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM, AND DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-61 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-61 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2025-61 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-61 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-62  
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION AND SINCERE  
APPRECIATION TO BRUCE BORTHWICK FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE  
TO THE RESIDENTS OF LYNDHURST AS MEMBER OF THE LYNDHURST FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2025-62 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-62 was read in its entirety by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Resolution No. 2025-62 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2025-62 is adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Board of Zoning Case 2025-02 be added to the Agenda.

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

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

Recommendation made to Council to confirm the decision of the Board in Case No. 2025-02 to grant requested variance to Douglas and Mary Kay Collings of 5375 Golfway Lane for a variance from the provisions of Chapter 1160.05 of the Planning and Zoning Code. The ordinance requires a minimum rear yard setback of forty (40) feet in a ten thousand (10,000) square foot single family zoning district; a variance of seventeen (17) feet is requested for a proposed addition to their existing house.

The findings in Case No. 2025-02 as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals held November 11, 2025 were read by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Gambatese, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Council confirm the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Case No. 2025-02 and grant the requested variance with conditions.

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Approved: December 15, 2025

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

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Vice Mayor