

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
November 4, 2024

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 7:37 P.M., Vice Mayor 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;  
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;  
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;  
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: Council Representative D. A. Frey;  
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, October 7, 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 with Mr. Marko abstaining.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward aired that the winter issue of Lyndhurst Life Magazine has been sent to the printer and will be in mailboxes mid-month. He reminded everyone that Election Day is tomorrow, and polls will be open from 6:30am-7:30pm. Mayor Ward shared that Cuyahoga County Executive, Chris Ronayne, and several members of his team will be visiting on Wednesday. They will be meeting with the entire administrative staff, including Community Partnership on Aging and the Municipal Court, looking for ways to be of more service to the local communities. Mayor Ward commented on how there are good things happening in the county, and great things could be happening with the right kind of partnership from stake holders.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky did not have a formal report. He did mention that the Council committees have started meeting to discuss 2025 capital requests, and the Finance Committee will meet on February 26, 2025 to review and approve the annual budget.

**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 reported that the committee met prior to the Council meeting to review the 2025 capital requests for the Police and Fire departments. The minutes of the meeting will be forthcoming.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Council member Schlessel did not have a report; however, he mentioned how nice it is to see the work the Planning Commission did with 7Brews Coffee Shop that is currently being constructed. He said the structure looks great!

**SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – A member of the School Board was not present to deliver a report.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

Kevin Wynne, 5406 Kilbourne Drive, expressed his concerns over the excessive speeding on his street and to Winchester. He noted that many cars are cutting through from Cedar to Mayfield and asked for more traffic enforcement.

Mayor Ward responded that he would request the Traffic Commander to look into setting up a speed trailer or roaming speed sign to remind drivers of the expectation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-69  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND MAYOR TO MODIFY PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE ORDERS TO REFLECT THE MERGER FROM BELL EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC, 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. 2024-69 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2024-69 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Resolution No. 2024-69 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2024-69 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-70**

**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE**

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. 2024-70 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2024-70 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Resolution No. 2024-70 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2024-70 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-71**

**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. 2024-71 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2024-71 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Resolution No. 2024-71 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2024-71 is adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-72  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DONALD J. SCHONHARDT & ASSOCIATES, INC., TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATION OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 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 Ordinance No. 2024-72 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-72 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. LoPresti, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2024-72 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-72 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-73  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE  
AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL  
SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE 2024 SEWER  
CLEANING AND INSPECTION PROGRAM**

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. 2024-73 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-73 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2024-73 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-73 is passed.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance Numbers 2024-74, 2024-75, and 2024-76 be considered jointly as they all pertain to change orders for the 2024 Asphalt Program.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-74, 2024-75, and 2024-76 will be considered jointly.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-74, 2024-75, 2024-76  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS NO. 1, 2 & 3 WITH  
SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2024 ASPHALT PROGRAM,  
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. 2024-74, 2024-75, and 2024-76 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-74, 2024-75, and 2024-76 were highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2024-74, 2024-75, and 2024-76 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-74, 2024-75, and 2024-76 are passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-77**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF LYNDBURST FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-65, 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. 2024-77 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-77 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 11 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2024-77 be passed.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Ward stated that \$200,000 increase to the appropriations will be reimbursed by a grant that was received from the State of Ohio for the Community Center audio visual improvements.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-77 is passed.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Mr. Gambatese wanted to thank Mr. LoPresti for his service and also to wish him safe travels.

Mr. LoPresti announced that he is deploying again and will be attending meetings remotely from Washington D.C. for the next 12 months.

Mr. Grushetsky reminded everyone that Veterans Day is next Monday.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Approved: November 18, 2024

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

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Vice Mayor