

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
April 20, 2026

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:37 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, April 6, 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 unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward announced that the April issue of *Lyndhurst Life Magazine* has been published and is expected to arrive in mailboxes within the coming week.

He also noted that the “Coffee with Cops” event will take place on Saturday, April 25, at Tous Les Jours beginning at 9:00 a.m. He encouraged everyone to stop by for a cup of coffee and talk with their Lyndhurst police officers and members of the Police Foundation.

Mayor Ward aired that a “push-in” ceremony to inaugurate the City’s new fire engine will be held on Monday, April 27, at 8:30 a.m. He acknowledged Cuyahoga County Representative Sunny Simon for her role in securing \$700,000 in grant funding toward the \$1 million purchase of the new fire engine and expressed appreciation for her support.

Mayor Ward announced that NOPEC will be hosting a public informational meeting regarding the electric aggregation program on Wednesday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lyndhurst Community Center.

He also noted that the Heritage Home Program will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 29, at Beachwood City Hall.

Mayor Ward reminded Council that the community shredding event and food drive will take place on Saturday, May 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot, and he requested assistance from City Council.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky stated that the committee met earlier this evening and the minutes will be forthcoming.

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Marko reported that the Service Department has been actively preparing the city parks and pool facilities for the 2026 season.

He announced that opening day for the Lyndhurst Pool and Brainard Spray Park is scheduled for Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> weather permitting, and noted that the Pool Director is still accepting applications for life guards and encouraged those interested to apply.

Mr. Marko also stated that the pay rate was increased in alignment with the state minimum wage increase. Additionally, he mentioned that pool passes will be available for purchase online only beginning Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Dirk had no report.

**SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Price had no report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Gambatese reported that two new members of the Fire Department, Ian McClintock and Jacon Syphen, were sworn in and started their shifts as firefighter / medics today. He noted they will both be ceremoniously sworn in at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Mr. Gambatese stated that the Fire Chief has scheduled a “push-in” ceremony for the new fire truck on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

Mr. Gambatese mentioned that this Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> is DEA National Take Back Day. Residents can safely dispose of unused or expired prescription medication at the Lyndhurst Municipal Complex from 10am-2pm. Also on Saturday, the Lyndhurst Police Department will host their 2<sup>nd</sup> Coffee with Cops from 9am-11am at Tous les Jours from 9am-11am.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Schlessel did not have anything to report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Council member Price stated that the commission has a meeting scheduled for this Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7pm.

**SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – School Board member Christian Sanders delivered the following report:

Mr. Sanders began his report by offering his sincere apologies for missing the previously scheduled meeting.

He then announced that the Brush High School Class of 2026 graduation will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Sanders highlighted that this past weekend, the NHS hosted a personal item drive to support the Journey Center for Safety and Healing, benefiting individuals impacted by domestic violence and child abuse.

He also celebrated a fantastic winter sports season and noted that the spring sports season is off to a strong start.

Mr. Sanders shared that the district’s musical production, *Disney’s Lion King Jr.*, will hold a preview night on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, with additional performances on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

In partnership with Kindland and the “250 Days of Kindness” initiative, He commented how district remains actively engaged in promoting kindness and mentioned the associated essay contest.

Mr. Sanders also announced the SEL Athletic Golf Scramble scheduled for Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and noted that he is looking for one more player to complete his foursome if anyone is interested in joining his team.

Finally, Mr. Sanders provided an update on the ongoing renovations at the Southlyn building, emphasizing the fiscal responsibility demonstrated throughout the process.

Mayor Ward shared his enthusiasm for the future of the Southlyn building, noting the community's need for a dedicated early childhood space. He reflected that all three of his children attended Southlyn, with his eldest son being part of its first graduating class and expressed that the building will always hold a special place in his memory.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that Resolution No. 2026-34 be added to the Agenda.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-32  
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 24, 2026 AS ARBOR DAY 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. 2026-32 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-32 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-32 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2026-32 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-33  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT  
CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 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 Resolution No. 2026-33 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-33 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with the emergency clause being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-33 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2026-33 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-34  
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

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

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. 2026-34 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. 2026-34 was read in its entirety by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Resolution No. 2026-34 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2026-34 is adopted.

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 7:56 P.M.

Approved: May 4, 2026

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

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Vice Mayor