

Lyndhurst, Ohio
September 22, 2026

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 7:32 P.M., Council Member Lane A. Schlessel, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, J. Price, J. A. Gambatese,
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, 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.

Absent: Vice Mayor Charles A. LoPresti.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, September 8, 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.

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MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward expressed his gratitude and appreciation to everyone who helped make Home Day 101 a great success! He highlighted the outstanding entertainment, the awesome parade, and the Pancake Breakfast which raised just over \$1,000 for the Brush Band Boosters. He remarked that plans for Home Day 102 are already underway!

Mayor Ward announced that the first ever Lyndhurst Community Market will take place this Saturday at the Lyndhurst Community Center from 9am-3pm. More than 60 vendors will be selling a variety of treasures including vintage items, baked goods, honey, vinyl records, handmade jewelry, crafts, candles, skincare products, and so much more. Mayor Ward thanked the event organizers Maureen Riley, Randi Gross, and Kathy Miller as well as the event sponsor Moedini for helping bring this new community event to life. He noted that table rentals generated more than \$2,000 to assist local families in need.

Mayor Ward reminded everyone of the upcoming Council Coffee and City Expo event scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd from 9-11am at the Lyndhurst Community Center. All city departments will be represented along with many partner organizations including the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools, NOPEC, Lyndhurst Municipal Court, RITA, and the Northeast Ohio Regional

Sewer District. He encouraged residents to stop by, meet with city representatives and community partners, ask questions, and learn more about available services and resources!

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had no report.

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

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Dirk had no report at this time.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Gambatese highlighted several recent community events involving the Lyndhurst Police Department, including the Father’s Walk from Brainard Park to Sunview Elementary School. He also commended the police department for their efforts in providing security during Home Day weekend, helping to make the annual event peaceful and safe for the community. Mr. Gambatese also reported on the new Drone Program that was put into service a little over a month ago. The program currently has five FAA-licensed operators within the police department. He commended Chief Scipione and his team for their continued participation and presence in the community!

Mayor Ward also announced that there will be a Blue Line Bucket Drop fundraiser taking place along Mayfield Road on Thursday, September 24th from 2-4pm to raise money and awareness for Childhood Cancer Research.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Schlessel had 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.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-72 and Resolution No. 2026-73 be added to the Agenda.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-72 and Resolution No. 2026-73
were added to the Agenda.

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

Lauren Roncagli, 1544 Lyndhurst Road, expressed concerns regarding the difficulty turning onto her street from Mayfield Road due to the speed of traffic and drivers entering the turn lane too early, which she stated blocks the roadway. She requested assistance from the Police Department to address the situation before someone is injured. Ms. Roncagli also provided photos documenting her concerns, for review.

Chief Scipione responded that he understands her frustration and will assign additional police detail to that intersection, especially during rush hour, in an effort to help curtail aggressive driving in the area. He explained that this will provide the Police Department with a better understanding of the situation and help determine what action may be needed.

Mayor Ward also acknowledged that he has also seen drivers accelerating into the turn lane at Brainard Road.

Mr. Schlessel thanked Ms. Roncagli for bringing the matter to their attention and stated that the Police Chief will look in to her concerns.

Sally Lang, 5288 Chickadee Lane, Sally Lang, 5288 Chickadee Lane, addressed the Mayor and City Council regarding the group home located on her street stating that she and her neighbors are closely monitoring the situation. In her opinion, the property should never have been purchased for use as a group home, as she believes the purchase did not comply with City regulations. Ms. Lang further stated that the home has been vacant for approximately two years. She expressed her strong opposition to having two group homes located adjacent to her residence.

Mayor Ward expressed his frustration that as of today, North Coast Group Homes have not yet applied to the Board of Zoning Appeals as they were directed by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Grushetsky thanked Mrs. Miller for her service to City Council, in which Mrs. Miller responded that the past nine years have been an invaluable experience as a resident, and assured everyone that she will continue attend Council meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-69
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNT AND RATES AS DETERMINED
BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX
LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER**

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. 2026-69 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-69 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-69 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-69 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-70
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS INSURANCE CARRIERS RECOMMENDED BY JACKSON, DIEKEN & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE THE NEEDED INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED BY THE CITY OF LYNDBURST AND THE LYNDBURST MUNICIPAL COURT, 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. 2026-70 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-70 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-70 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-70 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-71
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF LYNDBURST AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING UPDATING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AGREEMENT, 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. 2026-71 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-71 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-71 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-71 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-72
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING
CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES 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. 2026-72 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-72 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. 2026-72 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-72 is passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-73
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION AND SINCERE
APPRECIATION TO DAVID F. LOZADA, SR. FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE
TO THE RESIDENTS OF LYNTHURST AS MEMBER OF THE LYNTHURST 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. 2026-73 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-73 was read in its entirety by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-73 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-73 is adopted.

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 7:57 P.M.

Approved: October 5, 2026

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor