

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
November 3, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 3, 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.

\*Due to military duty assignment, Mr. LoPresti was present remotely via the Zoom meeting application. Mr. Schlessel was travelling for business and also attended the meeting remotely.

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, October 20, 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 announced the next issue of Lyndhurst Life Magazine was released to print on Friday and should be in mailboxes next week.

He shared there will be a Lyndhurst Business Resource Fair and Appreciation Breakfast held on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30am at the Community Center; this a great opportunity for our local businesses to get exposure to a number of resources including Vaughn Johnson, Deputy Director for Economic Development for Cuyahoga County and Shashonna Duckworth, Regional Director of Minority Business Assistance Center at the Urban League of Cleveland.

Mayor Ward mentioned there is a group volunteering at the Greater Cleveland Foodbank this coming Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. He remarked that it's always a fun and uplifting team building event!

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky reminded everyone that the 2026 Capital Budget Meetings began this evening and will continue prior to the next Council meeting.

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Frey reported that the Public Lands & Buildings committee met at 6:45pm this evening to discuss the 2026 capital requests, all of which were approved pending the availability of funds. The minutes will be forthcoming.

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

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

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Gambatese reported that there will be a Safety Committee meeting on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:45pm to discuss 2026 capital requests.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Council member Schlessel was not attending the meeting in-person; therefore, no report was given.

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

Ms. Falkenburg began by thanking the Mayor and City Council for giving her the opportunity to share the latest endeavors and successes of the SEL schools. Ms. Falkenburg remarked that it is her last chance to speak as she is at the end of her eight years of service with the school board. She stated that it has been a privilege to serve on the South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board and to present our schools to all of you. Ms. Falkenburg stated that the main concern right now is the passing of Issue 52 tomorrow for the school levy. She commented on how the board, the staff, and many community members have been working tirelessly to support the bill, and they are hopeful that it will pass so they can continue to offer a strong curriculum and buildings that are safe and comfortable. She especially thanked Stefanie Rhine for her tireless work and creative leadership on the campaign!

Ms. Falkenburg shared that the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) presented Doug Fill, Interactive Media/Production Specialist, with the OSBA Northeast Region Classified Employee of the Year Award. Mr. Fill is known around the district for his excellent work in all areas of SEL media production. She remarked that his strong work ethic and professionalism have represented our schools in the best light and they are eternally grateful to him!

Ms. Falkenburg reported that in sports, the football season ended with a 45-18 victory over Cleveland Central Catholic High School closing out the season with a 6-4 tally. This is an encouragement to the Seniors who worked hard to build up the football program. She stated that when football season ends, the basketball teams are knocking at the door ready to take on difficult challenges including the Chet Mason invitational on January 25<sup>th</sup> when they host Warrensville Heights for both the boys' and girls' teams. In other sports news, Ms. Falkenburg shared that freshman Casey Flowers qualified for the state cross country championships which took place this past Saturday. Casey's leadership in her sport promises good things for the future of Brush Cross Country.

Ms. Falkenburg stated that thanks to first year STEM teacher Steve Milazzotto, Greenview Upper Elementary School is experiencing hands on learning through the fostering of two sulcata tortoises named Taco and Tortilla. Students are able to learn everything from the care of the tortoises, building new structures for them, and even the growing of lettuce which is one of their favorite foods. She commented that all of these activities utilize STEM lessons in a way that will foster interest and understanding for years to come.

Ms. Falkenburg remarked, that while many are worried about the availability of the free breakfast and lunch programs during the government shutdown, she was pleased to announce that SEL will still be providing meals for the students during this time. For those students living with uncertainty because of the political situation, she shared that counselors and resource specialists are ready to offer advice and support; these are resources available on the school website.

Ms. Falkenburg aired that the Brush National Honor Society will be collecting non-perishable food items and grocery store gift cards to help local families in need this Thanksgiving. Anyone interested in participating should bring their donations to the high school anytime between November 10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> or drop them off at the school board meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Falkenberg announced that parents are invited to meet their children's teachers to discuss any concerns and plans for the rest of the school year. Parent Teacher conferences offer a vital opportunity to help our students make the best decisions and strengthen best practices for a successful school year.

Ms. Falkenburg stated that she hopes she can speak for all in the community and school system when she says that they are blessed with dedicated teachers, school aides, counselors, bus drivers, and cafeteria workers who collectively make the school community a safe and welcoming place for our children. It is her hope that we will thrive together in the future!

Vice Mayor Frey thanked Ms. Falkenburg, leading a round of applause.

Mayor Ward thanked Ms. Falkenburg for her eight years of service to the school community and knows it is a better place for all that she has contributed. He spoke about a recent meeting he had with Brush Principal Harris, Superintendent Dr. Kaple, Ms. Thompson, and representatives from Tri-C. He shared that they were talking about career readiness programs in hopes that Tri-C can help fill gaps where Excel Tec is not meeting the needs of the students. Mayor Ward said his biggest take away from the meeting is to hear about all the programs the students are signing up for like physics and engineering. He stated that the goal, collectively, is to meet the students where they are, engage them earlier, and keep them directed towards programs they are interested in!

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

Carmen Hall, 5242 Chickadee Lane, expressed her satisfaction with the Service Department.

Vice Mayor Frey thanked Ms. Hall and remarked that it's always good to hear positive comments from residents.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-55  
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. 2025-55 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-55 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2025-55 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2025-55 is adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-56  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES  
AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LYNDBURST FOR THE PERIOD  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-51 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. 2025-56 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-56 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. 2025-56 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-56 is passed.

In response to request for same, it was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that the Clerk be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for Richmond Road Culvert Repairs.

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 7:48 P.M.

Approved: November 17, 2025

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

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Vice Mayor