

Lyndhurst, Ohio
December 9, 2024

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held an Organizational Meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7:33 P.M., Vice Mayor Stephen C. Grushetsky, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, J. Price, J. A. Gambatese, D. A. Frey, C. A. LoPresti.

Others Present: P. A. Ward, Mayor;
J. P. Luskin, Director of Law;
P. A. Rhode, Chief of Police;
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: Council Representative L. A. Schlessel;
R. J. Schmidlin, Assistant Director of Law;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire.

* Mr. LoPresti and Mr. Luskin both attended the meeting remotely via the Zoom Meeting Application.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, November 18, 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 unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that David A. Frey be nominated as Vice Mayor for the 2025 calendar year.

Mr. Frey accepted the nomination.

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

Motion carried.
Mr. Frey is elected Vice Mayor
for the year 2025.

The floor was opened to nominations for the Council Representative to the Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review for the year 2025.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Lane A. Schlessel be nominated as the Council Representative to the Planning Commission and to the Architectural Board of Review for the 2025 calendar year.

Mr. Schlessel was not present to accept the nomination; however, it was noted that Mr. Schlessel previously expressed interest in continuing his role for another year.

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

Motion carried.
Mr. Schlessel is elected as the Council Representative to the Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review for the year 2025.

Stephanie Nalepa, Volunteer Coordinator and Community Inclusion Specialist for the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, gave a special presentation on the services they offer including their mission which is to support and empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work, and play in the community.

Ms. Nalepa explained how they support more than 14,000 people with developmental disabilities throughout Cuyahoga County and have already served 150 people in Lyndhurst. She shared that they have over \$200,000 in grants available if Lyndhurst would like to apply for 2025.

Mr. Gambatese mentioned that Ms. Nalepa is also a Lyndhurst resident.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward spoke about the events that took place over the weekend including the Holiday Lighting on Friday evening in Lyndhurst Park, and the Holiday Concert with the Hillcrest Concert Band on Sunday at the Lyndhurst Community Center. He thanked all the volunteers that helped make these events wonderful!

Mayor Ward mentioned the last scheduled opportunity of the year to volunteer at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank is coming up on Monday, December 16th from 6-8pm. He remarked how this truly has been a rewarding opportunity, and invited members of Council to join him if they are available!

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had no formal report. He did remind his colleagues of the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for February 26, 2025.

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

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price stated that the committee met prior to the Council meeting and the minutes are forthcoming.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price stated that the committee met prior to the Council meeting and the minutes are forthcoming.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Gambatese had no report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Schlessel was not present to give a report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Schlessel was not present to give a report.

SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – School Board member Ashley King delivered the following report:

Ms. King stated students are busy preparing for final exams as well as winter break which begins on December 23rd to January 3rd with classes resuming on Monday, January 6, 2025. She shared that the Memorial and Brush Choral Concert is Tuesday at 6pm and is the same time as the School Board working session. December 11th is the Memorial Band Concert in their new gym, and December 12th is the Memorial Orchestra Concert beginning at 7pm which is rescheduled from the snow day last week.

Ms. King announced that Sunday, December 15th at 2pm the Akron Wind Symphony will perform with the Brush High School Choir in the PAC. Additionally, the district is holding a toy drive to benefit Olivia's Dream. She commented that anyone interested in donating will gain free entry into the basketball game on Tuesday.

Lastly, Ms. King shared there is a new Communications Coordinator, who sends out an electronic newsletter every 2 weeks from the Superintendents Office. She wanted to make sure all members of Council and City Officials are aware and register to receive it. She noted that this has been a great tool to connect with the school community!

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-86
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JOHN P. LUSKIN TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2024-86 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-86 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2024-86 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2024-86 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-87
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HENDERSON, SCHMIDLIN & MCGARRY CO., L.P.A. TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2024-87 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-87 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2024-87 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2024-87 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-88
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE CONTINUING THE POSITION OF CITY ENGINEER FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026; FIXING THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR SAID POSITION; PROVIDING FOR THE MAYOR TO CONTRACT FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Frey, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2024-88 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-88 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 11 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2024-88 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2024-88 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-89
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2024-89 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-89 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2024-89 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2024-89 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-90
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT KNOWN AS THE EUCLID CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COMPLY WITH SAID 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 Resolution No. 2024-90 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2024-90 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2024-90 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2024-90 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-91
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE PORTIONS OF THE SANITARY SEWER ASSESSMENT TO BE ALLOCATED TO EACH SEWER FUND FOR THE TAX YEAR 2024, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 925.02(b) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

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. 2024-91 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-91 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2024-91 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2024-91 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-92
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, 2024 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-83, 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. 2024-921 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-92 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 11 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2024-92 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2024-92 is passed.

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

Prior to the vote, Mr. Marko wished everyone happy holidays!

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Approved: January 6, 2025

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor