

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
February 19, 2024

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held its Regular Meeting on Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7:33 P.M., Vice Mayor Stephen C. Grushetsky, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, J. Price, J. A. Gambatese, L. A. Schlessel, D. A. Frey, 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;  
M. A. Kovalchik, Director of Finance;  
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

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

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 5, 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. Gambatese abstaining.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward thanked the committees for their work in preparing the 2024 Budget, which is on the Agenda for approval this evening. He also thanked Mrs. Kovalchik for her work as well.

Mayor Ward announced the Bunny Breakfast will be Sundy, March 24<sup>th</sup> with Corpus Christi Academy being the beneficiary again this year.

Mayor Ward aired that glasses have been ordered for the April 8<sup>th</sup> total Solar Eclipse and city departments will close early. It is also opening day for the Cleveland Guardians!

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky reported the committee met last Monday to review and approve the 2024 Budget. He thanked the department heads for their due diligence and all they do to keep the city running smoothly.

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Mr. Frey had no formal report; however, he asked to schedule a meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm to discuss the 2024 season for the pool and spray park including the 2023 end of season recap.

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

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

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Gambatese did not have anything to report at this time.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Schlessel did not provide a report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Vice Mayor Grushetsky aired that the Planning Commission will be meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm.

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

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-95 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. 2024-08 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-08 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 11 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2024-08 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-08 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES 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. 2024-09 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-09 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. 2024-09 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-09 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-10**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF  
\$1,000,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS BY  
RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, PAVING, AND MAKING OTHER  
IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2024-10 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-10 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 16 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2024-10 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-10 is passed.

**Confirm decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals:**

Recommendation made to Council to confirm the decision of the Board in Case No. 2024-01 to grant requested variance to Garrit Wamelink of 4900 Countryside Road for an area variance from Chapter 1160.04 (a)(1) A, of the Planning and Zoning Code, to allow two garages on his property. His proposal is to maintain the existing garage and to construct an additional new two (2) car detached garage.

The findings in Case No. 2024-01 as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals held February 12, 2024 were read by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Frey, that Council confirm the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Case No. 2024-01 and grant the requested variance with conditions.

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

In response to request for same, it was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that the Clerk be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for the 2024 Asphalt Program, 2024 Concrete Program, 2024 Sidewalk Program Contract A- Replacement, and 2024 Sidewalk Program Contract B- Sawing.

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Approved: March 4, 2024

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

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Vice Mayor