

Lyndhurst, Ohio
March 2, 2026

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:33 P.M., Vice Mayor Charles A. LoPresti, presiding.

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

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;
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: Council Representative S. C. Grushetsky;
Council Representative and A. M. Dirk;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 16, 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 with Mr. Schlessel abstaining.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward announced that the Harvest for Hunger campaign launched on Sunday, March 1st and the city is proud to participate with a virtual food drive; donation bins for non-perishable items will be available in the lobby of city hall and the community center. In addition to being an active participant in the campaign, the city has set aside two volunteer opportunities, one in March and one in October. If anyone would like to volunteer or learn more about how to get involved, please reach out.

Mayor Ward shared that he, along with several members of City Council and the HRCC, attended the grand opening of Saffron Patch, the Indian restaurant that has taken over the former Wild Mango space at Legacy Village. He noted that the space looks beautiful and that the food was excellent.

Mayor Ward also mentioned that several additional restaurants and businesses are expected to open in the coming months, bringing even more exciting additions to the community.

Mayor Ward stated that the 11th annual Bunny Breakfast has been scheduled for Sunday, March 29th from 8am-12pm at the Lyndhurst Community Center; all proceeds to benefit Corpus Christi Academy student enrichment programs. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated if anyone is available to help.

Mayor Ward thanked the Finance Committee for their work in helping to prepare the city's annual budget. With Council's approval, the efforts of the City's departments can continue to support programs, services, and community events.

Mayor Ward spoke about the house fire on Clubside Road that took place earlier today. The Lyndhurst Fire Department responded to a garage fire and received mutual aid assistance from neighboring communities, including Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Beachwood, Pepper Pike, South Euclid, Cleveland Heights, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights. Firefighters worked for over an hour to actively contain and extinguish the fire. Thankfully, the homeowners and their dog were safely out of the house.

Mayor Ward talked about the upcoming career fair that the city is partnering with the City of South Euclid and the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools taking place on Wednesday, March 18th at Brush High School. He explained how the career fair is open to students only from 1-3pm providing them with a valuable opportunity to meet potential employers and learn about educational and career pathways. The event will be open to the general public from 4-7pm.

Finally, Mayor Ward gave a reminder about daylight savings time taking place this Sunday; be sure to set your clocks forward for spring!

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky was absent, and a report was not submitted. Vice Mayor LoPresti remarked that his efforts will be reflected in the acceptance of the appropriations ordinance that is on the agenda.

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

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Dirk was absent; therefore, a report was not given.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Gambatese had no report at this time.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Schlessel had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Price had no report.

SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – A member of the school board was not present to deliver a report.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

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

Jan Kovan, 6420 Gates Mills Blvd. in Mayfield Heights, stated that although she is not a resident of Lyndhurst, she is an organizer for the protests in front of the Tesla dealership. Ms. Kovan wanted to express her gratitude to the City of Lyndhurst, especially the police department, Chief Rhode, Lieutenant Scipione, and patrol officer David Boss, for the cooperation, professionalism, and kindness shown toward the protesters over the past year. She noted that unfortunately, they are going to keep protesting.

Mayor Ward responded that he appreciates the organization and those that attempt to “keep the temperature down” which helps the city. He mentioned there was

a complaint a couple of weeks ago from a resident regarding the honking from passersby. Mayor Ward noted that he will share her gratitude with officer Boss.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-18, 2026-19, 2026-20
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1351.10 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TITLED “HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING PERMIT FEES”, SECTION 1351.11 TITLED “PLUBMING AND SEWER WORK PERMIT FEES”, AND SECTION 1351.12 TITLED “ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES” 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. 2026-18, 2026-19, and 2026-20 be placed on third reading for final passage and that they be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-18, 2026-19, and 2026-20 were highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with the emergency clause being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-18, 2026-19, and 2026-20 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-18, 2026-19, and 2026-20 are passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-21
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1365 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, OHIO, TITLED “PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS” 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. 2026-21 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-21 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-21 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-21 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-22
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 141.01 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TITLED “COMPOSITION; ACTING CHIEF” 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. 2026-22 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-22 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-22 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-22 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-23
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, 2026, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-68 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. 2026-23 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-23 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2026-23 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-23 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-24
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES 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. 2026-24 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-24 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2026-24 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-24 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMBER COMMUNITY
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE
NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF
LYNDHURST FOR THE EDGEFIELD SSO REMOVAL PHASE 2 PROJECT 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 Resolution No. 2026-25 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-25 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Resolution No. 2026-25 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-25 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-26
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDING PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

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. 2026-26 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-26 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-26 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-26 is passed.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that correspondence from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new permit for 24337 Cedar Road LLC dba The Legacy LLC, 24337 Cedar Road & Patio, was noted with no hearing requested.

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

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 7:58 P.M.

Approved: March 16, 2026

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor