

Lyndhurst, Ohio
January 19, 2026

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7:33 P.M., Vice Mayor Charles A. LoPresti, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. Price, J. A. Gambatese, L. A. Schlessel, 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;
P. A. Rhode, Chief of Police;
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: Council Representative J. A. Marko;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner.

* Mr. Schlessel 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, January 5, 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. Grushetsky abstaining.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward spoke about the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration breakfast he attended hosted by Cleveland State University (CSU) and Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). He commented that this was a reminder of the struggles that still exist today.

Mayor Ward mentioned the Lyndhurst Police Foundation is planning their inaugural Tunnels to Towers (T2) 5K event on June 27th in Lyndhurst with the first event planning meeting taking place earlier today.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky reminded his colleagues of the meeting scheduled for February 24th at 6pm.

PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Marko was absent; however, Vice Mayor LoPresti noted that a meeting has been scheduled for February 16th prior to the Council meeting.

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

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Gambatese had nothing to report at this time.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Schlessel was not present in-person and a report was not given.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Price stated that the commission has a meeting scheduled this Thursday, January 22nd.

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.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

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

Brian Estanek, 1387 Wilshire Road, expressed concerns over the noise from the honking cars during the protesting on Mayfield Road in front of the Tesla dealership. While Mr. Estanek understands the right to protest, he stated that in the warmer months, it's not enjoyable to be outside with his family on Saturdays while cars are honking for several hours at a time.

Mayor Ward commented that the city agrees with his concerns; however, more problems could arise by trying to curb those behaviors.

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 7:38 P.M.

Approved: February 2, 2026

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor