

Lyndhurst, Ohio
December 15, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 7:33 P.M., Vice Mayor David A. Frey, presiding.

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

Absent: Council Representative L.A. Schlessel.

* Mr. Luskin was present remotely via the Zoom meeting application.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 17, 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.

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

Before administering the Oath of Office, Mayor Ward took a moment to thank City Council Member David Frey for serving The City of Lyndhurst over the past 20 years.

Mayor Ward administered the Oath of Office to newly elected City Council Member Allison Dirk in Ward 1, re-elected City Council Members Joe Gambatese in Ward 2 and Steve Grushetsky in Ward 4. Council Member Lane Schlessel, Ward 3, was sworn in on November 29, 2025.

Mayor Ward also administered the Oath of Office to newly promoted members of the Lyndhurst Fire Department, Lieutenant Andy Grantham and Captain Brian Ford.

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Chief Carroll asked both officers to re-commit to the mission and core values of the Lyndhurst Fire Department in their respective roles.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Charles A. LoPresti be nominated as Vice Mayor for the 2026 calendar year.

Mr. LoPresti accepted the nomination.

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

Motion carried.
Mr. LoPresti is elected Vice Mayor
for the year 2026.

The floor was opened to nominations for the Council Representative to the Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review for the year 2026.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Jeff Price be nominated as the Council Representative to the Planning Commission and to the Architectural Board of Review for the 2026 calendar year.

Mr. Price accepted the nomination.

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

Motion carried.
Mr. Price is elected as the Council
Representative to the Planning
Commission and Architectural
Board of Review for the year 2026.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the appointment of Leah Burtnett to the Legacy Village Lyndhurst Community Fund be confirmed.

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

Motion carried.
Leah Burtnett is appointed to the
Legacy Village Lyndhurst Community
Fund.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward announced that the event calendar was closed out this evening with the Menorah on Mayfield celebration! Despite the cold weather, the menorah lighting was held outside with festivities following in the Fire Station. Mayor Ward remarked that due to the recent events that took place in Australia, it was important that to gather as a community and stand up against those who want to envelop everyone in darkness. He stated that the purpose of Hanukkah and the menorah is light and the only thing to counter darkness with is light. Mayor Ward expressed that we as a community will stand out and recognize that light and goodness will overcome all these adversities as a community, hopefully as a country, and a world!

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had no formal report; however, he stated that the budget committee meetings were completed this evening with Roads & Utilities and Service & Sewers. Mr. Grushetsky announced that the Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2026 beginning at 6pm and asked his colleagues to mark their calendars!

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

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price reported that the committee met earlier this evening to review the 2026 capital requests; the meeting minutes will be forthcoming.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price reported that the committee met this evening following the Roads & Utilities committee meeting to review the 2026 capital requests; the meeting minutes will be forthcoming.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Gambatese stated that the minutes from the meeting held November 17, 2025 have been submitted.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Schlessel was absent; therefore, no report was given.

SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – Newly elected Board member Christian Sanders began his report by introducing himself to the community and thanking them for their support on his election. On behalf of the district and the students, he also thanked everyone for their support of the recent school levy securing the district's great facilities and those planned in the next five years.

Mr. Sanders shared that he recently attended the Ohio School Boards Association Meeting in Columbus serving as the school board delegate advocating for the district while receiving professional development.

He mentioned that all the SEL schools are hosting fun Winter Fest activities this month. Mr. Sanders reported that winter sports are underway with both Boys and Girls Basketball; the swimming and diving season will kick-off on December 20th; the Wrestling team had their opening tournament; and the Boys and Girls Bowling Teams have also started their season.

Mr. Sanders stated that ten Memorial Junior High students were recognized by members of the Al Santos Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7536, located in Lyndhurst, for their essay submissions to the VFW Patriot's Pen Writing Contest. Raevenel Johnson received first place in the contest, and his essay will be forwarded to District 7 to continue on in the competition.

Finally, Mr. Sanders announced that Memorial Junior High will be hosting a Family Movie Night at 5pm in the gymnasium, and winter recess begins December 22nd.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-63
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH A&J
CEMENT CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE 2025 CONCRETE PROGRAM,
AUTHORIZING THE CLOSEOUT OF SAID CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-63 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-63 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 6 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2025-63 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-63 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-64
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 759 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY WITH REGARD TO CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS
OCCUPANCY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-64 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-64 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2025-64 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-64 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-65
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. 2025-56, 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. 2025-65 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-65 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. LoPresti, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2025-65 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-65 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-66
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE DEPOSIT OF
INTERIM AND ACTIVE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF LYNDBURST, 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. 2025-66 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-66 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2025-66 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-66 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-67
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE PORTIONS OF THE SANITARY SEWER ASSESSMENT TO BE ALLOCATED TO EACH SEWER FUND FOR THE TAX YEAR 2025, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 925.02(b) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-67 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-67 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. LoPresti, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2025-67 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-67 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-68
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, 2026, AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2026, 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. 2025-68 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-68 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. LoPresti, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2025-68 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-68 is passed.

Traffic Directive #168:

Pursuant to recommendations by the Lyndhurst Police Department: Remove 2 signs that restrict turns during the hours of 8am and 4pm at the intersection of Brainard and Meadow Wood. These signs are no longer needed because the pedestrian traffic to and from Sunview School has significantly decreased over the years.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Traffic Directive #168 be approved with no changes.

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 8:11 P.M.

Approved: January 5, 2026

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor