

Lyndhurst, Ohio
May 4, 2026

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 7:32 P.M., Vice Mayor Charles A. LoPresti, presiding.

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

Others Present: P. A. Ward, Mayor;
J. P. Luskin, Director of Law;
R. J. Schmidlin, Assistant Director of Law;
M. Scipione, Acting Chief of Police;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;
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.

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, April 20, 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 unanimously.

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Mayor Ward administered the Oath of Office to two new members of the Lyndhurst Fire Department, firefighter medics Ian C. McClintock and Jacob D. Syphen.

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Chief Carroll asked both firefighters to commit to the mission and core values of the Lyndhurst Fire Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward began his report by announcing that the Spring Community Shred Event and Food Drive held on Saturday, May 2, was extremely successful. More than 1,100 pounds of paper were shredded, and 1,366 pounds of food were donated, along with \$140 in cash donations for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. He expressed his appreciation to everyone who was able to help.

Mayor Ward also spoke about the Heritage Home Program information event held on Thursday, April 29, at Beachwood City Hall. The room was full, with more than half of the attendees coming from Lyndhurst.

Residents are reminded that grass-cutting season is underway, and the City has already begun receiving calls regarding high grass and weeds.

Finally, Mayor Ward reminded everyone that Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 10th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky was absent; therefore a report was not given. Vice Mayor LoPresti noted that Mr. Grushetsky has an excused absence.

PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Marko did not have a report. It was mentioned that pool passes are now available for purchase online.

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Dirk had no formal report; however, she mentioned that road repairs continue throughout the city.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Schlessel reported that the committee met earlier this evening to discuss proposed Ordinance 2026-35; the minutes from that meeting are forthcoming.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Price stated that the commission met last week and submitted three recommendations for Council's consideration, all of which are included on the agenda.

SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – Brush High School Principal Marinise Harris and Assistant Principal Jamison Days were in attendance along with a couple of students who were there to be recognized.

Ms. Harris began by sharing her plans for Brush High School and the residents of Lyndhurst. She explained that the school is beginning the second section of Exercise Science, which will consist of designing its own Silver Slippers program for elderly residents. They are also starting a pre-nursing program that will include monthly blood pressure and finger-prick checks. These opportunities will be open to the community for residents who are unable to make it to the doctor, helping to bridge the relationship between the school and the community.

Ms. Harris also mentioned that, together with Mayor Ward, they are working to strengthen the relationship with Cuyahoga Community College in an effort to enhance student opportunities to earn certifications before graduating high school. Within the past two years, the graduation rate increased from 90% to 94% last year, and the school is on track to maintain that rate this year.

Next, Mr. Days introduced himself as a 2013 graduate of Brush High School and a current resident of Lyndhurst with two children who will be entering the district's educational system this fall. He then had the honor of introducing Munir Lewis and Tatiana Mason, both current juniors who have accepted full athletic scholarships to play their respective sports in college. Munir Lewis will be attending University of Louisville to play football, and Tatiana Mason will attend Ohio State University to play basketball.

Munir Lewis introduced himself and shared that he has grown up in the South Euclid–Lyndhurst School District, beginning at Sunview at age five. He reflected positively on his experience throughout the district, emphasizing the support he has received from the community, school principals, and his classmates over the years. Munir also expressed his appreciation to the principals at Brush High School, as well as to his teachers, coaches, and mentors, thanking them for their guidance, encouragement, and ongoing support throughout his academic and athletic journey.

Mr. Marko invited Munir Lewis back in four years to share his college experience. Munir then responded to a question from Mayor Ward, explaining that he plans to study Sports Administration. He shared that he chose the University of Louisville because of its football general manager, Vince Marrow, who is responsible for key program operations including recruiting, financial decisions, and coaching staff management. Munir said he admires that leadership structure and hopes to follow a similar career path in the future.

Tatiana Mason introduced herself, sharing that she began her educational journey in the South Euclid–Lyndhurst School District starting in 5th grade. She spoke about her appreciation for the support she has received from principals and school staff, particularly as a high-level student-athlete, and noted that she plays guard on the girls’ basketball team.

Ms. Harris added that Tatiana is the runner-up for 2026 Ohio Ms. Basketball, recognizing her outstanding athletic achievement.

Tatiana was congratulated by Mr. Luskin for being named First Team Division III All-Ohio and Co-Player of the Year for the 2025-26 season.

Mrs. Dirk then asked what Tatiana what she plans to study in college. She responded that she is interested in research science, especially Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Both students were then congratulated with a round of applause from all those in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-42 be added to the Agenda.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-42 was added to the Agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Gambatese, that a recommendation from the Planning Commission be added to the Agenda.

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

Motion carried.
Recommendation from the Planning Commission was added to the Agenda.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-35
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 1183 TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, OHIO TITLED “PROHIBITION OF RETAIL TOBACCO AND VAPOR STORES”

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2026-35 be tabled.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-35 is tabled.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-36
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-52 WHICH ESTABLISHED SALARY, COMPENSATION, AND HOURLY RATES OF PAY FOR NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES IN THE VARIOUS OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, AND WHICH CONFIRMED LONGEVITY COMPENSATION, VACATIONS, HOLIDAYS AND OTHER BENEFITS, IN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, OHIO, REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-52 INCONSISTENT HERewith, 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. 2026-36 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-36 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 14 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-36 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-36 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-37
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
INDEPENDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH KIMBERLY FORAN, LLC TO
PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE LYNDHURST POLICE
DEPARTMENT, 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. 2026-37 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-37 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-37 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-37 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-38
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH KATHRYN TOMARO
CONSULTING, LLC TO PROVIDE SERVICE FOR THE LYNDHURST POLICE
DEPARTMENT, 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. 2026-38 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-38 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-38 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-38 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-39
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 10 THROUGH MAY 16, 2026 AS
“NATIONAL POLICE WEEK” IN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST

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. 2026-39 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-39 was read in its entirety by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-39 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-39 is adopted.

Following the vote, Vice Mayor LoPresti announced that there have been 36 police officers have already lost their lives in the first four months of 2026. He asked that they be kept in our prayers.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-40
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH UNITED
SURVEY, INC. FOR THE 2024 SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM, 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. 2026-40 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-40 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. 2026-40 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-40 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-41
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH UNITED SURVEY, INC. FOR THE 2024 SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE CLOSEOUT OF SAID CONTRACT, 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. 2026-41 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-41 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 6 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-41 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-41 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-42
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 3RD THROUGH MAY 9TH AS PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK IN 2026

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. 2026-42 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-42 was read in its entirety by Mayor Ward.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-42 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-42 is adopted.

Recommendation made to Council to approve a Conditional Use Permit at 5835 Landerbrook Drive, for Low-Rise Office Building, Class A.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, that Council confirm the decision of the Planning Commission to approve a Conditional Use Permit at 5385 Landerbrook Drive, for Low-Rise Office Building, Class A.

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

Recommendation made to Council to prohibit Retail Tobacco and Vapor Stores in the City.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Council table the decision of the Planning Commission to prohibit Retail Tobacco and Vapor Stores in the City.

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

Recommendation made to Council to approve a Conditional Use Permit per the request of Amanda Plavan, owner of Sugar & Spice Tattoo Suite, under the requirements of Chapter 1156.03 of the Planning and Zoning Code to conduct a tattoo business within Sola Salon Studios, 24723 Cedar Road in Legacy Village.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Council confirm the decision of the Planning Commission to approve a Conditional Use Permit per the request of Amanda Plavan, owner of Sugar & Spice Tattoo Suite, to conduct a tattoo business within Sola Salon Studios, 24723 Cedar Road in Legacy Village.

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

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, 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: May 18, 2026

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor