

Lyndhurst, Ohio
August 3, 2026

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 7:34 P.M., Vice Mayor Charles A. LoPresti, presiding.

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, July 6, 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.

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Chief Scipione read an Oath of Expectations to newly hired Special Police Officer Jeremy Prokop.

Mayor Ward administered the Oath of Office to the new member of the Lyndhurst Police Department who will be serving the community as a School Resource Officer.

Ohio State Representative, Eric Synenberg, was in attendance to congratulate Police Chief Scipione on his recent appointment. Additionally, Representative Synenberg presented a check to the City of Lyndhurst for \$150,000, as announced at the July meeting, to support the outdoor amphitheater project.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward reminded everyone that the annual National Night Out event will take place tomorrow evening from 6-p.m. in Lyndhurst Park. There will be hot dogs, ice cream, a magician, and other entertainment!

Mayor Ward shared that preparations are well underway for the 101st Home Day celebration coming up in September.

Finally, Mayor Ward announced that the next issue of Lyndhurst Life Magazine was sent to print today and is expected to arrive in mailboxes by mid-August.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky reported that the committee met at 6:45pm this evening to discuss assessments. The minutes of the meeting are forthcoming.

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

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Dirk did not have a formal report; however, she mentioned that the Service department will be starting the concrete program next week.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Schlessel reported that he will be calling a committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting in September.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Price stated that the commission has not met; therefore there is no report.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – A member of the School Board was not present to provide a report.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – PROPERTY OF DISTINCTION AWARD – Mayor Ward announced the recipients of the Property of Distinction Awards:

- 5312 Ridgebury Blvd. – Tim and Gina Szalay
- 1219 Gordon Road – Courtney Cargiulo and family
- 1708 Winchester Avenue – Mary Cira
- 4923 Westbourne Road – Kirk and Melissa Albin

There were no additions to the Agenda.

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

Vicki Vance, 1771 Brainard Road, wanted to personally thank the Police and Fire departments for their assistance following the recent passing of her sister. Ms. Vance specifically recognized responding Officer Allan Biel for his kindness, patience, and professionalism throughout the incident, which began as a wellness check and resulted in her sister being found deceased.

Ms. Vance expressed her sincere appreciation for the compassion, care, and respect shown by the responding Police and Fire personnel during this difficult time. She wanted to ensure that their efforts, especially those of Officer Biel, were formally recognized.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-57
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2026-36 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. 2026-36 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. 2026-57 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-57 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. 2026-57 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-57 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-58
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 757 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION CODE OF THE CITY TITLED “REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF NON-OWNER OCCUPIED OR RENTAL PROPERTY” 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. 2026-58 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-58 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mrs. Dirk, that Ordinance No. 2026-58 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-58 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-59 (AMENDED)
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 925.01 AND 925.02 OF CHAPTER 925 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH A RATE AND CHARGE OF RENTS TO BE PAID FOR THE USE OF THE SYSTEM OF SEWERAGE IN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR TAX YEARS 2026, 2027, AND 2028, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2026-59 be amended as outlined in the draft distributed by the Finance Director during the committee meeting.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-59 is amended.

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. 2026-59 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-59 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-59 be passed as amended.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-59 is passed as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-60 (AMENDED)
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONTROLLING THE BLIGHT AND DISEASE OF SHADE TREES WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FOR PLANTING, MAINTAINING, TRIMMING AND REMOVING SHADE TREES IN AND ALONG THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST; ESTABLISHING A SINGLE DISTRICT FOR THAT PURPOSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 727.011 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE COST OF THOSE SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-60 be amended as outlined in the draft distributed by the Finance Director during the committee meeting.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-60 is amended.

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. 2026-60 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-60 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 11 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-60 be passed as amended.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-60 is passed as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-61
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND MAINTENANCE CHARGE OF THE COST AND EXPENSE OF LIGHTING CERTAIN STREETS, PUBLIC ROADS AND PARTS THEREOF, IN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE TAX YEARS 2026, 2027, AND 2028, 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. 2026-61 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-61 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 10 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mrs. Dirk, that Ordinance No. 2026-61 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-61 is passed.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Approved: September 8, 2026

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor