

Lyndhurst, Ohio
June 1, 2026

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 7:31 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;
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.

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, May 18, 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.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Resolution No. 2026-48 be taken out of its regular order on the agenda and be advanced for consideration prior to the swearing-in ceremony.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-48
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION AND SINCERE
APPRECIATION TO PATRICK RHODE FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO
THE RESIDENTS OF LYNDHURST AS MEMBER AND CHIEF OF THE LYNDHURST
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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. 2026-48 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-48 was read in its entirety by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Resolution No. 2026-48 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-48 is adopted.

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Chief Scipione read an Oath of Expectations to the new patrol officers.

Mayor Ward administered the Oath of Office to two new members of the Lyndhurst Police Department, patrol officers Robert Hovanes and Nicholas Krotine, and newly appointed Chief of Police Michael S. Scipione.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward did not have anything to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had report.

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

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Dirk reported that beginning Monday, June 8th Ridgebury Blvd. will be under construction for a resurfacing project between the cities of Highland Heights and Mayfield Heights. The project is expected to last through August.

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 – School board member Ashley King delivered the following report:

Ms. King reported that on May 28th Brush High School celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2026. She highlighted a special groundbreaking ceremony for a new turf field at Brush High School made possible through a collaboration with the Cleveland Browns, Browns Give Back, Haslam Sports Group, and Ohio CAT. This investment is a great opportunity for students and the community. Ms. King shared additional highlights including Senior Awards Night, a successful senior prom celebration, the 12th Annual Brush Job Fair providing valuable career exploration and employment opportunities for students, and the Brush High School Hall of Fame Athletic Excellence event, celebrating the achievements of distinguished alumni and athletes.

Ms. King also reported that construction continues on the Southlyn building project, and kindergarten enrollment for the upcoming school year is underway!

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

- 1009 Winding Creek Lane – Dino Trinetti
- 1492 Sunview Road – Janet McManus
- 1819 Edenhall Drive – Martha Goble
- 4989 Mayfield Road – Tom and Diana Miklic

There were no additions to the Agenda.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-49
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH PHILLIPS
PAVING, LLC FOR THE 2025 ASPHALT PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE CLOSEOUT
OF SAID CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2026-49 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. 2026-49 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. 2026-49 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-49 is passed.

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 8:01 P.M.

Approved: July 6, 2026

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor