

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
September 2, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7:32 P.M., Vice Mayor David A. Frey, presiding.

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

\*Due to military duty assignment, Mr. LoPresti 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 Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, August 4, 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 with Mr. Marko abstaining.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward spoke about the many events taking place over the past couple of weeks starting with the Summer Concerts in the Park. He commented on how each scheduled Wednesday concert had rain, and the last concert in August featuring the band Abbey Rodeo was moved inside the community center. Mayor Ward stated that the new acoustic treatments installed were tested and sounded great with the band receiving a standing ovation!

Mayor Ward announced the city was awarded \$1.9 million dollars from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Member Community Infrastructure Program for the Edgefield Stormwater Overflow Removal. He mentioned this is the second award for phase 2 of the project, and he is happy to be able to get rid of the overflow system.

Mayor Ward shared that the Tunnel to Towers Foundation 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit was in town over the Labor Day holiday weekend. He remarked that it was exceptional in every respect including the arrival and parade down Mayfield Road, with over 16 police and fire agencies participating. Mayor Ward commented on how appreciative the exhibit driver and docents were for the assistance from our Service Department workers, adding how they also commented on how welcome they were in our community. Mayor Ward remarked that he was proud of the leadership from the Lyndhurst Police Foundation for taking the initiative to bring this exhibit to Lyndhurst.

Lastly, Mayor Ward aired this weekend is the 100<sup>th</sup> Home Day celebration. He invited everyone out to Lyndhurst Park with great food, entertainment, vendors, and booths.

Mr. Schlessel added that what he found amazing about the 9/11 exhibit was the amount of people talking about where they were on September 11<sup>th</sup> and sharing comments online as well. He also mentioned that the annual Council Coffee event will be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am at Lyndhurst Community Center.

Mayor Ward invited everyone to attend and enjoy a wonderful breakfast supplied by your Mayor and Members of City Council. He mentioned the partner agencies including NOPEC, NEORS, Cleveland Water, SEL School District, the Court, and all city departments will be available to provide information to our residents.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky had no report.

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Frey had no formal report; however, he stated that the pool and spray park both closed for the season yesterday. He remarked that he received a range of comments from residents who complained about the water features not working at the pool, and others who were happy they were not working because it was a lot less noisy.

Mayor Ward noted that it would have been nice to have gotten the pumps fixed earlier in the season, although the city would have paid a lot more for only an additional week of use, which he did not think it would have been a good use of funds.

**ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Price had no report.

**SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Price had no report.

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

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky had no report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Council member Schlessel had no report.

**SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – School Board member Crystal Shelby delivered the following report:

Ms. Shelby began her report by announcing that a new school board member, Christian Sanders, has been appointed to fill the remaining term of former board member Cassandra Jones who stepped down from her position at the end of July. Mr. Sanders will be on the ballot for election in November. Ms. Shelby shared that the League of Women Voters will be holding a candidate night on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Brush High School. She invited anyone who would like to come out to hear the candidates speak.

Ms. Shelby aired that this coming Friday is the Football Home Opener and Youth Night. She announced that Channel 3 WKYC will be running their morning segment, Friday Night Fever, live this Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7am at Korb Field. She invited community members to come out and enjoy the show!

Ms. Shelby gave a special thank you to the city for allowing the band to host the annual Home Day Pancake Breakfast again this year. They are super excited and will also be offering raffle baskets at the event.

Ms. Shelby announced that the Father's Walk will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:45am.

Mayor Ward expressed his gratitude to the band for their participation and performance with the 9/11 Mobile Exhibit arrival and parade, especially the drum corps who walked with the Honor Guard providing a cadence the entire way to city hall.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

Sally Lang, 5288 Chickadee Lane, was looking for an update regarding the group home at 5278 Chickadee Lane, in which Mayor Ward stated there were no updates at this time.

David Hansen, 4808 Ridgebury Blvd, has lived in Lyndhurst 26 years, expressed concerns over the food truck at 4840 Ridgebury Blvd. He stated there is always an overload of trash attracting skunks and racoons, and the truck regularly parks on the front lawn grass.

Mayor Ward asked that he call the police non-emergency number immediately when this occurs.

Additionally, Mr. Hansen voiced frustration over the cars that speed through the intersection at Ridgebury and Professor where school kids walk, scooter, and ride bikes as well as residents with dogs. He asked that a crosswalk be painted, and lights be installed to create a visual for drivers.

Vice Mayor Frey confirmed this is where the bridge crosses over Euclid Creek.

Mayor Ward responded that this is not a unique problem in the city, and he will have the traffic commander look into it.

Rachel Hachem, 5144 Case Avenue, stated that her neighbors leave their trash and recycling bins out for days after the collection day on Tuesday. She said this has been happening for a year and wondered if there is anything that can be done.

Vice Mayor Frey responded that it helps the city if they are notified immediately when this happens, especially if the bins are still out. He stated that she can call or email him directly or call the service department.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-44  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING  
CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-44 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-44 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2025-44 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-44 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 7:50 P.M.

Approved: September 15, 2025

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

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Vice Mayor