

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
March 4, 2024

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held its Regular Meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:33 P.M., Vice Mayor Stephen C. Grushetsky, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, J. Price, J. A. Gambatese, L. A. Schlessel, D. A. Frey, 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;  
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: M. A. Kovalchik, Director of Finance.

\* Mr. Schlessel attended the meeting 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 Monday, February 19, 2024, 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.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward reminded everyone about the Bunny Breakfast on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12pm, tickets are currently on sale.

Mayor Ward commented that the departments are already beginning to overspend on maintenance as seen on the Agenda now that the budget has been passed.

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

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Mr. Frey reported that the committee met at 6:45pm to discuss the 2024 pool admission fees and pool employee compensation ordinances, both of which are on the Agenda. He noted that the committee recommends both ordinances be passed as amended. A formal report of the minutes will be forthcoming.

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

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

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Gambatese did not have anything to report at this time.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Schlessel did not provide a report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Chairperson Schlessel did not provide a report.

**SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – School Board President Cassandra Jones delivered the following report:

Mrs. Jones announced both the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams are doing great!

Mrs. Jones aired that a search for a new superintendent will be underway beginning next week with the news of Dr. Reid resigning. The board will engage with a search firm to find qualified candidates. She mentioned a search for a new High School Principal will also take place to fill the position previously held by Mr. Fording. Mrs. Jones remarked that she is optimistic of a smooth transition due to a strong and stable administration as well as the support from the cities of Lyndhurst and South Euclid.

Mrs. Jones remarked that she is in her 15<sup>th</sup> year as a school board member, and while she has not made a formal comment, she is planning to run for another term.

Mayor Ward expressed how much she is respected and appreciated!

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

Council Member Sean Milroy from the City of Highland Heights introduced himself and thanked Council for allowing him to observe and learn.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-11  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CITY OF LYNDHURST CODIFIED ORDINANCE  
CHAPTER 1181 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Frey, that Ordinance No. 2024-11 be placed on first reading and deferred to the Planning Commission for review.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-11 was placed on first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CITY OF LYNDHURST CODIFIED ORDINANCE  
CHAPTER 1182 TO REGULATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2024-12 be placed on first reading and deferred to the Planning Commission for review.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-12 was placed on first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13 (AMENDED)  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 957.02 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES REGARDING SWIMMING POOL ADMISSION FEES FOR 2024,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2024-13 be amended based on the recommendation from the Public Lands and Buildings committee.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-13 is amended.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2024-13 (AMENDED) be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-13 (AMENDED) was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2024-13 (AMENDED) be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-13 (AMENDED) is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14 (AMENDED)**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR SWIMMING POOL PERSONNEL IN 2024 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10**

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2024-14 be amended based on the recommendation from the Public Lands and Buildings committee.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-14 is amended.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2024-14 (AMENDED) be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-14 (AMENDED) was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2024-14 (AMENDED) be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2024-14 (AMENDED) is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONSORTIUM TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR RECYCLING PROCESSING SERVICES 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 Resolution No. 2024-15 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2024-15 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 7 being read in its entirety.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Frey inquired as to the current rate of recycling fees, in which Mr. Fioritto responded the city is currently paying \$60 (sixty dollars) per ton. He noted that by participating with the consortium, neighboring cities are paying \$24 (twenty-four dollars) per ton.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2024-15 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2024-15 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF  
LYNDHURST IN A CONSORTIUM TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE  
TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL SERVICES 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 Resolution No. 2024-16 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2024-16 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 7 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Resolution No. 2024-16 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2024-16 is adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Gambatese, seconded by Mr. Price, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Approved: March 18, 2024

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

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Vice Mayor