

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
April 7, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 7, 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;  
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;  
T. Fioritto, Director of Service.  
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;  
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire.

\* Mr. LoPresti 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 on Monday, March 24, 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. Frey and Mr. Schlessel abstaining.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward aired that the latest issue of the Lyndhurst Life Magazine went out in mailboxes last week. He expressed how much he loves the cover and hopes everyone reads it as it's filled with a lot of valuable information!

Mayor Ward reminded everyone that the Bunny Breakfast is this coming Sunday at the Lyndhurst Community Center; he asked for help from Council members starting at 6:30am.

Mayor Ward announced there were new signs installed in the parking lot at the request of a resident. He explained that some cities have a safe space parking spot or two for exchanging goods purchased online; however, the entire parking lot at city hall has always been under 24-hour police live and recorded video surveillance making it a safe meeting place.

Mayor Ward reported that Weekend Rubbish Drop-Off started last weekend. He said it was fun being back out there helping to expedite the line for residents who are so appreciative of this service.

Mayor Ward shared that he received an email from a resident saying don't change Lyndhurst. He explained her point being that she can tell the difference when she drives in to Lyndhurst from neighboring communities. He remarked that this was a complement to our Planning Commission, City Council, Building, Service, and the Safety Forces for maintaining a level of standards within our community.

Mayor Ward talked about the upcoming ODOT project on I-271 that will impact the Brainard / Cedar exit ramp and express lanes. He commented that he has been working with Mayor Bain of Pepper Pike, noting this is an important and much needed 15 million dollar improvement.

Next, Mayor Ward spoke about the acoustic and sound upgrades scheduled for the Community Center. He commented that this project will begin April 21<sup>st</sup> with sound absorption qualities being added to the flooring and wall treatments.

Mayor Ward stated that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Council has a Resolution on their Agenda as well as the pinwheel garden out in the front of the marquee recognizing this initiative. He talked about how the city has partnered with an organization called Canopy which is an off shoot of Journey, in which Brush High School's National Honor Society is hosting a Community Drive on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to benefit women and children living in domestic abuse shelters. A list of items has been posted on the city website and social media; these items can be dropped off at Welser Gym.

Finally, Mayor Ward stated he will be delivering his biennial State of the City Address on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lyndhurst Community Center. He noted that Council has an Ordinance on the Agenda requesting to move the location of the May 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to be held prior to his address.

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

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Frey stated that while he has no formal report; there are 2 ordinances on the Agenda for the pool admission fees, 2025-12, and pool personnel compensation, 2025-13 and recommends they both be passed this evening.

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

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

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Gambatese had no formal 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 Kathryn Falkenberg delivered the following report:

Ms. Falkenberg began by talking about the NHS Community Drive coming up this Saturday, as Mayor Ward mentioned. They appreciate the support from the Lyndhurst Community!

Ms. Falkenberg shared many exciting things happening in the district including the Lady Arcs Basketball team who ended their 22-3 winning season at the State Semi-Finals with a hard fought loss to Avon Lake. They are proud to have an Ohio Ms. Basketball finalist in sophomore Tatiana Mason, whose sister also plays on the team. Additionally, the Lady Arc Wrestlers finished an outstanding season sending 3 girls to the state tournament. The Boys Wrestling team sent 2 brothers, Jonathan and Josiah Sims, to the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament and finished 10 overall.

Ms. Falkenberg shared that elementary students and their families were invited to Brush High School on February 27<sup>th</sup> for an ARC Family Wellness Night where they played games, participated in line dancing, enjoyed health snacks, and learned about living a healthy lifestyle.

Ms. Falkenberg reported that Superintendent Kaple has been busy meeting with students from all schools as part of his Lunch with the Superintendent initiative. He has also established a Student Advisory Council to focus on college career readiness, AI proper usage for students, Brush building, and Brush building upgrades. Being able to hear from students themselves gives his team a clearer picture on what needs to be done to be a thriving district. She shared that Mr. Kaple also plans to start a Community Advisory Council for adults with a kick-off on April 15<sup>th</sup> after their board meeting.

Ms. Falkenburg spoke about the cuts to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. She commented on how the situation has left their leadership scrambling to find funds for the obligations the district has to their students and families including the students on the free or reduced lunch program. Ms. Falkenberg stated more information will be coming in the upcoming weeks on those initiatives. She further stated that federal funding for any school district that continues their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policies will be cut. She stressed that their staff is concentrated on providing the best opportunities for all students, teachers, and families.

Finally, Ms. Falkenberg talked about the Brush Senior Art Show going on now through May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Brush Drama Club will be performing Seussical the Musical, Jr. beginning Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

Mayor Ward wanted to remind everyone that NOPEC will be offering an informational session on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm in the Lyndhurst Community Center to talk about the upcoming natural gas aggregation program mailing as well as discuss energy options and answer questions. This event will be open to residents of surrounding communities.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 957.02 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES REGARDING SWIMMING POOL ADMISSION FEES FOR 2025, 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. 2025-12 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. 2025-12 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2025-12 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-12 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR SWIMMING  
POOL PERSONNEL IN 2025 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14**

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. 2025-13 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. 2025-13 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2025-13 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-13 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE BY NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION OR BY  
INTERNET AUCTION OF SEVEN SURPLUS MOTOR VEHICLES, AUTHORIZING  
THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR  
SUCH MOTOR VEHICLES, 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. 2025-14 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. 2025-14 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 6 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2025-14 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-14 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO MOVE THE LOCATION OF THE  
SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL IN MAY 2025 TO THE LYNDHURST  
COMMUNITY CENTER, 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. 2025-15 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. 2025-15 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Marko, that Ordinance No. 2025-15 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-15 is passed.

Mr. Marko requested that his colleagues dress appropriately for the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as it will take place prior to the State of the City Address.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR THE LYNDHURST TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT REGARDING THE HOTEL AT LEGACY VILLAGE, 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. 2025-16 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-16 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Resolution No. 2025-16 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2025-16 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR THE LYNDHURST TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT REGARDING THE AVENUE, 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. 2025-17 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-17 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Resolution No. 2025-17 be adopted.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Ward remarked how the Tax Incentive Review Council dives in deep on both of the initiatives with the Hyatt Place at Legacy Village thriving on occupancy and the average daily rate. As for The Avenue, the city is able to obtain the County's portion of the property tax with over \$300,000 dollars in that fund for improvements; values are trending well above expectations.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2025-17 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18  
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION  
MONTH IN THE CITY OF LYNDBURST**

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. 2025-18 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-18 was read in its entirety by Ms. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2025-18 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2025-18 is adopted.

In response to request for same, it was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the Clerk be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for the 2025 Sewer Inspection & Cleaning Program, and the 2025 Sewer Rehabilitation Program.

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 8:03 P.M.

Approved: April 21, 2025

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

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Vice Mayor