

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
March 24, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 7:32 P.M., Council Member Stephen C. Grushetsky, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, J. Price, J. A. Gambatese, C. A. LoPresti.

Others Present: P. A. Ward, Mayor;  
J. P. Luskin, Director of Law;  
P. A. Rhode, Chief of Police;  
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;  
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;  
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;  
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: Vice Mayor David A. Frey;  
Council Representative L. A. Schlessel;  
Council Representative C. A. LoPresti;  
R. J. Schmidlin, Assistant Director of Law;  
T. Fioritto, Director of Service.

\* 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 3, 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 unanimously.

Amber Joyner, Grant Coordinator / Field Representative, from the office of Representative Shontel Brown, spoke to City Council and Mayor Ward about upcoming events and programs including the annual Congressional Art Competition, Coffee with the Congresswoman, a Small Business Expo, and Housing Expo, and Passport Day. She also brought Constituent Services Guides to share with the community.

Mayor Ward thanked Ms. Joyner for attending and remarked that we have some outstanding art students in the district. He stated that will share these opportunities with the South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board members.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward announced that in recognition of April being Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month, a pinwheel garden has been set up in front of the marque. He acknowledged Nicolina Nolletti, a representative from Canopy Child Advocacy Center, who was in attendance and is also a resident of Lyndhurst. Mayor Ward shared that he and Mr. Price had a tour of the center when they went to pick up the pinwheels, and he commented on the important work they do for children and families.

Mayor Ward mentioned he is always receiving calls and emails about the wonderful work the Service Department does for the community. He also commented about all the purchase requisitions that were approved during Board of Control, many of which were for the Service Department. He explained that he recently spoke to one of the vendors regarding a price increase due to a tariff allowance; he wants to make sure the vendor is being charged this fee before the city releases any funds.

Mayor Ward talked about the legislation recently passed in Mayfield Heights with regards to charging residents with a misdemeanor if they keep their garbage cans out for more than a day. He noted that the service department has been issuing reminder notices to residents to bring up their trash and rubbish containers from the tree lawn on the day of collection.

Mayor Ward shared that Cuyahoga County Councilwoman Sunny Simon will be hosting a free information session at the Lyndhurst Community Center from 6-8pm to talk about the recent property valuations. The Board of Tax Revision will also be present to talk with residents who may want to submit an appeal before the deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Ward announced the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Bunny Breakfast is on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Lyndhurst Community Center from 8am-12pm benefiting students from Corpus Christi Academy. Also at the Lyndhurst Community Center, NOPEC will be holding a gas and electric utility forum on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Mayor Ward stated that residents need to pay attention to their electric contracts because there is going to be a capacity rate increase from the grid operator; this increase will take effect in June 2025.

Mayor Ward aired the Spring edition of Lyndhurst Life Magazine will be in mailboxes the second week of April. He noted there are wonderful articles about new businesses in our community operated by entrepreneurs from other countries like Nepal and Turkey.

Mayor Ward stated that he had the occasion to go to Columbus to testify on behalf of the city and sister cities regarding legislation on short term rentals that was before the Senate; if passed, this legislation would eliminate municipalities to regulate those types of businesses in our community. He shared his concerns specifically being that Lyndhurst does not have the footprint that would allow that type of activity. Mayor Ward remarked that overall it was an interesting procedure.

Finally, Mayor Ward acknowledged the absence of several Council members this evening, noting that Mr. LoPresti is on active military duty for the second year in a row, Mr. Schlessel is currently in Israel, and Mr. and Mrs. Frey are travelling out of state.

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

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Frey was absent; therefore, a report was not given.

**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 nothing to report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Council member Schlessel was absent; therefore, a report was not given.

**SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – It was not the first meeting of the month; therefore, a member of the School Board was not present to deliver a report.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

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

Jim McCarthy, 1668 Overbrook Road, expressed concerns over the mailbox outside of city hall being boarded up.

Mayor Ward explained there is a new style of mail collection boxes to prevent theft. He explained that the door to open the box was removed and now there is a slot to push the mail through.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the proposed sign of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Board of Education building does not create a safety hazard and is not contrary to the purpose of the Planning and Zoning Code and that it be approved.

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

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 7:55 P.M.

Approved: April 7, 2025

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

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Vice Mayor