

Lyndhurst, Ohio
August 4, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 7:35 P.M., Vice Mayor David A. Frey, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives 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;
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.

Absent: Council Representative J. A. Marko;
R. J. Schmidlin, Assistant Director of Law.

*Due to military duty assignment, Mr. LoPresti was present remotely via the Zoom meeting application.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, that the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, June 2, 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 abstaining.

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, July 7, 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 abstaining.

Mayor Ward administered the Oath of Office to newly promoted Police Lieutenant Brian Brooks, and newly promoted Police Sergeant K. Sean Cameron.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward announced that the next issue of Lyndhurst Life Magazine was released to print and should be in mailboxes next week.

He reminded everyone that National Night Out will be tomorrow, Tuesday, August 5th in Lyndhurst Park from 6-8pm. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream, entertainment including Dennis Ford and Rick Smith Jr. Partner agencies from all over the county will also be in attendance.

Mayor Ward aired that the last Summer Concert in the Park will be Wednesday, August 20th from 7-9pm with the band Abbey Rodeo.

Mayor Ward shared that the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit from the Tunnel to Towers Foundation will be arriving in Lyndhurst on Wednesday, August 27th and will be met at interstate 271 by police escort and travel down Mayfield Road. The exhibit will be open to school groups only on Thursday, August 28th and Friday, August 29th, then open to the public on Friday evening from 5:30-7pm and Saturday, August 30th from 10:30am-4:30pm. Following the close of the exhibit on Saturday, there will be a Patriotic Concert in Lyndhurst Park featuring The Diamond Project Band from 6-8pm.

Mayor Ward concluded by expressing how proud he is of the team for pivoting through all the events and activities.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had no report.

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

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 – A member of the School Board was not present to deliver a report due to summer break.

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

- 1009 Professor Road – George and Karen Relic
- 1591 Winchester Road – Tom and Cindy Savitski
- 5461 Harleston Drive – Stacy Springer and Shannon Daughtery
- 4987 Countryside Road – Tom and Minjia Griesser

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, inquired whether there were any updates regarding the group home at 5278 Chickadee Lane.

Mayor Ward responded that while the owner modified their request; a permit cannot be issued for use until it is approved. He stated that he feels the city enacted a fair Ordinance and were thoughtful in establishing a foundation for the approval process. At this time there are no further updates.

Ms. Lang then asked whether the city could contact the real estate agents to let them know the rules regarding group homes in Lyndhurst, in which Mayor Ward explained that the city cannot stop someone from purchasing a home.

Christian Sanders, resident of South Euclid, introduced himself as he is running for the South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board. Mr. Sanders is a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and Marietta College, and has held positions at Baldwin Wallace, Mount Union, and St. Ignatius in education outreach, academic support, diversity, and inclusion. He is seeking signatures for the upcoming election and is looking forward to support from the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-36
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION CONTINUING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE
ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS AND/OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY
FOR ANY RETAIL VAPOR STORES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2025-36 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-36 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Resolution No. 2025-36 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2025-36 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-37
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION
TO THE OHIO DIVISION OF FORESTRY FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) URBAN CANOPY RESTORATION GRANT
PROGRAM 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 Resolution No. 2025-37 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-37 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Resolution No. 2025-37 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2025-37 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-38
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1383.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TITLED “NOTICE OF VIOLATION” 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. 2025-38 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-38 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. 2025-38 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-38 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-39
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 636.20 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TITLED “NOTICE OF VIOLATION” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-39 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-39 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. 2025-39 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-39 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-40
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF LYNDBURST AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-40 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-40 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2025-40 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-40 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-41
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES
AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE PERIOD
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26 AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-41 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-41 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2025-41 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-41 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-42
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH
PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING, INC. FOR THE 2025 SIDEWALK REPAIR
PROGRAM – CONTRACT B SLAB SAWING, AUTHORIZING THE CLOSEOUT OF
SAID CONTRACT, 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. 2025-42 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-42 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 6 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2025-42 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-42 is passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-43
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION AND SINCERE APPRECIATION TO MICHAEL F. WANZER FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF LYNDHURST AS MEMBER OF THE LYNDHURST SERVICE DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2025-43 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-43 was read in its entirety by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Resolution No. 2025-43 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2025-43 is adopted.

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 8:10 P.M.

Approved: September 2, 2025

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor