

Lyndhurst, Ohio
July 6, 2026

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 7:36 P.M., Vice Mayor Charles A. LoPresti, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, J. Price, L. A. Schlessel, S. C. Grushetsky.

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

Absent: Council Representatives J. A. Gambatese, A. M. Dirk;
M. Scipione, Chief of Police.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, June 1, 2026, 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 – Before Mayor Ward gave his report, he introduced Ohio State Representative of District 21, Eric Synenberg.

Representative Synenberg stated that he had two announcements to share. First, he announced that the city was successful in securing \$150,000 in the state capital budget to support the outdoor amphitheater project. Second, Representative Synenberg congratulated Councilman Schlessel on being recognized by the Cleveland Jewish News as one of 250 Jewish Clevelanders honored in celebration of America's 250th anniversary based on his service on City Council as well as for his leadership as the Executive Director of the Ohio Chapter of the Friends of Israel Defense Forces.

Mayor Ward commented on the success of the Tunnel to Towers inaugural 5K event, which was held on Saturday, June 27th and drew 283 registered participants. He noted that compliments were received from the T2T Board members, organizers from other foundation events as well as from members of the community. Mayor Ward thanked the Lyndhurst Police Foundation who planned and organized the event!

Mayor Ward announced that the first summer Concert in the Park was held on Wednesday, June 17th inside the Community Center due to inclement weather. He noted that the event was well attended and that the featured band, Sumrada, received an enthusiastic response with many residents expressing interest in seeing the band return next year. Mayor Ward also reported that the July 4th concert featuring the Hillcrest Concert Band was held on Saturday with slightly cooler weather. He announced that the next Concert in the Park will take place on Wednesday, July 15th and will feature the band Funkology.

Mayor Ward reminded everyone that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4th from 6-8pm in Lyndhurst Park with this being an "all hands-on deck" event, help is needed!

Finally, echoing the remarks of Representative Synenberg, Mayor Ward offered congratulations to Councilman Schlessel on being recognized by the Cleveland Jewish News as one of the 250 notable Jewish Northeast Ohioans in honor of America's 250th anniversary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had report.

PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Marko reported that the committee met at 7:10pm this evening to discuss the proposed outdoor amphitheater and related enhancements. He noted that the City was awarded a \$150,000 grant through the State capital budget to support the project. Mr. Marko explained that the amphitheater will be located north of the existing gazebo and that the project will not require additional landscaping or grading. He added that the new venue will provide additional space for children's entertainment during the annual Home Day event. This project is expected to be completed in time for the 2027 summer season. No action was taken and the committee meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Vice Mayor LoPresti mentioned that Chairperson Dirk was on vacation, and she did not submit a report. He noted that her absence was excused.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Vice Mayor LoPresti mentioned that Chairperson Gambatese was on vacation, and he did not submit a report. He noted that his absence was excused.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Schlessel had no report at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Price stated that the commission has not met; therefore there is no report.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDBURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – The School Board is on summer break and will be back in August to provide a report.

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

- 5129 Thornbury Blvd. – Michale and Cynthia Saltzer
- 1308 Haverston Road – Mary-Kate and Steve Rogaliner
- 1913 Aldersgate Drive – Marcel Bloch
- 4892 Countryside Road – Thomas and Debra Federico

There were no additions to the Agenda.

The floor was opened for public comment. No comments were received from those in attendance. Mrs. Miller read the following public comment, which had been submitted via email:

Carol Williams, 5034 Corliss Road, a new resident to Lyndhurst, inquired whether any upgrades or improvements are planned for Schaeffer park and if residents will have an opportunity to provide feedback.

Mayor Ward stated that he responded to Ms. Williams that there are currently no plans for upgrades. He referred her inquiry to the Service Director who will follow up with the playground vendor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-50
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2027 TAX BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2026-50 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-50 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. 2026-50 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-50 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-51
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF LYNDBURST OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO TO REHABILITATE MAYFIELD ROAD (US-322) FROM SHERIDAN ROAD TO EASTWOOD AVENUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2026-51 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-51 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with the emergency clause being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2026-51 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-51 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-52
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MAYFIELD HEIGHTS FOR THE
RESURFACING OF MAYFIELD ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2026-52 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-52 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Resolution No. 2026-52 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-52 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-53
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. Marko, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2026-53 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-53 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. 2026-53 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-53 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-54
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOUTH EUCLID LYNTHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE USE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROs) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2026-54 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-54 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. 2026-54 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-54 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-55
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE 2027 CUYAHOGA COUNTY MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM TO BE USED FOR ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER PROJECT IN LYNDHURST PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2026-55 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-55 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Marko, that Resolution No. 2026-55 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2026-55 is adopted.

Mr. Marko commented that this County grant is in addition to the \$150,000 already awarded through the State capital budget. He explained that any additional grant funding would be used for project enhancements, such as lighting or landscaping.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-56
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH FP ALLEGA CONCRETE FOR THE 2026 SIDEWALK PROGRAM – CONTRACT A SLAB REPLACEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE CLOSEOUT OF SAID CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2026-56 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-56 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 6 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Ordinance No. 2026-56 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2026-56 is passed.

Recommendation made to Council to confirm the decision of the Board in Case No. 2026-04 to grant requested area variance from Chapter 1160.05 of the Planning and Zoning Code to Chandra Andersson of 5193 Chickadee Lane, for a proposed addition which will encroach fourteen (14) feet into the required forty (40) feet rear yard setback.

The findings in Case No. 2026-04 as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals held June 9, 2026 were read by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that Council confirm the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Case No. 2026-04 and grant the requested variance.

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

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that correspondence from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new permit for Shinto Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar, 24519 Cedar Road, was noted with no hearing requested.

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

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, 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: August 3, 2026

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor