

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
April 6, 2026

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

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

Others Present: P. A. Ward, Mayor;  
J. P. Luskin, Director of Law;  
R. J. Schmidlin, Assistant Director of Law;  
M. Scipione, Acting Chief of Police;  
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;  
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;  
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;  
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Monday, March 16, 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 with Mr. Grushetsky abstaining.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward began his report by announcing that Weekend Rubbish is BACK! He commented how residents in line on Saturday were excited about the program returning for the season and offered compliments to the Service department.

Mayor Ward reminded everyone that the Spring Community Shred event is scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30am-3:30pm in the parking lot of the municipal complex. As always, he appreciates help from City Council.

Mayor Ward shared that Police Chief Pat Rhode will retire on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, with his last day in the office having been March 31<sup>st</sup>. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Detective Lieutenant Mike Scipione was appointed Acting Chief and will serve in that role until he is sworn in as the next Chief of Police.

Mayor Ward spoke about the annual Bunny Breakfast that was held on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Lyndhurst Community Center. He thanked who contributed including the student and parent volunteers from Corpus Christi Academy. This event raised \$2,320.97 in support of CCA student enrichment programs.

Mayor Ward announced that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and encouraged residents to take note of the pinwheel garden displayed out front near the marquee. The city has once again partnered with Canopy Child Advocacy Center to help raise awareness about the vital services they provide.

Additionally, City Council has included a resolution on its agenda reaffirming its commitment to supporting and promoting awareness of the essential work that so many families throughout Cuyahoga County depend on.

Lastly, Mayor Ward stated that the April edition of Lyndhurst Life Magazine has been sent to the printer and should arrive in mailboxes by the third week of the month.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky did not have a report.

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Marko had no report.

**ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Dirk did not have a formal report; however, she mentioned that trees will start to be planted this week on Wednesday.

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

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Gambatese had no report at this time.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Council member Price stated that the commission met on March 26, 2026.

**SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – A member of the school board was not present to deliver a report.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28**

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2026 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST**

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2026-28 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-28 was read in its entirety by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2026-28 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2026-28 is adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-29**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE STREET SWEEPER ACQUISITION PROJECT**

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. 2026-29 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-29 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-29 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2026-29 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-30**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH EQUIX INTEGRITY, INC. FOR THE EDGEFIELD ROAD SSO REMOVAL PHASE #1, AUTHORIZING THE CLOSEOUT OF SAID CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2026-30 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2026-30 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 6 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2026-30 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2026-30 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-31  
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 12 THROUGH APRIL 18, 2026 AS NATIONAL  
PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK 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. 2026-31 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2026-31 was read in its entirety by Mrs. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Resolution No. 2026-31 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2026-31 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 7:54 P.M.

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Approved: April 20, 2026

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

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Vice Mayor