

Lyndhurst, Ohio
January 2, 2018

The Council of the City of Lyndhurst held its Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:34 P.M., Vice Mayor Joseph A. Marko, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives, L. A. Schlessel, J. Price,
J. A. Gambatese, S. Grushetsky, D. A. Frey, C. A. LoPresti.

Others Present: P. A. Ward, Mayor;
P. T. Murphy, Director of Law;
R. F. Porrello, Chief of Police;
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;
M. A. Kovalchik, Director of Finance;
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 4, 2017, 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.

The floor was opened to nominations for the position of Vice Mayor for the 2018 calendar year.

It was moved by Mr. Gambatese, seconded by Mr. Price, that David A. Frey be nominated as Vice Mayor for the 2018 calendar year.

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

Motion carried.
Mr. Frey is elected Vice Mayor
for the year 2018.

The floor was opened to nominations for the Council's representative to the Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review for the year 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Gambatese, seconded by Mr. Price, that Charles A. LoPresti be nominated as Council's Representative to the Planning Commission and to the Architectural Board of Review for the 2018 calendar year.

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

Motion carried.
Mr. LoPresti is elected as Council's
Representative to the Planning

Commission and Architectural
Board of Review for the year 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that the re-appointment of Paul T. Murphy as Director of Law be confirmed.

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

Motion carried.
Paul T. Murphy is reappointed as
Director of Law.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that the re-appointment of Mary A. Kovalchik as Director of Finance be confirmed.

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

Motion carried.
Mary A. Kovalchik is re-appointed as
Director of Finance.

The Oath of Office was administered to both Paul T. Murphy and Mary A. Kovalchik.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward wished everyone a Happy New Year! He commented what a great year we had and was thankful it ended quietly. Mayor Ward mentioned how there were unpleasant activities taking place and wanted to remind everyone that although the activity has died down we should maintain vigilance. He also spoke about the new Neighborhood Watch being formed and is looking forward to their initiative.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairman Schlessel had no report.

PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairman Price had no report.

ROADS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairman Gambatese had no report. He did mention that he is setting up a meeting with the Service Director.

SERVICE AND SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairman Grushetsky had no report. He wanted to commend the Service Director, Tony Fioritto, and his department on doing a fantastic job with the trash pick-up during the holidays. Mr. Grushetsky also commented on how well they kept the roads clear during the snow fall over the holidays, especially with all the people coming into town.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairman LoPresti had no report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairman Schlessel had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Councilman Frey had no report.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BOARD OF
EDUCATION (First meeting of the month)** - No representative was present.

The meeting was opened to public comment.

Eunice Horton, 1121 Brainard Road, a 50 year resident of Lyndhurst, stated she has been attending Council meetings for 35 years. She commented how she was also privileged to serve on council for 6 years. Mrs. Horton is proud to say she is a resident of Lyndhurst and encourages anyone who wants to buy a home here because we have a fine city.

Mayor Ward aired how he, along with members of Council, continue to receive hate mail regarding the deer management program. He stated he has been open and candid with anyone who has inquired about the program which is now in its third year. He also noted that residents were informed of the program and were given the opportunity to provide their opinions. Mayor Ward remarked that he appreciates anyone who attends meetings and voices their opinion, and wanted it on record that these people are not the ones in attendance at Council meetings. He expressed how he doesn't appreciate receiving the anonymous hate mail or those who hide behind posts on social media, many who are not residents of Lyndhurst. He went on to state any person who has stood in front of Council has been treated respectfully as long as they are giving respect. Mayor Ward stated that if the only way to make a point is by lying, he suggests to rethink your position. He further stated misrepresenting city programs will not be tolerated and there will be ramifications. As long as Council gives their authority to do so, Mayor Ward announced that we will continue to run quality programs.

Mr. Marko gave recognition to the Building Commissioner, John Maichle, for the great projects that took place in 2017 including the new bank and the produce market as well as the improvements made to Marshall Equipment. Mr. Marko also asked Mayor Ward to thank the Planning Commission for all of their hard work in making Lyndhurst look better.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-1
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH
TC CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE 2017 CATCH BASIN REPAIR
PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE CLOSEOUT OF SAID CONTRACT, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2018-1 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2018-1 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. 2018-1 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2018-1 is passed.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Approved: January 15, 2018

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor