

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
February 5, 2018

The Council of the City of Lyndhurst held its Regular Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:31 P.M., Vice Mayor David A. Frey, presiding.

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

Absent: M. A. Kovalchik, Director of Finance;  
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 15, 2018, 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. Marko abstaining.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Ward reported a grant was received from NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council) for \$60,686.00 to be used for energy saving technologies or other applications on the municipal campus. He commented the funds may be saved to use toward the fire station renovation project. Mayor Ward further stated, Lyndhurst is also receiving another grant from NOPEC to be used for Home Day. He explained this grant is to fund entertainment or a community event that is not sponsored by the city. Mayor Ward noted the Home Day Committee is a separate organization and the funds will be provided directly to them. He remarked how nice it is to see the dollars coming back to the community.

Mayor Ward shared that he is working with the cities of South Euclid and Mayfield Heights on a master plan for improvements to Mayfield Road. He stated a grant was received from NOACA for planning with a broad based vision. He mentioned how the state is going to come in a few years to resurface and it would be nice to have a plan with suggested changes including alternatives to motorized traffic. Mayor Ward announced there will be a public open house at the South Euclid Library on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-8:30pm where consultants will be showcasing their ideas and looking for input.

Mayor Ward aired he is also working with the First Ring Superintendents Consortium, a group of superintendents of the inter ring suburbs, toward positioning themselves to influence how state testing and state grading is done. He remarked it is not typical for school leaders and civic leaders to share information collaboratively. Mayor Ward expressed how great it is to be on same page trying to influence policy in Columbus. He is hopeful to see some progress to assist school districts across the state.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairman Schlessel thanked his colleagues for completing their committee meetings. He announced there will be a Finance meeting on March 12, 2018 at 6pm.

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

**ROADS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE** – Chairman Gambatese reported the committee met at 6:30pm with the meeting ending at 6:50pm. He announced some of the projects they are looking at this year are asphalt resurfacing, asphalt repair, catch basin replacement, crack seal or rejuvenation as presented by City Engineer Jeff Filarski. The committee approved \$1,172,476.00 pending the availability of funds.

**SERVICE AND SEWERS COMMITTEE** – Chairman Grushetsky had no report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairman LoPresti reported the Safety Committee met January 29, 2018. The purpose of the meeting was to approve capital requests for Police and Fire. The total recommended capital requests for Police was \$115,984.00. The total recommended capital requests for Fire was \$180,992.00. The grand total recommended capital requests was \$296,976.00. That amount was recommended by the committee to Council pending the availability of funds.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Chairman Marko had no report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Councilman LoPresti had no report.

### **SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BOARD OF**

**EDUCATION (First meeting of the month)** – Cassandra Jones began her report wishing everyone a Happy New Year! She announced the Board of Education has been busy getting their new members ready for the new-year.

Ms. Jones first reported on Student Achievement and Activity stating there was a regional competition at Willoughby South High School this past weekend where 7 Brush students received medals in various academic subjects with a total of 11 participating. Ms. Jones noted a medal was awarded to Julia Kiefer for receiving the highest score on the team. She added how this win advanced the team to the state competition which will be held at John Carroll University on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Jones aired the Superintendent offered her thanks to Mayor Ward for his collaboration and continued support.

Ms. Jones announced there will be a strategic plan update, which launched in 2013. She added the focus going into this update is Climate, Community Engagement and Facilities.

Ms. Jones reported the School Board is entering negotiations this month with a possible levy coming on the ballot in 2019 or 2020. She added the Superintendents goal is to go on the ballot and not have to cut any positions.

Ms. Jones aired that with charter school ECOT closing, they are following a roll out plan on how districts are supposed to deal with families affected by the closure. She commented there are approximately 20 effected families in the district and they have already reached out to welcome them. Ms. Jones noted they will continue to service those families in whatever capacity they need.

Ms. Jones announced Night at the Races is coming up on March 10<sup>th</sup> with the event being held at the Lyndhurst Community Center. She added that fliers are out and more information can be found on their website.

Lastly, Ms. Jones shared how they are trying to expose students to a variety of different options. She explained that a Naval Nuclear Engineer, who is a Northeast Ohio native, came in to speak with the Physics classes. He sat down with students and went through his work process as well as some of the things he does. She said this was exciting because a lot of students tend to run from the sciences and math.

Mr. Schlessel mentioned how interesting it would be for those that sat on the strategic planning committee 5 years ago to see the plan and compare the results in an open meeting. Ms. Jones said she will pass along his suggestion adding that the Superintendent welcomes back anyone who was involved as well as anyone who wants to get involved.

Mr. Marko commented about the article regarding the bus garage and is curious where it stands as far as any alternative plans from the Board. He also inquired as to when the last time the district went for a levy.

Ms. Jones responded it will be 6 years in 2020 since the last levy.

Mr. Marko stated the bus garage being in a centralized location is integral to saving money. He asked that the Board keep Council informed noting they are willing to work with them.

Ms. Jones shared that the School Board has a meeting with South Euclid officials in the upcoming week to show them the dynamics as to why the bus garage needs to be in a centralized location to all of their buildings. She noted that if it has to be moved, transportation will have to be eliminated for some students. She added that every student who is entitled to be transported has been with no availability requests being denied this year because they were able to provide transportation with the busses located where they are. She further stated there will be major inconveniences for families if the design has to be moved. Ms. Jones noted there is a reason for the location including cost savings, and it would be a waste of money to move it. She added that the Superintendent does know Lyndhurst is willing to help.

Mayor Ward voiced concern over disparaging comments made by public officials in our neighboring community about the City of Lyndhurst not wanting the bus garage in our city. He stated the buses have been in the City of Lyndhurst for 4 years and we have worked with the Board of Education on facilitating the temporary quarters because we understand that is part of the operation of the schools. Mayor Ward stated Mr. Sterns and Mrs. Reid have been very upfront with the need and the benefits to centralized transportation from before they moved the buses to Lyndhurst. He expressed how there is a value added benefit to saving money in operation costs each year just by having this facility centralized to the district. Mayor Ward voiced there has never been any thought of exiting traffic onto Dorsh Road and cited a net benefit to those residents receiving storm water management on that site when there is nothing now.

Ms. Jones commented that at the meeting this week, the Superintendent is going to reiterate all that Lyndhurst has done. She highlighted how they worked together to come up with a plan using the fence as an example.

Mayor Ward responded the only requirement was that the temporary fence along Mayfield Road be reusable to the schools benefit, not to waste money.

Ms. Jones concluded that Dana Sterns and Linda Reid have it under control.

Mr. Marko stated, and hoped he spoke on behalf of his colleagues, they recognize that the health of the city and the health of the school system go hand in hand for the residents. He further commented they have worked together on various projects and feels they have demonstrated to the residents that we are here to provide solutions and not to provide problems.

The meeting was opened to public comment.

Linda Radkowsky, 1152 Irene Road, a 45 year resident, stated she recently went to Columbus to research our laws and civil rights. She declared the issue regarding her neighbors' fence is not right and once again voiced her concerns.

Mrs. Radkowsky concluded that she is very thankful for the strength of the Police, Fire, Building and Service Departments including administration. She asked that the top leaders support their own codes and all their residents equally.

Mrs. Radkowsky also commented that the Fire Department did a fantastic job assisting with her 92 year old mother who recently fell in her home.

**FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-6**

**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST BY ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 1395 RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS**

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2018-6 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2018-6 is placed on first reading.

**RESOLUTION NO: 2018-7**

**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO PROCEED WITH THE RESURFACING OF CEDAR ROAD FROM IR-271 TO GREEN ROAD AND RESOLVING TO PAY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE COSTS FOR THE PRELIMINARY AND DESIGN ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF THE STORM SEWER REPAIRS WITHIN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, 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 for full reading, that Resolution No. 2018-7 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2018-7 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with Section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Resolution No. 2018-7 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2018-7 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO: 2018-8**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MEMBER COMMUNITY  
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT BY AND  
BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND  
THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE WELLINGTON, CHEROKEE AND  
SHAWNEE INFLOW & INFILTRATION REDUCTION PROJECT**

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2018-8 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2018-8 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with Section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2018-8 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2018-8 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO: 2018-9  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO  
ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC)  
ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S), 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 for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2018-9 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2018-9 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with Section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2018-9 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2018-9 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO: 2018-10  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERMANENT EASEMENT TO THE  
OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA AT&T OHIO, AN OHIO  
CORPORATION, AND ITS AFFILIATES AND LICENSEES, SUCCESSORS  
AND ASSIGNS, UPON CUYAHOGA COUNTY PERMANENT PARCEL NO.  
714-16-002 IN ORDER TO INSTALL COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AT  
BRAINARD PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Gambatese, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2018-10 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2018-10 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with Section 6 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2018-10 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2018-10 is passed.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Approved: February 19, 2018

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

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Vice Mayor