

Lyndhurst, Ohio
October 15, 2018

The Council of the City of Lyndhurst held its Regular Meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:33 P.M., Vice Mayor David A. Frey, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives 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;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire.
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: Council Representative L. A. Schlessel;
M. A. Kovalchik, Director of Finance.

Vice Mayor Frey stated Mr. Schlessel is away on business this evening and his absence is excused.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, October 1, 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 unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward aired he recently went with Chief Carroll, Mr. Maichle and the architects to appeal before the Board of Building Standards two variances for the proposed fire station renovation. He confirmed both variances were granted.

Mayor Ward expressed Council Coffee was an awesome event with great attendance. He added how all departments were represented except for Finance due to a data conversion and upgrade.

Mayor Ward shared the Business Appreciation Mixer was held on Wednesday, October 10th and had great attendance by the business community. He stated how it was a good networking opportunity and everyone had a nice time. Mayor Ward commented they know we appreciate our businesses here and we're trying to promote shop local, shop Lyndhurst, shop small by supporting the "Small Business Saturday" initiative.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairman Schlessel was absent; therefore, there was no report.

PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairman Price did not have a formal report; however, he did mention the minutes from the recent committee meeting have been signed.

ROADS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairman Gambatese did not have a report at this time.

SERVICE AND SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairman Grushetsky had nothing to report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairman LoPresti had nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairman Marko had nothing to report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman LoPresti stated they have not met since the last meeting; therefore, he has nothing to report.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – Stefanie Rhine began her report talking about the state report card and how the school district scored a D in the Achievement component. She explained this will always be an area they struggle with because it is a performance index and you have to score 80% in every sub group in order to get credit. Mrs. Rhine indicated because of the diversity of the students, the South Euclid Lyndhurst school district has 12 subgroups where most districts have only 2 or 3 subgroups. She added this is a tremendous hurdle to overcome and they will continue to work hard.

Mrs. Rhine reported the district also received a D in the Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers component, which is based on how successful you are at getting struggling readers on track. She stated they had 95% of students meet the reading guarantee.

Mrs. Rhine shared in the Gifted Value Added component, last year they scored 110 out of 117, which granted an F by the State of Ohio. She noted this year they scored 112 out of 117 and still scored an F because you have to have a score of 117 out of 117 or you receive an F; you either get an A or an F.

Mrs. Rhine announced the Graduation Rate component earned a C and being only 2 points less than a B. She acknowledged this is still above the state average and the district continues to improve in this area.

Mrs. Rhine talked about the Gap Closing component and how it is helping the most vulnerable students improve and close the gap. She mentioned that of the 12 subgroups, 9 are considered vulnerable subgroups noting the district earned a B in this category.

Mrs. Rhine remarked even though on the Achievement side the state think we are not making progress, on the Gap Closing side we are making progress. She said the district can celebrate how they are getting those 9 subgroups to where they need to be. Mrs. Rhine indicated maybe one day the achievement score will reflect the quality of the school and the education they are giving their students.

Mrs. Rhine announced some of the high lights from the past year include students earning 6 million dollars in scholarships, and there are 14 advanced placement classes for students including Biology, Chemistry and Physics, Art Studio and Calculus. She mentioned they offer 25 career tec programs, and high school students completed 20,000 hours of community service. Mrs. Rhine mentioned the arts program earned regional, state-wide and national recognition. She shared 12 student athletes earned college scholarships for football, basketball and soccer. Mrs. Rhine commented the Arc Fit Complex, which is a state of the art health and wellness facility at Brush, provides students and staff with workout equipment and resources including access to a full-time wellness coordinator.

Mrs. Rhine stated the Memorial Junior High students have the opportunity to earn high school and college credit in numerous areas. She explained they can get credit in algebra, geometry, physical science, world language and physical education.

Mrs. Rhine announced each student in grades K-12 gets their own chrome book, and there are STEM labs in every building within the district. In addition, she commented how

Memorial is creating a Makerspace area in the existing library where students can do more hands on activities. Mrs. Rhine explained Makerspace is redefining the way students learn by being more interactive. She added the space is being designed by the students. Mrs. Rhine stated they did the research, came up with a proposal, visited other schools, and then presented their plan to the administration.

Mrs. Rhine shared the students at Greenview used a 3-D printer to create ARC logo keychains.

Mrs. Rhine voiced how the State Board has acknowledged the current version of the report card needs improvement by providing more clarity and a more complete story for each district; however, they have not said how it will be accomplished. She stated the district will continue to advocate for students.

Mrs. Rhine remarked the advocacy group Superintendent Reid, Mayor Ward and Mayor Welo are spear heading is growing interest. She said there are districts from northwest Ohio who have reached out to this group and want to get involved.

Mrs. Rhine mentioned the Cleveland Plain Dealer recently put out an article about how other states are moving away from the A to F grading system. She noted Ohio is one of the few states still using this system.

Mrs. Rhine gave a financial update stating it has been 6 years since the South Euclid-Lyndhurst district has put a levy on the ballot, which is the longest in history. She affirmed they work very hard to be stewards of their money by increasing programs without using general funds. She commented they are hoping to stretch it another year or possibly two before considering a tax levy.

Mrs. Rhine announced Rick Smith Jr., who is a Lyndhurst resident and Brush graduate, is putting on a "Magic Gives Back" fundraiser for the schools. She stated the event is November 17th and you can get tickets online at Magicgivesback.com.

Lastly, Mrs. Rhine aired Brush High School is going to be featured in a movie based on a youth novel called "All the Bright Places". She said filming took place last Friday while school was out of session.

Councilman Price asked if there was any update on the bus garage.

Ms. Rhine responded they are hopefully on the last stages of the approval process.

Councilman Marko wanted to commend Rowland Elementary. He watched a segment on News 5 Cleveland regarding the Anti-bullying campaign. The reporter was impressed with how well the students behaved. Mr. Marko added how this campaign is very personal to him.

Mayor Ward wanted to touch back on the report card topic. He aired how he went to a visioning session for the State Board of Education's strategic plan. Mayor Ward explained one of the cornerstones of that plan was equity and their recognition that the current grading system is not equitable for all districts. He affirmed as Mrs. Rhine pointed out, the school district has 12 subgroups where Beachwood has only 2, and expressed it is not fair and it is not equitable to be painted with the same broad brush.

Mayor Ward stated our district chooses to identify students who need reading improvement, they choose to do interventions at the time they are necessary, and they choose to report that to the state. He remarked the district would rather advocate for the student than push the ball down the pipe and hope the student will get better or the next grade will get them caught up.

Mayor Ward is hopeful all of the efforts will result in some change. He commented there are some districts in far greater risk than ours of a takeover. Mayor Ward explained when a take-over happens, the only authority the local elected Board maintains is the authority to levy. He said they bring in a CEO that can fire everybody and wonders how that helps the district deal with their students and the dynamics that come into the building every single day.

Mayor Ward shared how he attends the Convocation at the beginning of each school year and listens to all of the initiatives that the teachers groups and administration have put in motion to address behaviors, and address education all to make sure the kids start off a good day regardless of what they left behind at home or what they might go home to at the end of the day. He acknowledged what our schools are doing proactively to work with these children and make them successful is a huge effort and the state report card gives no credit for that and it's a shame.

The meeting was opened to public comment.

There was no public comment.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-75
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE PORTIONS OF THE SANITARY SEWER ASSESSMENT TO BE ALLOCATED TO EACH SEWER FUND FOR THE TAX YEAR 2018, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 925.02(b) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2018-75 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2018-75 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with Section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Gambatese that Ordinance No. 2018-75 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2018-75 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-76
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-38 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE SALARY, COMPENSATION, AND HOURLY RATES OF PAY FOR BARGAINING EMPLOYEES IN THE VARIOUS OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS, AND WHICH CONFIRMED LONGEVITY COMPENSATION, VACATIONS, HOLIDAYS AND OTHER BENEFITS, IN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, OHIO, REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-38 INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, 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. 2018-76 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2018-76 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with Section 15 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Price that Ordinance No. 2018-76 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2018-76 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-77
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, 2018 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-72 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 for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2018-77 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2018-77 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with Section 11 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price that Ordinance No. 2018-77 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2018-77 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-78
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO BE RENDERED DURING THE YEARS 2019 AND 2020, AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO CREDIT THE CONSIDERATION PAYABLE UNDER SAID CONTRACT AND TO DEDUCT EQUIVALENT SUMS FROM TAX SETTLEMENTS DUE THE CITY OF LYNDHURST 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. 2018-78 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2018-78 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with Section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. LoPresti that Ordinance No. 2018-78 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2018-78 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-64
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1170 OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY TITLED "ELECTRONIC MOVING MESSAGE/DIGITAL DISPLAYS" BY AMENDING SECTION 1170.18 REGARDING ELECTRONIC MOVING MESSAGE/DIGITAL DISPLAY SIGNS

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2018-64 be removed from table.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2018-64 is removed from table.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese that Ordinance No. 2018-64 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2018-64 is passed.

Board of Zoning Appeals Recommendation:

Recommendation made to Council to confirm the decision of the Board in Case No. 2018-10 to grant requested variance to Mr. Jeff Gatto of 1212 Irene Road, from the provisions of Chapter 1160.05 of the Planning and Zoning Code. The request is to build a deck which will encroach two (2) feet into the minimum setback requirement of forty (40) feet in a ten thousand (10,000) square foot single family zoning district.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Council confirm the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Case No. 2018-10.

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Approved: November 5, 2018

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor