

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
February 6, 2023

The Council of the City of Lyndhurst held its Regular Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:32 P.M., Vice Mayor Stephen C. Grushetsky, presiding.

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

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

Absent: Council Representative J. A. Gambatese.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Price, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 16, 2023, 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 shared the new city website should be ready to go live in the next week. He hopes to put out a message to the subscriber list with more information soon!

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Grushetsky mentioned the department budget hearings took place on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and went very smoothly. He reminded his colleagues that the Finance Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm.

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Frey had no formal report; however, pending the availability of the committee members, he would like to schedule a meeting to be held prior to the next Council meeting at 6:45pm, to discuss the 2023 pool fees and operations.

**ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Price had no report.

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

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Gambatese was absent; therefore, a report was not given.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Council member Schlessel stated the commission has not met; therefore, he has nothing to report.

**SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – A member of the School Board was not present to provide a report.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

The floor was opened for public comment, with the following being heard:

Andrew Ritterman, 5692 Shawnee Drive, is the newly elected President of the Lyndhurst Democratic Club and wanted to find out what local government is doing. He also commented about the amount of drivers running the red light when turning left from Mayfield onto Brainard Road.

Bryce Hodge, a student at Case Western Reserve, had several questions about the decision-making process.

Mayor Ward suggested they speak in more detail following the meeting.

Mr. LoPresti announced that he recently received active-duty orders from the United States Army, and he will be deployed outside the continental United States for a period not to exceed 365 days; this will be his last Council meeting in 2023. Mr. LoPresti stated he is planning to be on the ballot for re-election in November even though he will be unable to campaign.

His colleagues thanked him for his service.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO  
ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2023  
ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2023-05 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2023-05 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 3 being read

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in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2023-05 be passed.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Grushetsky.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2023-05 is passed.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Frey, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40P.M.

Approved: February 20, 2023

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

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Vice Mayor