

Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee met on Monday, May 4, 2015. Present were members of the committee, Councilmen Marko, Schlessel and Price. Also present were Councilmen Frey, Ward, Gambatese and Law Director Paul Murphy. The Topic of discussion was Ordinance 2010-53.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm with Councilman Marko giving a brief history of the origins of Ordinance 2015-53. Ordinance 2010-53 was the result of an accident on I-271 where 3-4 Lyndhurst police officers were assigned to control traffic on the ramps at Brainard Road for an extended period of time. Ordinance 2010-53 was intended for the City of Lyndhurst to be able to recover the cost of excessive time of our Police officers attending/assisting accidents of this nature where they were assigned for extended periods of time. The ordinance was not written with any thresholds of time of costs due to equal protection issues. Therefore, most accidents were billed under the basis of this ordinance to the guilty party. In addition, billing the guilty parties' insurance company was getting more difficult. After the discussion it was moved by Mr. Schlessel and second by Mr. Marko to recommend to Council to repeal Ordinance 2010-53. The motion was put to vote and passed. No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully,

Joseph A. Marko
Legislative Committee Chairman