

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
January 6, 2014

The Council of the City of Lyndhurst held its Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 8:02 P.M., Vice Mayor Patrick A. Ward, presiding.

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

Others Present: J. M. Cicero, Jr., Mayor;  
P. T. Murphy, Director of Law;  
R. F. Porrello, Chief of Police;  
F. E. Glady III, Director of Service;  
M. A. Kovalchik, Director of Finance;  
L. M. Puskas, Building Inspector;  
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;  
M. A. Franco, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent:

The floor was opened to nominations for the position of Vice Mayor for the year 2014.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Packard, that Joseph Marko be nominated as Vice Mayor for the 2014 calendar year.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Packard, Gambatese, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Ward.  
Nays: None.

Motion carried.  
Mr. Marko is elected Vice Mayor  
for the year 2014.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Packard, that David A. Frey be nominated as Council's Representative to the Planning Commission and to the Architectural Board of Review for the 2014 calendar year.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Packard, Gambatese, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Ward.  
Nays: None.

Motion carried.  
Mr. Frey is elected as Council's  
Representative to the Planning  
Commission and Architectural  
Board of Review.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, 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. Marko, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, 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 Paul T. Murphy and Mary A. Kovalchik.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Packard, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 2, 2013, copies of which were mailed 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 Cicero wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated the new Vice-Mayor and Planning Commission /Architectural Board of Review members. Mayor Cicero stated the City is ready to accommodate citizens if needed during this cold period.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairman Ward had no report.

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

**ROADS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**  
**SERVICE AND SEWERS COMMITTEE** – Chairman Packard had no report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairman LoPresti stated the Safety Committee met prior to the Council Meeting and minutes will be forthcoming.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Chairman Schlessel stated there is a Planning Commission Recommendation on the Agenda and the owner is present if anyone has questions.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Lisa Marko read the following report into the record:

January 2014 - we welcome Ori Akrish and say goodbye to long time board member Bill Kent.

Our organizational meeting is tomorrow January 7, 2014.

**1) Share a positive student achievement or activity item;**

Our students were very busy up until winter break with various community activities.

**Rowland first grade student helps those in need with community shoe drive**

Aubrey Welchans, a first grade student at Rowland Elementary, made a big impression and demonstrated an even bigger heart, by helping to organize a community shoe drive at her school's library on Wednesday, December 18th from 4 to 6 PM. After noticing this past August that many kids and adults in the community were unable to afford new shoes, Aubrey came up with the idea to start the community shoe drive to help those less fortunate. Along with the help of her mother, Melonie Welchans, the staff and students at Rowland Elementary, Aubrey's idea became a reality, as the school was able to collect ninety pairs of children's shoes and forty-three pairs of adult shoes for donation to members of the community. All remaining shoes which were not donated at the shoe drive were delivered to Mt. Zion Church in Oakwood Village.

**Brush Sponsors Holiday Family Drive for South Euclid Lyndhurst Residents**

East Gym at Brush High School was alive with spirit of the holiday season on Thursday, December 19th. The Brush High School Student Congress, under the direction this year of Mr. Laplanche and Mrs. Malone, once again sponsored the Holiday Family Drive. Thirteen families received gifts and clothing from homerooms that "adopted" them. Each family was also given boxes of groceries, which included, among other items, a turkey with fixings, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and canned vegetables. In addition to the thirteen families that received gifts and food, four additional families and twenty-six senior citizens received groceries to help them supplement their holiday fare.

**Sunview Third Graders to Sell Items at Pet Supplies Plus this Saturday for Local Animal Shelter**

The Sunview third graders sold homemade scarves, pet scarves, and pet toys to benefit Marilyn's Voice, a local animal shelter. The students sold their products outside of Pet Supplies Plus on Mayfield Road in Lyndhurst Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 2pm. Prices for the products ranged from \$1.00 to \$5.00 each.

### **ArcTech Academy Adopts Holiday Family**

ArcTech students and staff were feeling the holiday spirit and adopted a holiday family. Led by members of the ArcTech Aspirations Team, almost \$300.00 was raised through student and staff donations! Students used the money to buy lots of great presents for the ArcTech Holiday Family to open on Christmas morning.

### **2) Update on Superintendent activities-Superintendent Linda N. Reid and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Veronica Motley Discuss Academic Enrichment in the SEL School District**

Superintendent Linda N. Reid discusses the role Dr. Veronica Motley plays in the SEL Schools and also the changing nature of public education for her latest interview on AVTV. You can watch this discussion by going to our website [www.sel.k12.oh.us](http://www.sel.k12.oh.us) Superintendent Reid asks Dr. Motley to share her experiences in this climate of reform to the Ohio report card and the more rigorous standards affecting students and teachers in today's arena of public education. Sharing this interview should help to provide viewers with additional insights on curriculum changes, the increased role of technology and improving assessment standards for students in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools

### **3) Financial update SEL Receives 12 out of 24 Legacy Grants**

Dr. Motley received confirmation that SEL received 12 Legacy grants for a total of \$28,416.82. We are thrilled that out of the \$34K available, the foundation awarded our District approximately 90% of the funds. These grants definitely help ease the burden placed on our district and allow for ways that our staff can do more than our budget sometimes allows.

### **4) State or Federal initiative**

At our past 3 board work session we have received reports from all our school principals about the implementation of our STARS achievement testing. This system allows for our teachers to instantly receive an idea where each of their students are in regards to the benchmarks developed by the State and federal government. These work sessions were very informative and allowed the board to see how the staff and students are using this system to reach our achievement goals. Work sessions are a great opportunity for the public to view great interaction of our administration and our school board.

### **5) Upcoming events**

Jan 29 our 3rd of 4 speaker series - Look for details regarding inspiration speech Basheer Jones.

The meeting was opened to public comment.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Frey recognized the hard work of the department heads. Mr. Frey stated he attended two of the Planning Commission Meetings regarding Sam Abounader's request to construct a free standing restaurant and bar at 5288 Mayfield Road. Mr. Frey said he will be voting no this evening because he feels this is not a good location for this business.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO IMPLEMENT  
HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Packard, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended for full reading, that Resolution No. 2014-1 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Packard, Gambatese, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Ward.  
Nays: None.

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2014-1 was highlighted by Mrs. Franco, with Section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Resolution No. 2014-1 be adopted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Packard, Gambatese, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Ward.  
Nays: None.

Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 2014-1 is adopted.

**Approve Recommendation of the Planning Commission:**

Recommendation is made to Council to **approve** a request of Sam Abounader to construct a free standing restaurant and bar located at 5288 Mayfield Road.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Council approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request of Sam Abounader to construct a free standing restaurant and bar located at 5288 Mayfield Road.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Packard, Gambatese, Schlessel, LoPresti, Ward.  
Nays: Frey.

Motion carried.

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

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

Approved: January 20, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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

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Vice Mayor