

Lyndhurst, Ohio
May 6, 2019

The Council of the City of Lyndhurst held its Regular Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:36 P.M., Vice Mayor David A. Frey, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives L. A. Schlessel, J. Price,
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;
M. A. Kovalchik, Director of Finance;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: Council Representative J. A. Gambatese.

Vice Mayor Frey stated Mr. Gambatese was travelling for business and his absence is excused.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 15, 2019, 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.

The Oath of Office was administered to Police Chief, Patrick A. Rhode.

Mayor Ward aired 20 years ago a group of residents in Lyndhurst along with a number of communities in Northeast Ohio decided to aggregate for the purchase of electric and gas services with NOPEC being chosen as our aggregator. He stated NOPEC has been a great partner to the City and to northeastern Ohio as well as a great advocate down in Columbus arguing for lower prices saving our residents money. He indicated the cost of energy in our state is much less because we have NOPEC.

Mayor Ward explained that periodically, NOPEC recognizes the service of a public official or public servant. He introduced Nicole Sweet from who made a special presentation recognizing Fire Chief, Michael Carroll.

Ms. Sweet announced NOPEC has been in existence since the year 2000 with 235 members; the City of Lyndhurst has been a member since 2001 being one of the founding members. She explained that along with cost savings, NOPEC offers a number of membership benefits including grants. Ms. Sweet mentioned they sponsor community events, and provide financing for energy efficient projects. She stated three years ago they started the acknowledgement program for Mayor's and Administration to recognize prestigious staff members. Last year NOPEC recognized the Finance Director and today they are here to honor the Fire Chief. Ms. Sweet shared the following:

“Michael Carroll is the chairman of the Cuyahoga County Emergency Services Advisory Board where he works tirelessly to elevate the activities of those in fire service and law enforcement. He joined the Lyndhurst Fire Department in 1994 and in 2003 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, then captain in 2007. Chief Carroll holds a master’s degree in public administration from Cleveland State University. On behalf of Mayor Patrick Ward and the esteemed members of Council, those who live and work in the City of Lyndhurst and the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, we recognize you for your service.”

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – School Board Vice President Cassandra Jones began by airing the school board provides a report every month at the City Council meetings.

Mrs. Jones announced the South Euclid- Lyndhurst schools are in the midst of student assessments at all levels. She commented although the district receives less, they do not distribute less to the families, the students and the district communities. Mrs. Jones added that having the freedom to operate differently and be trusted by the community is greatly valued. She took a moment to say thank you to the Mayor, Council, the City Officials and the residents.

Mrs. Jones spoke about each of the buildings in the district, starting with Brush High School. She voiced the Arc Class of 2019 has earned six million dollars in scholarships and grants. She stated Brush offers 14 advanced placement classes including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Art Studio and Calculus. In addition, they offer 25 career technical programs through the Excel TECC Program.

Mrs. Jones expressed how the districts believes in servicing the entire child; the child, the family and the parents. She commented they keep their minds open to the fact that all students may not be college ready. She added, they are training them to be college ready, career ready, and/or technical ready.

Mrs. Jones shared at Memorial Junior High, every seventh grade student is offered a technology elective to help promote the STEM projects. She explained how they launched a Makerspace program, highlighting the 3-D printers and other technologies that help the students get ready for project based learning. She mentioned they also have over 300 students involved in co-curricular and athletics.

Mrs. Jones stated at Greenview Upper Elementary, despite what the state report card says, the students have earned 85% of the measurable objects, which allows them to proudly say the students perform above expected levels. She remarked how they exceeded to meet the gifted indicator, due to the large percentage of gifted students at Greenview.

Mrs. Jones acknowledged that most importantly, they value the teachers and administrators. She stated 77% of all Greenview teachers have earned a Master’s degree or an advanced placement degree; the teachers are just as thrived on learning as are the students they teach.

Mrs. Jones stated the Sunview Elementary third graders scored 82% on the state wide test last year. She commented how they partnered with consulting organizations to present projects and opportunities for parents to have workshops in order to learn how to help educate their child.

Mrs. Jones shared at Adrian Elementary, all 278 students participate in STEM labs as well as at Roland Elementary, where all k-3 students also participate in STEM projects.

Mrs. Jones commented many people may not know there is a 5 star award winning preschool at Roland, serving students ages 3-5 years of age.

Mrs. Jones stated the district reports every month on how fiscally responsible they are. She remarked the last levy has lasted 8 years. Mrs. Jones detailed dating back to 1960, the average levy cycle has been 3 years. She indicated they have been able to stretch the

budget more than 2 times the average length. She said we should be proud that the fiscal responsibility of the district has always been a number one focus. Mrs. Jones took a moment to thank Superintendent Reid for her leadership and phenomenal vision that has allowed them the opportunity to find new mechanisms and put them in place.

Mrs. Jones concluded by thanking Council for allowing her to present her report.

There were no additions to the agenda.

The floor was opened for public comment, with none being heard.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-36
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-24 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2019-36 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2019-36 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 11 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price that Ordinance No. 2019-36 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2019-36 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-37
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2019-37 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2019-37 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. LoPresti that Ordinance No. 2019-37 be passed.

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

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2019-37 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-38
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GREENSPACE
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT
RISK SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE LYNDHURST FIRE STATION
EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT BY ACCEPTING THE
GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2019-38 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

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

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2019-38 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 5 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Resolution No. 2019-38 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2019-38 is adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Grushetsky that Traffic Directive #165 be approved with no changes.

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

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti that Traffic Directive #166 be approved with no changes.

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

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that the meeting be adjourned and move directly into the State of the City Address presented by Mayor Ward.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

Approved: May 20, 2019

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor