

Lyndhurst, Ohio  
March 2, 2020

The Council of the City of Lyndhurst held its Regular Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:34 P.M., Vice Mayor Joseph A. Marko, presiding.

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

Others Present: P. A. Ward, Mayor;  
J. P. Luskin, Director of Law;  
C. Cianciolo, Executive Lt. of Police;  
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;  
M. A. Kovalchik, Director of Finance;  
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: P. A. Rhode, Chief of Police;  
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;  
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Price, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 17, 2020, 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 thanked the committees especially the Finance committee for the preparation of the budget that is on the agenda this evening.

He stated the city applied to the Cuyahoga County Council for a supplemental grant; he was informed by our representative that Lyndhurst has been recommended to Council for approval. Mayor Ward stated he would attend the meeting to speak if necessary. He mentioned they secondarily applied to the state for the same supplemental grant. Mayor Ward said he is hopeful to get additional funds to help make the playgrounds more accessible and inclusive.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairman Schlessel stated the committee met on Wednesday February 26, 2020 at 6pm in the conference room. All members of Council were present. The purpose of the meeting was the annual review of the budget and appropriations for 2020; a copy of the budget was provided to all members prior to the meeting. He stated on the agenda we will be approving those appropriations. Mr. Schlessel thanked his colleagues for their due diligence during the committee meeting process. A full copy of the minutes will be sent to Council.

**PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE** – Chairman Price stated the committee met prior to Council to discuss the pools. He thanked all members for attending. Mr. Price said the minutes will be forthcoming.

**ROADS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE** – Chairman Gambatese had no formal report. He noted the minutes from his committee meeting held last month have been submitted.

**SERVICE AND SEWERS COMMITTEE** – Chairman Grushetsky had no formal report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chairman LoPresti had no report.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Councilman LoPresti had nothing to report.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Vice President and Board member Erin Lee-Harris delivered the following report:

Construction has finally started on the new transportation center. She expressed sincere gratitude to Council for allowing them to house their school buses outside of Brush High School.

Seniors Devin Suttles, Raevin McQueen and Nia Terrell were awarded the Morrill Scholarship at The Ohio State University. Ms. Harris explained this scholarship covers full in-state tuition and is the university's most prestigious diversity merit program awarded to approximately 40 students annually.

The Brush Boys Basketball team is in the conference tournament. Ms. Harris announced they beat Benedictine on Saturday and will play Cleveland Heights this coming Thursday in Euclid for anyone who would like to come out and support the team.

Finally, Ms. Harris stated the Board appreciates the support of the school levy. She commented how they continue to receive support from local businesses, teachers, SELTA and parents throughout the community.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Melissa Canowitz, 5435 Meadow Wood Blvd. and Allison Homrock, 1811 Edenhall Drive, represent the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Teachers Association. They were both in attendance at the town hall meeting at the community center held in February. They were delighted by the positive feedback and decided to come to share more positive things happening in their schools.

Starting with Sunview, Ms. Canowitz aired the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class raised money by selling their handmade pet toys and scarves. The students made \$1,000 which was donated to an animal shelter called Marilyn's Voice. She shared that in February, the Sunview community participated in Pennies for Patients, a campaign sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She mentioned Thursday was their literacy night called Camp Read S'more where over 100 children and their parents were welcomed to participate in literacy stations, workshops, home reading tips, s'mores and discounted hot dogs from Skyline Chili in Lyndhurst. Ms. Canowitz announced the P.E. teacher has spear headed the Jump Rope for Heart on behalf of the American Heart Association, which is taking place now until spring break.

Ms. Canowitz then spoke about Brush High. Senior Nia Terrell was selected as a finalist in the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage Stop the Hate essay contest. As one of the top 10 finalists, Nia is guaranteed a \$500 scholarship and the opportunity to compete in the finals at Severance Hall. She mentioned the Brush Robotics team recently competed in the

Newark FTC Qualifying Tournament with a ranking of 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 24 teams qualifying them for the semi-finals; they just missed qualifying for the state championship. Ms. Canowitz said the 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are getting reading to take the SAT test. She shared the Lady Arcs Wrestling team competed in the inaugural Girls Ohio State Wrestling Championship and finished 56<sup>th</sup> out of 99 teams. Lastly, she said there are seniors who were selected to participate in an upcoming job fair at Maple Heights High School where students will have the opportunity to apply for summer jobs and post high school employment.

Ms. Homrock talked about Memorial Junior High. She explained how Ms. Canowitz wrote a Legacy Village Grant and, along with the Wellness Director, was awarded a set of TRX bands. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade P. E. classes are learning to use these during gym class. She mentioned the Cultural Diversity Luncheon where students submitted projects about famous African Americans and their accomplishments in their move toward civil rights freedom. Those students were selected to partake in the luncheon. Ms. Homrock explained how staff members were invited to bring in cultural dishes from their own heritage. The students were able to sample different foods they might not get to eat all the time. She remarked they recently had 3 students selected to participate under the music teacher in the OMEA district 7 junior high honors band concert in Mentor. Lastly, Ms. Homrock stated several students attended a leadership conference in North Royalton.

Ms. Homrock thanked Council for their time and invited everyone out to their levy rally on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the corner of Richmond and Mayfield Roads rom 4-5:30pm.

Jen Toomey, 1403 Gordon Road, inquired about the status of the Cleveland Clinic property.

Mayor Ward responded that the property is not actually for sale. The Cleveland Clinic put out a Request for Proposal. November 15, 2019 was the deadline with 8 qualified proposals being received. On January 6, 2020 they narrowed the potential purchasers down to 5. The Clinic is working with those 5 to possibly partner a couple of them to leverage the value of the property. Years ago, the City proactively produced a master overlay outlining how the property could be developed further. This is currently in the hands of the Cleveland Clinic. If they get more value that would be more of a commitment from a particular developer to maximize the use.

Mrs. Toomey also inquired whether the city has a program to fill the empty spots for businesses.

Mayor Ward responded that through the Chamber of Commerce, we participate in a program called the LOIS, which is a Location One Information System. The property owner has the ability to post details of their available from a click on our website. Not only do these properties get viewed by people who are looking at our website, but they are also available to the 6 other cities within our Chamber.

Mrs. Toomey asked if the views are tracked and if that information is available, in which Mayor Ward stated the webmaster has this information.

**THIRD READING**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1176 OF THE ZONING CODE  
OF THE CITY TITLED “SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS” BY AMENDING  
SECTION 1176.07 REGARDING PROHIBITED USES**

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2020-11 be passed.

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

Motion carried with Mr. Schlessel passing.  
Ordinance No. 2020-11 is passed.

**THIRD READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12**

**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 779 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, OHIO, TITLED "TATTOO AND BODY PIERCING BUSINESSES," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2020-12 be passed.

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

Motion carried with Mr. Schlessel passing.  
Ordinance No. 2020-12 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18**

**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, 2020 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-92 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2020-18 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2020-18 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 11 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2020-18 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2020-18 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-19  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2020-19 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2020-19 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Price, that Ordinance No. 2020-19 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2020-19 is passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20  
INTRODUCED BY: ADMIN**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT  
TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF  
BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS BY  
RESURFACING, PAVING WITH CONCRETE AND MAKING OTHER  
IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended for full reading, that Ordinance No. 2020-20 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

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

Motion carried.  
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2020-20 was highlighted by Mrs. Miller, with section 16 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Gambatese, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2020-20 be passed.

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

Motion carried.  
Ordinance No. 2020-20 is passed.

In response to request for same, it was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for the 2020 Asphalt Program, 2020 Concrete Program, 2020 Sewer Inspection and Televising Program, 2020 Sewer Rehabilitation Program, 2020 Sewer Repair Program, Water main Replacement on Dogwood Trail, and Water main Replacement on Haverston Rd.

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Approved: March 17, 2020

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

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Vice Mayor