RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of London City Council Meeting

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Held June 6, 2024 20

**London City Council**

**20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140**

**June 6, 2024 at 6:30pm**

**Minutes**

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council President Peters at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a moment of Silent Reflection.

## Roll Call

Present - *Councilman Eades, Councilman McDaniels, Councilman Hays, Council President Peters, Councilwoman Treynor, Councilman Norman, Councilman Hitt,*

Absent – *Councilman Stahl*

**Minutes** – Approval of May 16, 2024 minutes, approved by unanimous voice vote.

## Public Hearing –

*Motion to exit regular meeting and enter into Public Hearing by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.*

**RESOLUTION 126-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt** A RESOLUTION adopting the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

*Motion to exit Public Hearing and enter into regular meeting by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.*

## Communications/Announcements –

*President Peters* – Liquor license for Aldi stores needs to be read and approved, approved by unanimous voice vote.

*Councilman Norman* – Questioned how early this license request is being submitted, since it could be a couple of years before Aldis' opens.

*President Peters* – They are starting early and get the ball rolling.

Director Castle – They wanted to get an early start on the process because it can take some time.

## Audience Concerns

None

## Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance Committee
*(Department reports are attached to committee meeting minutes.)*

- *Councilman Eades* – Personnel & Finance Committee will meet next Monday, 6/10 at 5:30pm in the conference room next door. If you are interested, we do record those meetings. They are not live. I'm not sure what's on the agenda yet, but I foresee discussion about the Police Department coming forward. A tax abatement for Aldi.
- *Councilman Hitt* –
- *Councilwoman Treynor* – nothing

Public Service Committee

- *Councilman Hitt* – Public Service meeting is Tuesday, 6/11 at 5:00pm in the meeting room next door.
- *Councilman Norman* – We have a work session, Monday 6/10 at 6:30pm or after the Finance Committee meeting, whichever comes first. It's a working session for the Ward boundaries. The public is welcome.
- *Councilman McDaniels* – Ambassador program coming up tonight.

Public Safety Committee

- *Councilman Hays* – Public Safety meeting Tuesday night, 6/11 at 6:00pm in the conference room.
- *Councilman McDaniels* –
- *Councilman Stahl* –

## City Official Reports

Mayor – not in attendance

Safety Service Director Castle – Nothing to report

## Old Business

### 4th Reading

**RESOLUTION 126-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt** A RESOLUTION adopting the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

*Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilwoman Treynor. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.*

**2nd Reading**

**RESOLUTION 131-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt** A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Fire Department applied for and received a MARCS Grant; and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure.

*Councilman Hitt* – This is to appropriate funds for MARCS (Multi Area Radio Communications System) that the fire department uses. It's $900.

*Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion passed with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.*

*Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.*

**RESOLUTION 132-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor** A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. ODOT completed a project within the City limits; and the City has received an invoice for this work; and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure.

*Councilwoman Treynor* – This resolution and the one that follows, is for $15,278.60. We received an invoice from the state for road work that completed in 2019.

*Leave for 3rd Reading*

**RESOLUTION 133-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor** A RESOLUTION authorizing auditor's warrant for payment. There is currently due to Treasurer of the State of Ohio an invoice in the amount of fifteen thousand two hundred seventy eight dollars and sixty cents. ($15,278.60)

*Leave for 3rd Reading*

**RESOLUTION 134-24 Sponsored by: Greg Eades** A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The City is in need of a new Comprehensive plan; and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure.

*Councilman Eades* – This came from Finance committee we've discussed this. Three of the members of Council have reviewed different plans that were submitted to us. Our choice was to go with a company OHM. It should be less then this amount, $82,500. This also should include the amount to help pay for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to help out with this. I've not heard any objections or anyone even question this. I was hoping to at least get some feedback.

*Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion passed with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.*

*Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.*

**RESOLUTION 135-24 Sponsored by: Greg Eades** A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into contract with OHM.

*Councilman Eades* – This allows our Safety Service Director to enter into contract, but I will question...it does specifically say the $82,500 is to not exceed that amount. Although we have legislation increasing appropriation of $99,000. The secondary part is not over the threshold and will be taken out of that appropriation. If anyone here or watching is interested in getting involved with any work groups or subcommittees, please stay tuned for more information to come.

*Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion passed with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.*

*Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.*

**RESOLUTION 137-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt** A RESOLUTION adopting the recommendations of the planning commission. The Planning Commission has met and approved the attached plans.

*Councilman Hitt* – This is London Landing Phase III and includes 77 properties.

*Public Hearing scheduled for June 20, 2024 during the regular Council meeting*

*Leave for 3rd Reading*

## New Business

**ORDINANCE 140-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt** An ORDINANCE vacating an alley. Alley between 211 & 213 Toland St.

*Councilman Hitt* – This was approved before, but a piece of the property is own by Columbia Gas. He can't get ahold of them and they aren't returning communication. This legislation removes the Columbia Gas property, so we can get this request completed.

*Public Hearing scheduled for July 18, 2024 during the regular Council meeting*

*Leave for 2nd Reading*

**RESOLUTION 141-24 Sponsored by: Brent McDaniel** A RESOLUTION to establish the London parks and recreation ambassador program.

*Councilman McDaniel* – This is going to give the Parks and Recs another tool to handle vandalism and bullying.

*Councilman Hitt* – This is a volunteer program and Parks and Recs will set up all the rules.

*Councilman Norman* – I think we need to be careful saying "security". We have "official" security personnel for the parks. It's like the legislation states they are "ambassador" of the parks. Maybe they'll help answer questions or assists the public. They are there to help people and guide them.

*Councilwoman Treynor* – Is this something the Parks and Recs can do on their own? There's no funding on this? They can set up on their own. Is this to encourage them?

*Councilman McDaniel* – They've had plenty of opportunity.

*Councilman Norman* – That's the reasoning we went out and found a program and brought it. We give them the program and they can go in and make any changes they want. But now they at least have a program guideline they have not had before. And yea, this is like a little push to get the program going.

*Councilman McDaniel* – It's not really like a push, but a solution to some of the problems they are having.

*Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman McDaniels, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion failed with 4 in favor and 2 against by voice vote.*
*Voting FOR the suspension: McDaniels, Norman, Hitt, Hays. Voting AGAINST the suspension: Eades, Treynor.*

*Leave for 2nd Reading*

## Round Table

*Councilman Norman* – Thanks for coming out, ladies. London Lions is going to have their community event this Saturday, 12:00pm-4:00pm, free hot dogs, free hamburgers. The first 100 kids will get swag bags, three-legged race, the duck race, to name a few events. Come out and enjoy the day!

*Councilman Stahl* –

*Councilwoman Treynor* – Did a little bit of research into finding more pedestrian safety signs for awareness and traffic reminders. Hopefully we can get before committee and obtain funding before the end of the summer.

*Councilman Hitt* – Public Service Committee meeting is next Tuesday, 6/11 at 5:00pm in the meeting room next door. Thanks for those who are here tonight and showing interest in what's going on in the city.

*Councilman Hays* – Thank everybody for coming out tonight. I appreciate it. Public Safety meeting will be this Tuesday, 6/11 at 6:00pm in the conference room next door. I'd like to thank all of our city employees, our firefighters, EMS, and police

officers. For your due diligence and serving our city and doing it well. Today is June 6th, 80 years ago today, Allied troops and American troops stormed the Normandy beaches. 2,501 Americans killed; 4,414 Allied troops were killed. Over 5,000 wounded. There was so much blood the waters were turning red. I'm going to ask for a moment of silence for the people who were killed. If they hadn't made the greatest sacrifice, the Greatest Generation, God only knows if would be sitting here tonight or have an open forum like this. A moment of silence for those who made the supreme sacrifice on June 6, 1944. Observed one minute of silence. Thank you.

*Councilman McDaniels* – Thank everybody for coming out.

*Councilman Eades* – Shameless plug for the London Lions Summer Bash. We have food coming from Blue Star Farms. Bag lunches. We are hoping the Duck race works. We are using a very small creek and not sure if it'll work. I want to thank both the Fire Department and Police Department; they are going to be there that day. If anyone wants to volunteer, we'd appreciate any volunteers. Registered for, but didn't get in due to limit spaces, for a webinar about navigating the rail crossing elimination program. If you haven't seen that, the have a national program about getting rid of those crossings. This could be something we can work on and possible extend the bike path. I'm not sure if the administration is interested in working with us on this or not. We did get email stating if we didn't get to participate due to compacity issues, they provided the link to the YouTube recording. I'd like to watch that and consider that later and how to do that. There's also a possibility where these crossing can be taken out and safety vehicles have a place to cross. It would be great if we could get across those crossing from the South Station. Other than that, I hope to see everyone come out for the event this Saturday.

*President Peters* – I have nothing.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:04pm

**Attestation:** Minutes approved, filed in Auditor's Office, and posted on City of London website for public review.

Kris Miller, Council Clerk

Josh Peters, Council President

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