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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present – Councilman Eades, Councilwoman Jackman, President Peters, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl, Councilwoman Treynor, Councilman Hays, Councilman Boyd

Absent – none

Minutes – Approval of April 2, 2026, minutes, approved by unanimous vote

Public Hearing – None

Communications/Announcements – (recordings can be seen and heard at londonohio.gov)

President Peters - We have two main items for communications and announcements. We have a presentation on the comprehensive plan and an update for Middle Ohio Water and Sewer. Just for the audience to know, this is strictly an informational presentation and update for the city of London. It's not gonna be a town hall meeting given the session's focus. There will be no open questions and answers, period, for the audience. If you do have questions or concerns for Middle Ohio Water and Sewer District, please reach out to them, or encourage you guys to go to their board meetings for that.

- OHM representative(s), Ken Littleton – presentation

Question & Answers:

Councilman Eades - How can we do this final draft? And I know you've addressed some of that. But if we adopt it, we're adopting it as is. And I'm asking how other governments address this once it's presented to them before they adopt the plan? Do they have meetings? Do they suggest changes? Do those changes get sent to you, the document? Or is this plan, as you've presented, that in no other case you may hear it?

Mr. Littleton - We hadn't anticipated any other changes because we had run by the city with their comments, incorporated those that we had. We had the stakeholder comments that we put into it. We received the public's comments on our progress with the plans. We've gotten a lot of input on it. Our intention is not to go back and go through it. And I know you're on your third reading, so that means you're serious about adopting it. There's that 30-day referendum or holding period, where anyone has an opportunity to provide input. We feel that there probably are things that, but plans take several years to put together. We noticed there was some change even in the two years. As you move into the adoption process, things happen. So, we understand it changes, but you also have an

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opportunity to update it. And the sooner you update it, obviously, the more use you'll get out of it. But I think it sets the foundation for you to start implementing things. I would hate to have to get you to get caught up on how a word is used or whether or not you like that certain objective or goal, as opposed to just finding those things, as we recommended, as far as the focus areas, get started on it and move with it. So that's been our plan. That's what we understood when we were coming out here. We were on the tail end of your process for the plan. But I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have.

Councilman Boyd - Thank you very much for coming out. Because yeah, this, you know, even if, hey, we maybe push it off one more reading just to kind of, hey, go over all this again. I know I'm gonna want to watch the video just to kind of see this and kind of think about how that is. Are you able to video us or email us your presentation there?

Mr. Littleton - It's in the thumb drive right now. She (Clerk) could pull it off.

Councilman Boyd - My thing was kind of along with the adding items later on, how we might be able to. Surveys are my primary concern there. I know you discussed how we have infrastructure that is primarily jotted down or kind of documented on what condition it's in. And that's one where the storm sewer, there isn't very much information on that right now. So, would you recommend that that's something for us to pursue and add in there later on ourselves?

Mr. Littleton - Yeah, I think it's in the capital improvements end of it, I think with the storm sewer situation, a lot of things that are buried underground, people tend to forget about. It can be cable, it can be water, or storm sewer. And one of those things that is difficult to do is access it when there's a problem. So, avoiding that problem with the technology that we have today, with the camera technology, the robotic technology, it's really easy to maintain those systems without having to wait until they fail. And so that's one of the things that, in looking at your system here, obviously, there are parts of it that are newer, other parts that are older. I would imagine the part in the core. I didn't sense that there was a real issue with combination sewers right now or that you had addressed that before. I can't remember. But that is a piece of infrastructure is important because if you're gonna be expanding, then you wanna think about how that's gonna influence your current capacity to treat the effluent and your current capacity to handle the flow into the community.

Councilman Boyd - So thank you very much. And yeah, I guess that would be more of a future one. I guess one that we do currently have is the sidewalks that we just got. Should we put that in here now, or kind of just have it as a side note or kind of item to go with it?

Mr. Littleton - The saying goes between planners, engineers, and landscape architects that if you build a pedestrian infrastructure, which can include a combination of sidewalks, pedestrian use paths, which are a little wider than sidewalks, eight to 10 feet, where you can multi-use, rollerblades, scooters, and walking. Those are priorities, or should be, in the community because when you build them, the people come. If they're not there, they don't use them. The state with the largest number of miles of trails and pedestrian paths is Minnesota. It is also the state with, at one time, its growing in other states now, you probably caught up with them, the largest number of golfing holes in the country. Now you think about their climate, and you begin to wonder what's going on here. Oh, I went up to Minnesota one time in the summer, and it's a zoo. There are people all over themselves in the state parks, the local parks, and on the golf courses. They utilize those facilities and really utilize them well, and they just keep building them. So, building it

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in a location that's convenient to the neighborhood, and building it in a hierarchy as you have right now, with the trail system tying into your own pedestrian sidewalk system, makes it a lot more enjoyable. I know I haven't done this route, but I've done the route going through to, let's see, it's west of here, to Yellow Springs is a great path. You get to Yellow Springs, and you've got the restaurants, the ice cream places. It's just a wonderful place to stop, spend the day, get back on the trail, and move out, head toward Dayton or any other place you wanna go. So those kinds of trips, people are doing more and more of because they're affordable and involve your family. They make good use of summertime. So, I think an investment in that is one way to foster your economy, build your economy, and attract people to your community. Getting them here for enjoyment, they may think about coming out and living here. So that is a really good way of setting. It used to be that companies would decide where to locate based on where they felt they could get the most resources, whether it was water or mineral resources or whatever, and particularly water, and we have plenty of it here in Ohio. But today it's a different approach. Businesses go to communities looking for talent. And talent only goes to communities where they have something to do. So, you combine a community that has something to do and the talent that comes there to do things, then the businesses follow. And that's been a trend in the past 10 to 15 years, where you create the place, you enhance the place, you advertise and promote the place, and the people are attracted there to live or entertain themselves or recreate and eventually locate. So that is the main attraction tool. It works the best of any we've ever seen. And it's worked for a lot of communities that we've worked for.

Councilman Boyd - And last one is really quick, but thank you very much because I love to hear about parks, trails, and all the sidewalks, getting updates. How would you recommend following through on who is bringing initiatives to the council to either change the zoning codes or have these different items, projects, possibly done? Who would be the driving force that would be, I guess, bringing those out? Is that just administration?

Mr. Littleton - A combination of it can be the administration proactively being involved with the development community. It can be the chamber of commerce. It can be at the county level, working with the county in their economic development program, or at the state level, and the connections they made there. It all happens at different levels. And getting the word out about this community, promotion-wise, we had a section or chapter in there about wayfinding in the community. That's critical. Having a really good, solid wayfinding system, that's signage that is a system that has the same logo, has the same color, has the same font on the lettering. It has different heights, whether you're dealing with a pedestrian scale or you're going along the highway. It's some of its directional signage, some of its informational signage. That combination of signage is going to enhance the pedestrian experience. It'll also do another thing. It'll make better utilization of your parking downtown. If you're able to channel people around the downtown to find a place to park, whether it's the public parking space or even on-street parking, and where that's available, people will use it rather than circling the block and trying to figure things out on their own. So, if you have that well signed, you'll start to alleviate a lot of the issues you have with parking in some parts of the downtown. So those things, the wayfinding is critical, and having a unified signage system that advertises the community, that starts at the trail, moves people through the community, and shows where the businesses are. In Delaware, they put a signage system up in the downtown where they have these magnetic metal pieces that are slotted in, and it's a directory sign, and whenever a business comes and goes, they just make a new one up, slot it in there, and then they go. It's not permanent, but they have the name of the business right on there, right on the street, so you don't have to wander around. It goes all the way to fancy kiosks that push buttons and

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all that stuff, too; they have some downtowns. But the idea of the wayfinding is important, and you have one great asset here for that, and that's the courthouse. I will imagine a lot of you have told people who have come to town, go downtown, turn left at the courthouse. You can see it as you're coming into town. It's a great wayfinding tool. It's a landmark that people can see for miles. Start there and set up a system. That's important. It's not that expensive to do.

Councilman Boyd - That is the one tab that says my favorite item. Don't think we should put McDonald's on there, because I'll say go left at that, probably more often than the courthouse.

Mr. Littleton - That's right, and I would make a trek on your own sometime. Come up to Delaware, go to Worthington. They have one of the most historic wayfinding systems I've ever seen. I've had it for a long time, and it's worked really well to get your way around old Worthington and other neighborhoods in Columbus.

Councilman Boyd - Thank you very much. That's all I had.

- Mid-Ohio representative(s) – Tom Taylor, Director, and Tia Sexton, Board Member

Question & Answers:

Councilman Eades - East High Street plan. So, it's not affected, is that correct?

Mr. Taylor – Yes

Councilman Eades - Okay. Was there a new well ever put in out there? Or did they try to put in a new well?

Mr. Taylor - There was a test well out there. It was found that there was ammonia in the well, but very small amounts. So, we could probably develop that well. I think the cost of that well was like \$2 million. Our concern really wasn't the well. The real problem is that the plan was completed in 2015, so it's been sitting there for 10 years. You have a car; it hasn't run for 10 years. I wouldn't take it to California. So, when we started trying to operate that plan, we found a lot of issues that needed to be addressed, like a lot. There are 70 automatic valves in that plan, 70. And they have to all talk together to the control system. Well, none of them is talking to anything. So, I can't tell you what happened, but the result is that it would take a lot of work to get that thing back up and running. So, it's a small plant. It's designed for 720,000 a day. We need 5 million in total. And just the operational cost of it is what led us to that decision.

Councilman Eades - Another question in the context. I was on the president's board. I don't remember. (Unable to hear the rest of Mr. Eades' question, but it sounded like something about hydrants.)

Mr. Taylor - Yeah, that is on our water line. It's a private water line.

Councilman Eades - So that's the reason that it's all threatened to do that?

Mr. Taylor - Yeah, we don't have an easement or access.

Councilman Eades - What? Is there any way that that could be remedied?

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Mr. Taylor - I mean, HOA could come and request that to our board. We would have no idea how it was built, or whether it was embedded correctly. I mean, there are a lot of things we would ask. But it could be a request.

Councilman Eades - I know there's a lot of concern today. Thank you for taking the questions. I appreciate it.

Councilman Stahl - I'm having trouble with the Darby Accord. I'm trying to get a new one on the other side of the river. And I know there's a word about Plain City.

Mr. Taylor - The Darby Accord has really delayed the Deer Creek project. It took two years just to get the facilities plan. It's called the 208 plan, where we get to go in and do all these things. We finally got that done. Took a lot of work, took a lot of effort. We had stakeholder meetings with the Darby Creek Association many times. So, we kind of got past that hurdle. What's next, unfortunately, is they have a thing called Appendix 3.3 of the high-water quality standards, which really associates with the Darby. Doesn't affect us directly. It's more about setbacks, and developments, and densities, and all those things. However, Appendix 3.3 gives the Ohio EPAI the ability to pressure mid-Ohio to have local entities adopt that appendix. So that'd be Plain City, and Madison County would be your two big ones that would have to do. We've had meetings with the Ohio EPA, county, and Plain City. I think we're making headway on that. But I mean, there's some resistance. I mean, obviously, developers want density. They want all that stuff. Totally understand. When it comes to the Darby, that document is the go-to.

Councilman Stahl - Another question. Columbus, Hilliard, and Dublin are all knocking on Madison County's door up that way. Would that affect us at all? Or I don't know if the county has anything against that or not. We don't want to have to serve them what we're doing.

Mr. Taylor - Yeah, I know the county has concerns. We meet with the county every other week. They have concerns up there. Our 208 plan basically says, hey, mid-Ohio has the right and authority to serve their area, which is great. That's a great starting point. But if Dublin were to come in and annex property into our area, they could serve that. So that's the arms race, what we kind of call a lot of that. And even the 161, there's a committee up there that includes Madison County, Union County, Marysville, everybody in that corridor. Because everyone wants control of 161. And then you've got to worry about the Darby accord on top of that. So, we're at the table. Our position is that we have a service area. It took us a lot of money and time to get that. And we probably will never get that out.

Councilman Stahl - OK, thanks. Appreciate it. I mean, it affects all of us. I'm just interested.

Councilman Eades - I have a couple of questions. So, I believe an email was forwarded to you. And you've answered some of those questions, especially about the trunk line and the cost of that. One of the questions, a gentleman sitting behind you that he wanted to ask a question. It sounded like initially there was going to be a north and a south district. And it sounded like the financing or the funding for those projects would be designated to the north for Plain City and the south for us. But now it sounds like this is all a combined thing, regardless. Is that true?

Mr. Taylor - Well, that's kind of what our recommendation is from staff. We are going to do the rate study to tell us to look at that. But again, there's just a lot of it that are twining, like

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how do we know what goes to here and what goes to that direction. When I looked at the \$455 million that was in the presentation, it was pretty well split between Plain City and London. It was not quite 50-50, but it was closer than what a lot of people would think.

Councilman Eades - When we talk about capacity, so before we joined Mid-Ohio, there was a discussion that there was going to be a plant that was built out on Shagbark Farm. There was a lot of pushback. And at one point during the council, it was suggested by Mayor Closser that they would just ask to bring that sewer down to us. And he really was way off on what he thought the numbers might be. Because when you guys did that research, that \$200 million was a big number. So, we know that wasn't going to happen, but we still had capacity at that point. And that's at the plant level. You're telling me that the lines are awfully small. Can our lines handle the development that's about to happen here, especially on East High Street and out on Betty Wilson Road, which is a condo group, those about 500 homes there? Can our lines handle that capacity? And if they can't, do you stop that?

Mr. Taylor - So right now, you know where Amherst Pump Station is? You guys know where that is. It's right there on 42. We looked at the capacity of that. And then there's a northeast, northwest trunk sewer that runs through where Madison Reserve's being developed. So, we looked at the capacity of those two items. That's really what we have to look at today. And we know we have about 1,044 units available, which means that could be 1,044 homes. It could be 1,000 homes and 44 units of commercial development. But that's kind of where we're at. So that can give you an idea. Now, the problem is that the east trunk sewer is really a three-phase project. This is phase one. Phase two is some more work inside the city. Last was to go from the Sharp Avenue area and increase the size of that trunk sewer. Because we're building the east side trunk sewer, the lift station that can take it up to Deer Creek, we won't have to do that.

Councilman Eades - So that's a change from the original plan because it was all going to come south and tie in and go to our plant. So now you're going to run that north. So that's new information. When I went to your board meeting, one of my big concerns was the lack of communication with the residents. And I still think that was an issue. First of all, I want to thank you for coming tonight. I really wish we had had this conversation a year ago after we joined, and we could get an update. And I really hope somebody comes back, at least on an annual basis, if not quarterly, to just tell us what's going on. Because we don't know. And I really thank you for coming out. I understand you're retiring soon. So that's a shame because I know that you really know what's going on. But I just want to know, have there been any more steps taken towards the communication and trying to fix that?

Mr. Taylor - So first, we really are pushing people to sign up on our website. And the reason why you get an alert or email. So, we have a water main break. And I'm on there, so I know everything that goes on. But you'll get an alert saying, there's a water main break on East High Street. And it will try to tell you the estimated time for repair. And that's an estimate. Let's say it's three hours. And then after that, you'll get an email or text saying, hey, the work is done. Boil advisory, maybe. Or start using the water, you're good to go. We also have the one call, I think it is, that we have on our building system. The problem with that is, water breaks always happen at 3 a.m., it seems like. So, we don't have access to that. Our C&D crew doesn't have access to that. Now, when our building people come in, they can do that. But hopefully, their repair's already been made, and we're out of that area. We're really trying to push people to our website. And if it's complicated, it's been a while since I signed up for it. If it's complicated, we need to fix that. I don't want it to be complicated. I want it to be pretty simple. Name, email, and telephone number, if

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you want to give it. And then every time we do, it's district-wide.

Ms. Sexton - The other improvements that we're posting more through in-house staff through social media, and then creating the banners for the website if there is a water main break, or if there is an issue. So, if you are feeling like the community is feeling that something isn't going on, they can immediately go to the website, and they'll see a banner flashing that there is an issue if they have not signed up for the alerts.

Councilman Eades - Is that also how somebody would let you know that they think there's an issue? How does someone notify you?

Mr. Taylor - So we have a 24-hour call center, 24-7. Emergency number is what we call it. They call that number. And what happens then is the call center does a work order. That work order goes out to all our C&D people. So, if you have a main break here, they call, they do it, and then that takes care of it. And usually, we have a brand-new system, so I'm not as familiar with the old one, but you would receive an email, or I think it was an email. If you called in, you would get an email saying, hey, we're on it. We're at the site. You should get updated when you call in. That was really, really critical out at Choctaw Lake. We had individual grinder pumps. And that was very helpful at that point.

Ms. Sexton - I can personally say I had a grinder pump go out during the last rainstorm, and I used that system. And then I got the email alert that they were acknowledging and somebody would be out.

Councilman Eades - I could ask a lot more, but I'm going to stop with that for tonight.

Councilman Stahl - I just had one more comment. We used to get such a smell. I live on the east side of town, and in the fall and sometimes when the wind changed directions, the sewer plant was terrible. But the past year or so, it hasn't. I don't know if you're doing something new or keep it up.

Mr. Taylor - So you know that thing that looks like an egg? That does all our sludge digestion, and high temperatures, and all that stuff. So, we were out of service for probably three months last summer-ish. We only have one unit, which is kind of unusual. We usually have a backup. So, then we had to land apply. We actually took a lot to the landfill. We can't meet certain criteria. We can't put on the land. We have to landfill it. So that's probably why it was worse last summer.

Councilman Stahl - Very appreciative of it. Anyway, thank you. Keep it up.

Councilman Boyd - All right, well, I got just one or two for you, but yeah. Thank you again very much for coming out, and good to talk. One way, probably try not to, but he does do well. If you see water just running out of the street, send him an email, and he'll email you if you're there. Thanks very much. So yeah, the big one was the new development coming out towards 40. The industrial that's out there, the 3,500 homes, and the possible constraints it might put on London. It does sound like that is approved. And housing and items that are coming our way then already, or how do you see those projects right now?

Mr. Taylor - So you're talking about the one by our wastewater plant in the building? That's one of them.

Councilman Boyd - Out across from Farm Science Review, that type of area industrial

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there, and right outside of London is what I'm talking about. Nothing within London on this one.

Mr. Taylor - So I think the only thing that's been approved by council is probably Madison Reserve, Johnson's Creek phase two, I think London Landing's done. Yeah, we're fine with that. You start getting now to a big industrial development, I mean, that would be a concern. We have to look at that.

Councilman Boyd - That was my main thing, which was actually a comment of yours that said these 3,500 homes that are approved it has brought up a concern for London's water capacity. And so that's the ones I'm talking about. Nothing that we've already done, the 1,600, we already have set and ready to go.

Mr. Taylor - That's off a developer's takedown schedule. So, we get that because we have to plan, right? So, we know, man, we've got to do something because these are coming. It takes three to four years to build a plant. That's why we're starting now to do that. 10 years.

Councilman Boyd - That's kind of what I'm seeing is, hey, 10 years though, that means we're going to see houses all the way out to the truck stop. We're going to see industrial complexes across from Farm Science Review there. That field will be gone. And so that's the big part where, you know, having mid-Ohio that is controlling this, it's a big part where I know we talked, and it was, hey, we are interested in this development. And I'll say, as we kind of discussed all of this, I didn't see very many friendly faces going, yes. We like our fields and everything else. And so, this is kind of a tough fact to hear that, hey, maybe 10 more years it might be going. You don't really think, hey, that's not very long. But even just for myself, it's, hey, I'm getting back into coaching this year. And it was 11 years ago that I got myself out of it. And so, it still feels like yesterday. You know, we're going to get to that point where this comes from all of a sudden. And kind of watching that, but at the same time, kind of, is that something we should be getting ready for then, it sounds like?

Mr. Taylor - We're already doing that. So, it's on. Because we believe even a plain city area water plant, we don't think that's going to be ready till 2029, early 2029. Actually, the wastewater plant is scheduled for mid-2028. So, you do that, and we tell every developer that. We can't do anything till then, you know? Because we can't tax our, especially our water system, any more than what it is, right? And we are concerned about the peak days. Daily flows, when it's April, that's not a big deal. Our daily average is probably at 1.6 million a day. When those peak days come, they'll go up to 3 million. Plain city's even worse, because the developers up there tell the new homeowners, you guys got to water that sod 24-7. And our usage just goes through the roof up there.

Councilman Boyd - And that was another part that kind of popped up. Thank you very much for the 37 breaks. That has kind of been a curiosity with seeing that. Do you have any numbers on how it had maybe looked since 21, 22, 23? Because I hadn't heard quite that many. But it was when we put in the \$500,000 pipe for adjusting the pressure from the Madison County water coming in. You know, that was supposed to help relieve that issue. But once we kind of opened it up, instead of an emergency issue kind of time, it seems we've seen a lot more of those breaks. Do we think any of that has contributed to that pressure?

Mr. Taylor - There's a pressure-reducing valve that is at every interconnection. There's a meter there and some other things. But we dial that pressure in. We can do it. I can do it

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from my phone right now if we want to. We know that our towers at the prison sit way higher than London. So, we can't just put it out there. It'd probably blow people off. So, we have pressure-reducing valves. We actually have one, too. From the prison, it goes across 40. And we have one right by Beck's Seed. Our pressure will reach 80 PSI right there. Because it's all downhill. So, we have a pressure-reducing valve there. So, when it gets to our tower on 42, it's where we want it to be.

Councilman Boyd - Because, yeah, that was kind of a big part of it. Didn't seem we were having this many infrastructure issues until we really tapped into it and started using it as a main source. But that was another kind of part with the just dues and kind of fees on how we're going to do this. Will London have any kind of credit towards our rates being increased for the prior \$13.5 million that we did approve in 2023 for that project for the storm sewer trunk line on that one?

Mr. Taylor - Yeah, I mean, I don't have an answer for that one.

Ms. Sexton - I mean, a lot of that is going towards that. What those users in rates have been paying for is going towards the \$22 million, even though it was originally quoted at the \$14 million. So that is still going towards it. And then we're using our other investment strategies so that we can recoup that other for the \$22 million. And as well as capacity fees from development.

Councilman Boyd - Was there any kind of answer on why it was closer to around \$20 million in 24, I think you said you had it checked out, instead of the projected \$13.5, \$14 million that we had told us?

Mr. Taylor - I think because we only had one contractor. To be honest, our belief is they're pipe people, right? So, we have put a pipe in the ground, and we have a lift station to build. Well, they were pipe people. They're not experienced in building. It's a massive lift station. It's 150 horsepower pumps in there, right? So, we believe they probably showed up at the bid, didn't see anybody else there, and would just write down whatever. Let's say that happened, but it was surprising to us. And then we come back to this one. So, the numbers are about the same, which is good to see. But we had a lot more action on this one, too. I think we had seven or eight pipe companies. The actual contractor that got the bid for the lift station is our contractor on our Deer Creek Wastewater Plant. So that helped lower that price a little bit. I think that was \$7.3 million, just for that.

Councilman Boyd - Would you be able to send over the 2024 bid, possibly? Am I able to ask or request that, just to see who sent that in?

Mr. Taylor - It won't take much.

Councilman Boyd - And so, yeah, looking into those, kind of seeing, hey, what are we paying for? Because if we're causing a water shortage by the expansions and additions that Mid-Ohio is kind of putting out there, even for the other treatment plant that we had with the chemicals for the ammonia, I know we had approved \$750,000 for that guy back then also. It was part of that whole large chunk that we increased everyone's rates for. And so, to kind of here, hey, we might have issues with water supply while this project hasn't gotten going, it's interesting to hear the, hey, it was out of date, now that facility was an old facility. I know we barely even talked about joining Mid-Ohio until I had gone through our sewer treatment plans and seen that, hey, we were at 50% capacity. So, we could double our size in the money. But that's where there was a lot of confusion, because,

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hey, how are you having storm sewer flooding? But the two are not related. And so that's where people think, well, I don't know if we have capacity. We have plenty of capacity. The plant, we had actually put a brand-new holding tank, I think, over at the Chrisman Avenue one, we were getting ready to build also there. And so, we had done that. We had \$700,000 for the new sledge press that you guys have now. Hey, glad it's helping operations. But yeah, more items were supposed to be covered by our BPU, but the council actually took a load off it at the time. And so, there are a lot of things that are questionable when you say, hey, you're raising our rates for facilities that are possibly outdated or not quite the best when they're not bad. I'll say that much. As far as us covering London, we had most of our stuff going, I felt, well, besides the storm sewer. That was one. But the biggest piece is this sewer trunk line. The one that is my biggest concern for the sewer lines, you said 15 inches. Would that be the one coming down through East High Street?

Mr. Taylor - Yeah, it comes from Sharp Avenue and comes directly into the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilman Boyd - And that's the one where we are having numerous people with flooded basements, that's not storm sewer. And to say that, hey, we're trying to now figure this out, helping the other developments, that was an issue that, hey, we are developing it. We are around more than 90 to 100 houses a year that we're actually building. And so, having that added on for the last two or three years now, without a project that we were told in December of 2023 would start in April or March, it's upsetting to see that, hey, this project could be done. These people would be saving house issues. They'd have actual, correct facilities. And not being able to flush toilet paper is an issue. And so having these things, but hearing that, yeah, it's a 15-inch pipe that we're sending all of it through, I'd say that kind of shows an issue there for that item.

Mr. Taylor - We have a lot of work ahead of us. So, when you think about the system, it could be impacted by something five streets away. And just once it gets to that one point, it's just a little bit. The other thing, too, as far as development, we don't have the development. Our goal is to, or our duty is, OK, they'll come to us and say, hey, can you serve 1,000 homes? Or whatever the number is. Can you serve this paid center? Can you serve whatever? Our job is to say, yeah, you're right. Even in Plain City, go back around, when they were out of sanitary sewer capacity, they went in support of the EPA. And we're going to do a wastewater plan, a 25-million-dollar plant. So, the EPA immediately approved the installation in the development. Once you're going around this, paying that wastewater plant to develop that, that's difficult. Very difficult. You never want to get in the same position. The city, working county, has to make sure that means we're constantly doing what the plan is. We look at a new wastewater plant, a water plant. The first thing we do is look at the top plan. The top plan was, what was your expectation? What did you want to do? How many people do you think you need? And that's what we do. And all projections, I get that. That's the best we have. What we base our rates on, what we slow on, is construction costs. We have a performance for both water and wastewater. We constantly have to look at that. You're looking at the depth of work that you do.

Councilman Boyd - You're looking at the depth of work that you do. Well, yeah. And just kind of, hopefully we're recognizing that. That's my biggest thing for our representatives. Between both of us is, you know, actually having someone that's saying, you know, London has increased our rates specifically for these projects already. And now we're coming back and saying, hey, we need more money. And now it's

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not even a chunk of that money. Hey, that whole project is coming back to us again in some way or another.

Audience Concerns –

My name is Doug Piles. I live in 323. I'm here to talk to the council with regard to how you people are handling the sanitation issues that the city is working on. I'm sorry, Mr. Piles. I don't want you to get too far in. Before I go on, I have a couple of comments following the last presentation that I do know about. One thing is that we were told when the presentation was made to the council and BPU about taking over, they stated that the district was going to be divided into the north and the south, divided by 70. All work that's done in the north is going to be paid by the property people up there. In other words, London is not going to be supplemented by our rate structure to pay for all the work that's being done in the Plain City area. And all their major work and their capital investment are all in the Plain City area. They're running a water line out 61 towards Dublin, and nobody's tying into it. So that's the first thing. The second thing is that out on Kenny Road, there are 350 households out there in those condominiums that are paying water and sewer bills for themselves. And we have been told by Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District that we are all responsible for the water and sewer maintenance. We have to pay to have our hydrants flushed. And up until now, the City of London has always provided that service. The fire department would come out and flush the hydrants. And sometimes the water department would come out and flush them. They won't do it. We have to hire somebody. We're paying their rates. We have to hire somebody to come out and take care of flushing the hydrants. That's wrong. That is wrong. And I think that needs to be preserved legally. There are 350 houses there, all paying these rates. The other thing is I'm here to talk about the sanitation program. First off, your council voted without the information to shut down the London Sanitation Service. Without having details, you made the decision, we're going to go ahead and shut it down. Even though you had no idea what the costs involved in that were, you had no idea what the rates were, and so on. The second thing you did as a council was to appoint the safety service director to go out and get bids and sign contracts for that service. And the council has no say on that. For any major contract that affects something for the 10,000 people living in this town, don't you think you should review the contract that they're talking about? Don't you think you should have something to say about that? What's to prevent this contract from coming in, and it's going to cost property owners \$20 more a month? Are you going to settle for that? You're supposed to be representing the property owners here and be responsible for that, but you have delegated all that to the safety service director, who is an unelected person. You are the elected people to represent the thing. I say you people need to review any kind of contract; you must put approval on that contract, and you must approve the rate. The city council has always voted and approved any rate increases, whether it's for water, sewer, sanitation, whatever, the council has always had to approve those increases and vote on those increases. But here, you're not going to, you don't have, you have not retained that ability to vote on that. That's wrong, guys. You're not representing us then by reviewing something as major as that, nor do you control how much it's going to cost me to have my trash picked up. You don't know whether they're going to have bulk pickup, you have no idea yet about it, and I think you, council members from me and all the residents need to have some input and review that contract before it's signed. But the resolutions that you voted on, you've already authorized that safety service director, who is a non-elected person, to sign the contract. That's wrong. That's wrong. This is major. Does anybody have any comment about that? It's your responsibility.

Councilman Eades - Well, I'll comment. First of all, that part is on third reading tonight to

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allow for that. So that hasn't actually passed yet, but it's on third reading tonight. And the second part is, I agree that I think we should review the contracts. So, I agree with that, that I think we should have that opportunity to do that before anything goes through.

Mr. Piles - I think there's a resolution for third reading, though, that doesn't allow the board to review that. It's very simple, the wording in the resolution. So, unless you change something, unless you revise that resolution to have the presentation presented to the board, the council for review and okay. Does anybody else have any comments about my concern? That bothers me.

Committee Reports

Public Service Committee –

Councilman Hitt – I attended the public service committee meeting. It was this past Tuesday. The safety service director discussed the sidewalk process report, online training, sanitation bids, and the verbiage. A few changes were made in the verbiage for the bids, and the draft will probably be done this week. Building repair for the sanitation building is still in process. Mr. Boyd brought up the ambassador program for the parks, which is basically volunteers to kind of monitor the parks, and Port of Johns at the dog park, and then Port of Johns at Merrimack. And then, as far as business coming to the future council meeting, we talked about appropriating funds for expanding the parking lot by the pool and making repairs to the existing parking lot. And then we talked about legislation that Lisa referenced as far as the sale of some street department equipment. The next public service committee meeting is on May 12th at 5 p.m. in the meeting room next door.

Councilman Boyd – I went to public service, and I'll be giving the parks and rec kind of go over. The pickleball courts are up and going. I don't know if there was any other big put out there yet from our parks and rec department, but those guys are getting finished up, or are finished up, and people are out there playing on them now. Yes, a big one that we are looking into and we'll be seeing later tonight is the expansion of the parking lot down there at Park Ave, and that's coming to us also. Hoppy hour went very well. Two to three hundred people out there chasing around eggs, having a good time, so glad to hear that went well. Adult sports leagues that are coming up. We have slow-pitch softball, co-ed Sunday afternoons, and men's Thursday evenings. The co-ed is June 7th, and the men's begins June 4th. Sand volleyball is \$125 a team. Co-ed Sunday afternoons beginning July 12th. The pool is opening up on May 23rd, so get ready. I'm excited. New hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., so it goes a little later, I think it is, than usual, but changing that up. Social media posts are going out with pricing and making sure that everyone is getting registered this year. If you are going to the pool at all, you will need to register, and there are links online through our website that we have that will help lead you to making sure you get registered, so when you show up to the pool, it's easy to get paid and head on in. Other than that, we did talk about the ambassador program a little bit. We were hoping that maybe we could look into something for hay offering out to families that may pick up trash, keep an eye out for things or issues around the park, with maybe a hay family pool pass, but hopefully we can progress on that one a little more as a thank you towards those people. The last part is getting money back for record cold temperatures. We were top ten in the whole state during that whole long charade, so glad to get some money back from it. That's all from me. Thank you.

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Councilwoman Jackman – I attended the public service committee meeting, and I have the street department report. And again, I'm going to try to keep it kind of short. But one thing that was brought up at this meeting that did not make it to tonight's agenda is that the street department wants to sell, by sealed bid, three pieces of equipment, two very old dump trucks and an old Dura-Patcher that are no longer being used. If we sell those, we can also stop paying the insurance on those items. And that will be up at the next council meeting. Thank you.

Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Hays – I had a previous engagement, so I wasn't at the safety committee meeting. Mr. Hitt will give the report. But the next meeting is on May 12th at 6 p.m. in the conference room next door. Thank you.

Councilman Stahl – I have the police report from the public safety committee briefing. Building construction is progressing with exterior siding installation completed, ceiling mechanicals, and preliminary grade work. There is a substantial failure of the proof roll testing for the parking lot, and alternative fixes are being explored. The current schedule for completion is July, with the building dedication set for July 30th. The chief took Andy and me through the other night, and it's very impressive. It doesn't look that big to look at it, but it's very nice inside. I have to be impressed. We are currently hiring for an open position, and applications are being accepted until April 30th. SSD has posted for the position of chief of police for internal applications. The new building is being completed, with anticipated applicants to complete an assessment center on May 30th. LPD participated in the dedication of a new range as well as attending the groundbreaking of a new evidence building at the BCI. The newest cruiser was uplifted and placed in use. LPD participated in a full-scheduled training exercise conducted by the LAPC held at Nissan Chemical. The first quarter stats, January through March, 1616 CFS, 277 incident reports, 337 traffic stops, traffic salutation events, 24 parking salutation events, and 60 traffic crashes. That's all I have, thank you.

Councilman Hitt - Safety service director talked about proof rolling the area that will be the parking lot or asphalt covered by the new police station. Talked about recovering funds for the snow event that we had this past winter to reimburse the city for some of those costs. We also talked about retiring officers being able to acquire their weapons badge, and the same for the fire department, and that legislation would be coming to the next council meeting. As Rich said, the next safety committee meeting will be on May 12th at 6 p.m. in the meeting room next door.

Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee –

Councilman Eades - Wow, I hate to give a long report. We're going to give this the short version of the committee report. It gives me our revenue and expenses for the year-to-date or higher. Okay. That may have helped a little bit. Now it seems a little bit better until now. But there are a lot of things we discussed. Most of these things are going to come up tonight. Most of the items that were brought forward are going to come up tonight in either new or old business. Just a couple of quick items I want to bring up. There was a question about an audit lately or last year, the audit that came kind of late. Most of that's already been discussed in previous council meetings on things that they've taken care of already. And a couple of those items, like the super blanket, are going to come up in new business tonight. We've talked about gas aggregation. We think that people might be

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interested in that. That's going to be an issue that has to go to the ballot. Beyond that, I'm going to leave the rest of it. Our next meeting is on May 11th at 5.30 p.m. in the conference room next door. Thank you.

Councilwoman Jackman –

Councilman Treynor - Most of the things that we discussed in the finance committee, which was held on April 6th, are coming up on the agenda shortly. One exception is we did have some proposals, dollar figures, to look at an upgrade on the sound system, which I think, after tonight, is going to be a very welcome item. It's in the works, people. Thank you.

City Official Reports

Mayor Closser – nothing

Safety Service Director Saltsman – nothing more to report

City Auditor - nothing

Councilman Boyd - It was just kind of the sidewalk from Toland down to the flower shop over there on Center. I believe it is. Half the sidewalk has been pulled out, kind of dug out for a gas line over there. And, I mean, that's a good couple of blocks. Is there any kind of update on whether we are going to just say that is the responsibility of the homeowner to fix that, or how we are going to deal with that? Any heads up, I guess?

Safety Service Director Saltsman - You're saying that's from the current project that's going on right now for the gas, Columbia Gas, what they're doing? Well, that will be their responsibility to fix. I'll look and see. I'm not at all familiar. It's exactly what you're talking about. But if Columbia Gas caused a disturbance with their gas line project going on, they would be responsible for remediating any of the damage or changes.

Councilman Boyd – Okay. Thank you.

Old Business

3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 126-26 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt

A resolution approving the Comprehensive Plan. The City needs to update the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Hitt - So this relates to the presentation that we had earlier, the comprehensive plan for the City of London. And this is a third reading. I don't know if people still have questions regarding this. I'm not sure what we want to do.

Councilman Eades - Well, obviously, I had a lot of questions, as I told the gentleman. But they're very down in the detail questions on a lot of things. I guess my big question now is, you know, when we approve this, how does it get used by the council? How does it get used by the administration? Or do we just pay \$82,000 for a document that's going to sit there and not get used? So, I'm just curious what the process will be from here on out and how we use it.

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President Peters - I mean, it's a guide to help council and administration.

Councilman Boyd - So, should we bring up ideas, I guess? Should we bring ideas forward to the council and administration from this plan, such as the signage? As I said, that's one of my favorite things. Who's going to say, hey, here's what we want to create, saying go to Merrimack Park this way, Calling Park this way?

President Peters - I mean, that'd be something you'd bring up at the committee meeting.

Councilman Boyd - Like planning committee?

President Peters - No, like signage. That'd be public service.

Safety Service Director Saltsman - Part of the comment is that he's trying to come up with that, hey, this is supportive. You know, it follows that. I was taught that in my first meeting, I did, I said the same thing with Vermillion. We're moving down a path. It doesn't mean things can't be added, and I think he meant that. I think there shouldn't be changes. Our environment, our community, changes. When things come up, they want to do something that's referenced in the comp plan. Maybe you're referring to grants and other issues. That was in our proposed comp plan when I wrote a letter supporting grants for the purpose of the rate. It's used to support the city and our community. There are a number of ways it can be used. It doesn't mean everything has to be done. It sure doesn't mean that as we make improvements to the city, as projects are done, as different departments.

Councilman Boyd - And that was going to be actually one of the main comments, just kind of that understanding that this, you know, these items are going to take precedent over much else. Hey, kind of we'd like this or that. If it's in this plan, then, yeah, that's something we should be focused on, and just exactly what you're saying. I'm just agreeing with you that, yes, this is our master plan that, hey, if it's in here.

Safety Service Director Saltsman - It's a plan to help provide guidance. It doesn't say in here, it doesn't mean, oh, we have to do this. I think people look and say, hey, it said that in the plan, we have to do that next. It's specific guidance that says we have to do each of these. It's the same entire time as we move forward. I don't think there's anything that says, oh, we have to do this before we have to do that.

Councilman Boyd - And that's, nope, I agree with you. And just kind of, but listening to, yes, how this kind of directs it is what I was hoping we would be listening to, because I know a big one for me is we kind of brought up, well, how would council like to go into the whole recreation center and community center? And that's something that wasn't one of our first things. That is even mentioned here four years down the line. I'm not hoping for that. But, you know, taking care of the main things that it does say first, such as offering the same amenities, such as bathrooms at both Merrimack and Cowling Park, I would hope we're getting that covered before going into the true depths of finding that community center and getting those things done, following those simple guidelines at least.

Safety Service Director Saltsman - And I would suggest that at every level, those things, what comes up in the committee, the committee makes a recommendation that we take when we look. And, Mr. President, I think you just said it's all of us. But keep in mind the other part of that is that there still has to be funding available. There has to be the right time. I think what you're saying is right, but do make that determination. The funding priorities at that time.

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Councilman Boyd - Do we think that will cause any confusion if each one of us is able to just start kind of saying this thing? And that's where I kind of have looked into or brought up the committee idea, having a group of individuals that are kind of watching this or reviewing, hey, is this new development following along with this plan? A more specific group that's saying, hey, help move this plan forward.

Mayor Closser – The comprehensive plan is just a vision.

Councilman Boyd – Okay. My only other question was when it came to the residential future place typologies, this is one of the couples, at least, that I will touch on. It looked like it had a suburban neighborhood area over where our sanitation dump is currently. Is that an area that's getting ready to be opened up for development again? Or was it either the picture or something? Page 97? No? Okay. Never mind. So, yep. Other than that, we're good.

Councilman Hays - There's no way anybody sneaking anything past this if it's approved. I mean, it has to go through a committee. If it's housing, it's going to have to go through zoning. Well, I'm just saying that's what I'm saying. I think this is laid out that nobody's, you know, there's a lot of safeguards in place to take care of whatever needs to come up, is what I'm trying to say.

Safety Service Director Saltsman - The vision that we have today is to make changes to safety. You brought up taking care of our parks first and building a new rec center. That can't get stuck in. You're not approving any project with the approval of this, but you're approving a division. All those projects would still have to go through the same process. We would use the COP plan as one of our justifications, but that does not change it. It doesn't hold you to, you have to approve it. It doesn't set a timeline that says, oh, you have to do it. It's just, hey, this is part of the vision. We're bringing it forth as part of that plan. Nothing requires you to approve anything.

Mayor Closser - Right, and that's what I said. I don't know. Oh, you weren't at the last council meeting. I might have said that. I'm just reading it word for word from what I said. A comprehensive plan is a visionary guide and a working document. The plan does not change current zoning laws, set a legal precedent, and clearly states that a plan does not negate local regulations. So, you still have to go through all the processes of anything that needs to be done.

Councilman Eades - So, Rich, here was a thought. I think it's something that we would all look at and say, why would we really want to do that if they wanted to, in their plan, create parallel parking along all of Main Street and then put a bike path in, and in one of their plans, they even had the tree islands in the middle of the road, right? And that would be something that I don't know that we would ever really consider. It's in their plan, but I don't know that we would ever really consider that because of the pushback. Now, maybe there are good points to it or not, but I think we'd all have to consider that later.

Councilman Hays - If we don't like it, we don't approve it.

Councilman Boyd - That was another one of the issues, though, was that I didn't really see anything that said how to increase the parking downtown. Actually, with those ideas, it said that it would take away 20% of the parking spaces down there. I think it was, and so that's kind of another large piece that we have. It looks nice, but it doesn't fix the actual issue that we have right now, which is the lack of parking downtown.

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Mayor Closser - Well, the comprehensive plan is not going to address every issue of everything that's going on or every idea that someone has. I mean, you've got to think if that was it, it would be a set of encyclopedias if we put every single thing in there. But those things can be discussed by any committee, like you guys are doing now. If you have an idea on how to increase parking downtown, bring it to the committee. Call us. Let us know. Let's talk about it. But you can't put every single thing into a comprehensive plan

Councilman Boyd - And I think the last other thing that Mr. Hayes was possibly talking about was the development characters for the commercial corridor, which says two to six stories possibly. And, yes, nothing has changed within the ordinances or codes from this plan. It is more of a, hey, use four developers to say this is in there, and make it a reference.

Safety Service Director Saltsman - If somebody came to a four, five, or six-story development, they would go through the same process. You would have to go to planning. After it goes to planning, it would come to the council for approval. It would run through the committee in the same way. If it doesn't clear planning, you don't see it. If it does, you guys have the chance to reject that at any time. It's just a projection of the type of growth that we may see in the future.

Mayor Closser - Because we never know what's going to come, right? Our zoning code says the highest you can go is three stories. Do I want a six-story apartment building? No. If someone comes in and says, we want to build a four-story office building where everyone's going to make over \$200,000, would we maybe think about that? I mean, for what the tax dollars would bring in, if an office complex came in and said, well, we want to make it four stories, there's going to be 300 jobs, and they're all going to pay over \$200,000. I think we would want to sit down and consider that. But currently, this does not change the zoning code. This does not mean that six-story apartments are coming in. It does not mean that.

Councilman Boyd - Thank you. It's my own point of view, but I don't really mind what the price is. I enjoy the fields more than anything. Jobs are not, unfortunately, available in large parts of London. Keeping track of that would be better. That's all I have.

Mayor Closser - I understand. I mean, this is an ag area. I guess we could talk offline, but to say that if they were going to bring in 300 jobs that pay \$200,000, I think it would just be tough to say no. Everybody can have their own opinions and enjoy the open fields, and that's fine. But also, those things are zoned for certain things.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain:	0-	
Affirmative:	7-	Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against:	0-	

ORDINANCE 127-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor
An ordinance amending section 289 of the Codified Ordinances.

Councilwoman Treynor - So this is specific to historic downtown restoration, revitalization, and amending the codified ordinance sections on how any available funds can be accessed by that group. Prior ordinance read that it had to be approved and was for reimbursement only, and this modifies that language so that it is simply so long as the request for funding

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aligns with the purposes of the Historic Downtown Restoration Commission, then it could be approved once it goes through the proper channels.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilwoman Treynor, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 128-26 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt

A resolution authorizing the safety service director to enter into contract for trash pickup and related services. The City needs to enter into contract for trash pickup and related services.

Councilman Hitt - So this would allow the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract for bids related to the privatization of sanitation. And we had a union representative come in and presented a paper that said something about the Ohio revised code that it was ability of the Safety Service Director to accept bids and contracts. Was that correct?

Safety Service Director Saltsman – (No microphone used. Unable to hear clearly.) The director is discussing how changing the process will make decisions more efficient. If we're going to do things like that every time, I think we have a separation of responsibilities there. I would look at a bid, no matter what it is, it has to have been a certain percentage.

Councilwoman Treynor - I would assume if there were an issue with the bid or some of the language in the bid, that was a legal question, you would take that to a law director, right, and for clarification on that front, and if it was completely off base, the bid would be rejected, right?

Safety Service Director Saltsman - Right. I've met several times with a law director on specific language and final language. And it's still having to be final. Is there any reason you would take a higher quote than another that might be lower than it? So, there is a provision. I don't know how to give you an example of that. I would, but there is, I am permitted to take a higher bid based upon better service. I don't know how to better explain that. Let's say there's a company that comes in that has 3,000 people who have ever done anything worthwhile; that would be an example. They don't have the experience to do it. That might be an example.

Councilman Eades - Councilman Hitt, you mentioned earlier, and this was the first I heard about this, and he just mentioned again, that this has actually not been put out to bid yet. Is that correct? I believe you were working on it this week, drafting the. I can't put the bid out until. I have a plan to move forward, but you're saying when they're going to do it. I have a plan to move forward no matter what happens. It still impacts the long-term. But how does, just a question, how does this change that? Because you can put a date in at any point when you write it up, correct?

Safety Service Director Saltsman - Well, if I put a date and we sign a permission to accept it, and I say July 1st, and you then would have to go back to accept the date. Council would have to take action to accept it. There's a tremendous impact. I'm not going to tell you how to do your job. I would challenge, if we do this every time, we discussed last time that we could discuss this offline, not one phone call to anybody. I'll be glad to sit, I'll go over the plan, and I'll go over what our bid steps are.

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Councilman Boyd - My only piece to add in was that the union rep was there just to say that the council could vote it down, but this would change that part. And so that's what, they were there to kind of support the sanitation department, saying that, hey, we'd be able to shut it down possibly. And that's where they'd be all right with their positions.

Safety Service Director Saltsman - Can I ask a question? If there are concerns about the bid, why has nobody told me, hey, we're going to be doing this, we're going to be doing that? Other than Greg being unfair, if there are concerns, why would we put the bid out? That's unfair.

President Peters - And the other thing is, the council passed legislation to privatize, to go out.

Councilwoman Jackman - I think we need to remember as well that we cannot get a real bid from these other companies until we commit to privatize. Now, safety service director Saltzman does have the prices at Plain City was quoted when they recently put theirs out for bid. So, he knows a ballpark figure of where we should be. And I'm certain that if theirs was \$21, we're not going to accept, he won't accept a bid if it comes in at \$50. I mean, the man has some common sense, and we would go back to some other discussions. If all of the bids that we get are going to quadruple the rates that our citizens have been paying.

Safety Service Director – (no mic) ...I have a rough idea what we'll be paying...

Councilman Eades - Mr. President, I move that we table this until we know that the bids are out. And I'm sure he has a date to accept the bids. That's not a date. That's going to be, you know, the end-all date. I just moved that we table this until we have further information.

Motion to table RESOLUTION by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion failed by the following vote:

Abstain:	0-	
Affirmative:	3-	Eades, Stahl, Boyd
Against:	4-	Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Hays

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilwoman Treynor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain:	0-	
Affirmative:	6-	Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against:	1-	Eades

New Business

RESOLUTION 129-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor
A resolution amending Resolution 179-25 establishing a blanket and super blanket purchase order amount limit as required by ORC 5705.41 (D) (3)

Councilwoman Treynor - So, before we move forward on this, we need to make a motion to modify this resolution to remove any reference to the super blanket purchase order. Is it amended?

Auditor Combs – (no mic) Yes

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Councilwoman Treynor - So, is this resolution then as fine as without amendment?

Auditor Combs – (no mic) ...yes

Councilwoman Treynor - And this was another recommendation from the audit, the state auditors that come in to establish a purchase order blanket amount for \$40,000, is that right? \$50,000. And then to expedite and ease internal accounting processes. I don't think there was a request to push this through.

Auditor Combs – (no mic) ...The sooner the better would this become...

Leave on for 2nd reading

ORDINANCE 130-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor
An Ordinance amending Section 454 of the Codified Ordinances

Councilwoman Treynor - So, section 454 of the codified ordinances sets parking fine dollar amounts. This was a request by the police to bring the parking fine amounts in compliant with the Ohio Revised Code. And we're not talking about general ones, just ones for handicap parking, veteran parking, and the like. It's the specialized parking areas so that our ordinances match those figures as they are set in the Ohio Revised Code. Everything else that is currently scheduled is the same. So, a normal parking fine for exceeding the two-hour limit downtown would be \$25.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

ORDINANCE 131-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades
Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2026

Councilman Eades - So, once again, we get late notice from the State that this has to be done. It has to be done by the end of this month. The one thing that I think we didn't do this year that we had tried to do in a couple of years past was to give the safety service director authorization earlier in the year, just when this came up, and we didn't do that this year. Therefore, we do have to try to suspend the rules so we can get this, and we can get in on the contract.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

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Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 132-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

A resolution revising job descriptions. The Street Department is in need of revising several job descriptions.

Councilwoman Jackman - And this is pretty much a housekeeping necessity just to tidy up the job descriptions. It changed a couple of small things, like who the Street Department people report to based on who their supervisors are, and added a few changes in the verbiage for potentially hiring someone where a CDL or a herbicide applicator's license is required. We've changed it to say that if they don't have it upon hiring or to be qualified for the job, they could get it after they're hired.

Councilman Boyd - And yeah, that was yep exactly it, kind of making sure that hey they can get that training once we give them that position. And while most of it still seems normal, as they say, something offered is one of those that I had questioned there also, that Street Department, you know, if that's our head of the department, it's a kind of interesting thing to me that we aren't requiring that. Did we have anything we kind of wanted to say on that?

Safety Service Director Saltsman - I will comment the same as I commented last week. I don't require the fire chief to be a paramedic. I don't require the police chief to be a detective or a canine handler. I do agree with you that that is not a bad concept to have, but it's a requirement I don't agree with. And the other part is requiring it to be hired, which limits my view. At some point, Bill Long's gonna retire, and I'm gonna have to pick, and if only one person comes in that has those certifications, that's who we have to hire; we don't have that ability to go outside. So, I believe the language said desired, or maybe I forgot how I worded, but best be able to obtain I think that's it, so they have to be able to obtain that. And I understand your concerns, but again, it's just as requiring a fire to police chief to do it, it's not, it's just not necessarily reasonable.

Councilman Boyd - Yep, and you had to talk with me, but you know that's gonna come back up, so here it is for everyone to see our answer. Thank you very much.

Leave on for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION NO. 133-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor

A Resolution determining the sufficiency of the application to add certain parcels of real property to the London Gateway Community Authority District; to amend the petition for establishment of the London Gateway Community Authority as a new community authority under Chapter 349 of the Ohio Revised Code; to set a date for a public hearing on the application as required by law; and declaring an emergency.

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Councilwoman Treynor - Okay, so this is a petition to absorb the new Madison Reserve development project into the London Gateway Community Authority District. This is an anticipated event. It is also a chicken-and-egg event. This is something that has to pass the City Council for approval. It also has to be brought before the Community Authority Board for approval. And this has to be set for a public hearing, and I don't know if there's been a date scheduled for that public hearing, but there's really nothing for us to do until that hearing occurs, so we'll just leave it on for a second. Do we have a date for that public hearing?

Council Clerk – (no mic) ...discussed possible dates in May...

Councilwoman Treynor - Is that enough time to do the requisite publication? I'm sure that they would appreciate the earlier date since they were requesting an emergency on this as opposed to a later date. But I don't know when their board is meeting either, whether that's occurred.

President Peters - Now we will post the public hearing on our website, and you will get the mailings out. I think we should be able to get by May 21st.

Councilman Eades - So you'll see in the packet that we do have an application for this. We didn't have that at the finance meeting, but we did ask for it, and they have supplied that now, so we do have that for all council members to look at.

President Peters - We will have to amend this resolution for a public hearing because they have it down for April 21st, 2026, at 630. So, we'll have to amend it to May 21st.

Motion to amend the RESOLUTION to fix the date as stated in the proposal from April 21st to May 21st of 2026 by Councilwoman Treynor, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain:	0-	
Affirmative:	7-	Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against:	0-	

Leave on for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 134-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A Resolution Authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for an RFP for NCA and TIF Advisors

Councilman Eades - So if you remember when we actually had the discussion, and we passed the NCA, we had discussed with a municipal advisor who said that they would, for a fee that's paid out of the NCA, that they would help administer that. There's like, if I'm not mistaken, there's like 21 different sections in that, and each one will have its own little thing that has to be managed. They would do that, it would come right out of the fees, it wouldn't cost us anything, and it would keep the auditor from pulling her hair out trying to manage 23 of those because they're going to come in on different dates. So, we had an interested group, but we have to put this out and see that their qualifications meet our standards so that we can hire them, because they're a professional organization, we don't have to take bids specifically on this as long as they meet our qualifications. Is that all true?

Auditor Combs – Nods in the affirmative.

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Councilman Hitt - Are they paid through the NCA or how are they paid? Through TIF funds?

Councilman Eades - Yes, some funds are generated in the TIF and the NCA, actually; their fees come out of that, and I believe it is that shared by us on our part, we have 20% responsibility out of our funds that we generate. How's that paid for, do you remember? Is it just the TIF money, and doesn't it affect us at all?

- Discussion between everyone, but no mic is used to determine details.

Leave on for 2nd reading

Round Table

Councilman Stahl – nothing

Councilman Boyd - Yeah, good meeting. Lots to review.

Councilwoman Treynor - nothing

Councilman Hitt – I have nothing

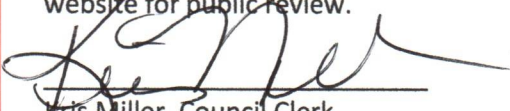
Councilman Hays – I just want to thank all of our city employees for a job well done. Thank everybody for coming out tonight. God bless the City of London, watch over our citizens, keep us safe, and keep us well, amen.

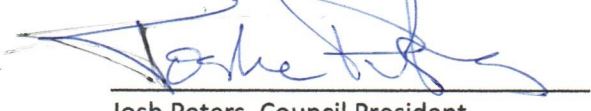
Councilwoman Jackman – nothing

Councilman Eades - Wow, Rich, you sound like you're on the radio sometimes. That was very good, now I have nothing else, thank you very much. I'd like to thank everybody coming out tonight, especially I want to thank Pat, for coming in tonight and fixing this audio. I don't know what you did, but thank you.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm

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


Kris Miller, Council Clerk
5/7/26
Date


Josh Peters, Council President
5/7/26
Date