

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

LONDON CITY COUNCIL

Meeting

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JANUARY 26 20 22

London City Council Special Meeting
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

January 26, 2022

Minutes

Council President, Henry Comer, called the special meeting of the London City Council to order at 6:30pm. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

Council members present: Henry Comer, Rich Hays, Josh Peters, John Stahl, Bryan Robinson and Greg Eades

Council members absent: Anthony Smith and Andrew Hitt

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Brent McDaniels – 1051 Amherst Boulevard, London, Ohio 43140

- Stated that he is against the proposed .5% income tax increase

Andrea Markley Dillion – 66 E. 5th Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Stated that the feasibility study lists several areas where costs could be more than stated due to unforeseen circumstances and believes that the City Administration and the City’s budget is not prepared for overages
- Stated her opinion that the City is not taking into consideration the future operating costs of the new community center

Steven A. Miller – 225 Jenkinson Avenue, London, Ohio 43140

- Stated that he believes the proposed .5% income tax increase to fund a new Police Department and Community Center and Fire/EMS Department operations is a good idea
- Explained that his research of the City’s finances for the proposed project add up and even though there are some unknown issues, there is a buffer for cost overruns

Brenda Russell – 274 E. High Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Stated that the Prairie Township Community Center and the proposed new London Community Center are different facilities with different goals and that they should not be compared

Rob Newman – 22 Richmond Avenue, London, Ohio 43140

- Stated that he was involved with Columbus and Prairie Township projects and asked for details about the project budget and bond details

Chief Glenn Nicol – City of London Police Chief

- Stated that the design phase of the project will come at a later time and that the current needs assessment addresses the departmental needs, site preparation and estimated construction cost
- Explained that the statements in the feasibility study that mention unforeseen issues are included as disclaimers for liability and that because buildings have been on the site for many years, no unexpected issues should arise
- Explained that the architectural firm that created the study has much experience in designing community centers and police departments and that the citizens should have faith in their assessment and costs

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OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading

- Ordinance 110-22 – Sponsored by Rich Hays – An ordinance to increase the municipal income tax by one half of one percent (0.50%) per annum for a continuing period of time for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, equipping, improving, maintaining and repairing municipal recreational facilities, municipal fire department facilities, and municipal police department facilities owned by the city of London, to pay general operating expenses related to municipal recreational facilities, of the fire department, and of the police department, and to pay any expenses and debt service charges for debt incurred in connection therewith, authorizing the question of such increase to be placed on the ballot at the election to be held on May 3, 2022 and declaring an emergency
- Resolution 111-22 – Sponsored by Rich Hays - A resolution to place the issue of increasing the municipal income tax by one half of one percent (0.50%) per annum for a continuing period of time as provided in ordinance no. 110-22, on the ballot at the election to be held on May 3, 2022 and directing the Board of Elections of Madison County, Ohio to conduct such election, and declaring an emergency

Motion by Hays to adjourn at 7:36pm



Amy Rees, Clerk



Henry Comer, City Council President