London City Council

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

September 17, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Minutes

Call to Order

President Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of Silent Reflection.

Roll Call

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

Absent – none

Minutes – Approval of September 3, 2026 minutes by unanimous vote

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements – none

Audience Concerns –

Doug Pyles, 323 Bishop Drive – You all should have a copy of this report, and I'm gonna go over it with you. In front of you. I've been very attentive to what's happening with Mid - Ohio Water and Sewer District. I've been to all their meetings. I've listened to presentations. These are points that I want to point out to you. The original presentation indicated that the district would be divided into a north squadron and a south squadron. Second thing is, that the statement that was made at the presentation stated that anybody that's in the south, which is London, would not have a rate structure to support any capital expenditure in the north half. That was presented to the board; BPU presented to the council. The attached spreadsheet that you have there shows what was presented with the proposal from Mid -Ohio, showing that the rates for London rate owners would go down. You see that? See what the schedule shows? How our rates for water and sewer, under their plan, their management, would actually go down, okay? And that actually shows the rates over a 10 -year period would go down. The most recent presentation that was made to this council here recently by Tom Taylor was that they are considering combining the north and the south into one district, which means that everybody would be paying the same rate, north and south, which means that those in the south would be paying for projects that are in the north, period. The recent presentation to Mid -Ohio by a company that they hired to do a rate study stated that there was going to be $533 million of projects over the next 10 years. I didn't see any of them that resulted in spending any money in London. It's all north: a new water treatment plant, new sewer plant, new lines from Plain City down to that, extending Plain City's water out 161. I didn't see any of that in the presentation, any planned capital expenditures in London. The planned projects would require, at least, this was their report, this study, at least a 10 % increase yearly to pay for these large loans, major loans. Now, I've got a copy of the presentation here that shows that the average rate for a person now that's a customer for water and sewer is approximately $75 a month. That's based on approximately 4,000 gallons of water usage. This project here shows that that rate is going to go for you, me, and all private customers to $168 a month. Does that shock anybody? That's to support these capital expenditures of

$533 million. In fact, the company presenting this felt that the Mid -Ohio Water and Sewer District was taking on too much debt. That was gonna be difficult to pay all these loans back. But our rate is gonna go from $75 a month to $168 a month. Are you ready for that? What do you think that's gonna do to London people trying to move into this city to buy a house here if they see these kinds of rates are gonna be in place? All current projects, including the new sewer plant and a planned sewer line from Plain City and the water line extension east of 161, new water tower, all benefit Plain City, not London. We get no connection with all of that investment. The new sewer plant is strictly designed to handle Plain City, not London. That's currently in construction right now. The plan calls for increasing the capacity of the prison water plant out here on Old Springfield Road. We're gonna try to see if they can increase the capacity of that plant to produce water. If that's successful, like Norwell or expanding, they stated that if that happened, they would shut down the existing water plant in London, the old water plant down here. They would shut that down. So, London would not be making any of the water. We'd be getting all our water from the prison system for the city of London. That surprise anybody? Anybody? Now, based upon this, I am recommending to the city council that you pass a resolution asking Mid -Ohio Water and Sewer District to abide by the commitments made to the BPU and the London City Council. Are any of you aware of any of the information I'm bringing to you? Have you ever gone to one of the Mid -Ohio board meetings to see what's happening? We have two representatives on there that are supposed to be representing London. Of all the meetings I've gone to, I've never heard either one of our representatives ask a question about London's services. None. So, they're supposed to be representing the London City District. Never asked a question. Very concerned about that. Now, I think you all ought to be concerned about it. I think this is gonna affect future growth in London if people come in and see these kinds of rates for water and sewer. And again, I emphasize none of these projects are benefiting London. But we're gonna be expected to pay for them. That's wrong. That's not businesslike. They're backing away from the commitments they made to the council and the BPU when they presented this. We're gonna, here's what we're gonna do for you all. They have backed away from that, and that's wrong. That's not consistent. It's not businesslike. And I think you folks need to be concerned about it. So, I'm bringing these details to you. If none of you have any visibility into what the Mid -Ohio Water and Sewer District is doing, I'm trying to highlight for you what they are doing and how it's gonna affect us. You represent the residents of London, and I think you should be concerned about this and provide some input to these folks because our two representatives on that board never address it. I'm telling you. So, do any of you have any questions for me about any of these details I gave?

Councilman Eades - So Mr. Piles. I appreciate the fact that you gave me a little heads-up on this today. I had a little chance to do research. I went into the minutes from September 1st, 2026, the Mid-Ohio Board. Were you at that meeting, Steve? There was a- I was: I was in this last week: I was not in September. Okay, so they did have a presentation from this group, and I will tell you, they had talked about it at a previous meeting, but they did have a presentation from this group, and that presentation was on the website. So, hang on a minute. Hang on a minute. I think I can give you the name of it. Reftelis was the name of the company. They gave that presentation. Their documents were there, and so I just wanna reiterate some of the things he said because it is in writing. If you wanna go look at their minutes, you can do so. It says $550 million in capital projects, spending plan through 2036. It lists these projects. I don't know what's London and what's not, to be honest. $136 million for Deer Creek. WRF what is that, water reclamation? Okay, okay, so that would be a sewer plant, right? $42 million for the U.S. Forest, Maine, from Plain City to 70. And then notable water projects, so those were sewer projects. Notable water projects were $60 million for the Big Derby Regional Water Treatment Plant. Phase one: a $ 75 million regional water treatment plant in

Wellfield, and then $27 million for two water towers. So, this is what they're projecting is gonna happen. Then they do, on a separate page here, they show revenue from growth and rate increases that support the financial plan. In 26, they expected the rates to stay flat. In 27, it's gonna go up 5%. In 28, it's gonna go up 15%. Now, in their presentation, they said that it's only gonna be $10 to $15 a person. Well, $15 of 75 is 20%; that's 1 5th. So that equals that five, and that 15 equals that. However, after that, in 29, another 15%. In 30, 20%. In 31, 20%. So, when we look at all of this, that's a whole lot of money that they expected to increase. And doing the math, it is from 75 to 168; it is a 124% increase. That is a lot of increase that they're projecting, even though they're only saying in the first two years it's a certain amount. So, there are a lot of things that they've put in writing that they expect to do that I think should be alarming for all of us, that they're going to take that kind of rate increase. When I recall, when they were here the first time, before we gave away our water and sewer to Mid-Ohio, before that, they told us that it was gonna be a North and a South district and we wouldn't pay for that. I remember that, Mr. Plows. I'm glad you remember that, too. And then the most recent presentation that we had three or four months ago, he suggested that we combine at that point, Mr. Taylor suggested we combine and tried to present that as a savings for us. But it's hard to see that savings now if all this is gonna happen. I just want to thank you for giving me the heads-up; I was able to get that and research that information.

Mr. Pyles - One thing I want to point out: in the rates we're paying, we're already paying for the two capital projects in London. We're paying for the new water plant and the new tower that's out there. That's in the water bill. Also, we're already paying we have been paying for two years for the new East London sewer line. So, they've been collecting these funds for two years. That line isn't even in yet. But that's already built into the rate structure. Those are the two capital projects that London currently has, and we're already paying for that in our rate structure. Right, and we have it.

Councilman Eades - I'm glad you brought that up because I looked at the special meeting that was before that on August 25th. Steve, did you? So, the special meeting, and I just want to bring this up because I think we need some clarification. They were talking about capital improvement projects, and Mr. Daly is their new executive director. Mr. Daly asked if the board had any questions about the capital improvement projects plan. Trustee Landis asked whether Mid-Ohio could obtain 0% financing for the Eastside Trunk sewer project. He also asked whether Mid-Ohio could help lower the cost of the Eastside Trunk project, noting that some London residents have been paying additional rates for the past few years. Well, that's what most London residents have been paying those rates for the last two years. However, Mr. Daly replied this, and this is what concerns me. Mr. Daly replied that 0% interest is available only to one entity for up to $10 million. Mr. Taylor added that the Eastside Trunk sewer project was originally nominated by the City of London and was not a Mid-Ohio project. He noted that the City of London has already applied for tax increment funding in joint economic development districts, and I didn't know there was a JED involved; for those parcels in the project area, the City of London, not Mid-Ohio, will receive those revenue funds. So, he's basically, from what I understand, saying that they wouldn't be able to apply for that $10 million zero-interest because we've already had a TIF in place for something else. That's Mr. Daly who stated that he replied that, and I'm assuming he was told by Mr. Taylor. So that concerned me. That was from the meeting before, and I think we need to know what that really means because if they can apply for a 0% loan, that would be great for all of us and save money, but I know it

doesn't sound like they can do that. I'm sorry, that's my research. I'll be quiet now.

Mr. Pyles - My question is, as elected members to represent the residents of London, does any of this, what I said, that you have a concern for that? Do you think you should be reacting accordingly to protect the residents who voted for you in here from this? Because it's not a good program; they're coming for us. I'm telling you, I think they should go back and honor the original commitments they made to you. If they do that, then that changes the whole scenario here. But I'm asking you, do any of you have any questions about any of the details? And the bigger question is, do you think the London Council is obligated to take a position on this with Mid-Ohio? Because our two representatives that are on that board are not representing the residents of London. I've been to enough of their meetings to know that. So, any comments?

Councilman Boyd - I would like to see our representatives maybe be able to bring this up as well because, yeah, that's one that we don't really have that place of choosing those representatives for the city, unfortunately. But your comments, very much, thanks. The one thing I did get from Mr. Daly was that the Eastside sewer trunk line is finally in progress. They're getting started on that thing. Even though that's been since January, they've been saying that to me. It is finally actually on the books and getting going. And so, fingers crossed, hopefully that goes, but I'll definitely be reaching back out to them.

Mr. Pyles - The contract has been given out for that. So, you're already paying for that, remember? Oh, that's already in our range. So, that won't be any additional expense. The only difference is the project was originally bid around $16 million. It's gone to $22 million. So, we may get a little bit of an increase to pay for the 30 - year loan on that.

President Peters - Yep, thank you for this information. I do follow the minutes there from Mid -Ohio. I think Council, probably Law Director, I think we need to probably look back at our contract with Mid -Ohio, what we signed over, and see, because what I remember is London was paying London, Plain City was paying Plain City. Whatever Choctaw has, Choctaw, West Jeff, Mohican Park, whatever they have over there. But everybody was, whatever district or section I was in, responsible for that. But I think that's something we have to look into and go from there.

Mr. Pyles - They need to know where you all stand on the plans that they have in place.

Mike Cutler, 91 N Union St. – I own a couple of houses in town. I forgot your name because I don't know you, but I'll start with a question, which is if you agree with him and the points he's making, what are you gonna do about it? Do you have a responsibility? Do you have a responsibility to act? Do you have the ability to act, or is the contract locked in and all you can do is b*#!h and moan and it won't affect the outcome? That's, if you happen to agree with this gentleman, I just wanna know what action he should expect if you agree with it.

Councilman Boyd - I know I'll be digging down, but I'm not really feeling comfortable enough to give any answers because, hey, I don't wanna be wrong about anything, but I definitely know there are a couple of people that I'll be kind of reaching out to about it, at least. I'm not sure about what, hey, once again, London can do as the Mid -Ohio.

Mr. Cutler - That's what I'm asking. And that's where? What can you do? And I

started by asking if you agreed with him. So, based on that, if you agreed with him, can you do anything about it? And if so, will you do anything about it? Other than run your mouth.

Councilman Boyd - And once again, I'll be going and checking kind of on my routes. I don't know if anyone else has any kind of leads into this, but it's well known that, hey, I started my request for these documents and all the agreements as soon as I came into office.

Mr. Cutler - How long ago?

Councilman Boyd - January.

Mr. Cutler - You need to be more demanding, I guess.

Councilman Boyd - Oh, I got them. It's just, you know, the routes that I am hitting; it's a, hey, yeah, we're pretty locked in on this guy. It's gonna be expensive to get out. But, you know, my thought is it might be worth every penny for London to be able to get out of this and get our stuff back. That's my biggest thought.

Mr. Cutler - I don't have a good answer, but I wish you good luck, sir. I'm here to commend Mr. Saltzman for a lively conversation we had during the street committee meeting. And I'm just looking forward to Mr. Hitt and Mr. Stahl and Mr. Boyd's report on that committee meeting.

Dan & Michelle Haggerty, 1094 Hartford. My wife and I are new to the community. We just moved into one of the new Johnson's Creek homes in April. I was not aware of the tax credit situation in London until after we had already purchased our home. It's my understanding that in 2020, the city abolished the tax credit for those taxpayers who work in other cities. The second point to what I'm getting to on this; the city claims that they could no longer allow those tax credits because they could not afford it. However, now we're seeing the city council auditor get pay raises, but yet Joe taxpayers still cannot get a property tax credit for working in another city. Is there anything coming in the future to allow those tax credits back?

Councilwoman Treynor - I can say it's perpetually not on the agenda.

Mr. Haggerty - Because that, to me, as he pointed out, is not a good business standpoint to see you guys vote in your own pay raises, but yet Joe taxpayer that's already paying a lot of money in property tax cannot get those tax credits just because we have to work a job in another city. That should not be a penalty for us. Those types of jobs, especially like what I do, are not available in London. I don't have a choice. I have to go somewhere else. That is something that needs to be looked at to be fair to all these property owners coming in. You're getting all these new houses, new taxpayers, revenues going up. There's no reason not to put that tax credit back on for these taxpayers. The other question I have, Mr. Saltsman, is that correct? I talked to him in a meeting, I think back at the beginning of August. The new area of Johnson's Creek I live in is the cul -de -sac area. We have a lot of people speeding down into that cul -de -sac, obviously not knowing that road doesn't go through. I've seen people drive across the dirt, across the grass there and on over to the other side. I brought up to him about possibly getting a no outlet sign. Of course, he explained to me that London doesn't officially own that street yet. However, the cross street, which I think is tapered, is owned by the city street department. Can we get a no outlet sign put at that location to keep these

people from speeding down and going across the dirt area there?

President Peters - Do you know if that road will get extended, or is that?

Mr. Haggerty - No, because you've got an easement there; they cannot extend the road.

Director Saltsman - What's the street name?

Mr. Haggerty - That's Hartford.

Director Saltsman - And the one you said that was it?

Mr. Haggerty - The cross street is Kayford, I think, is what goes across there. That's the last cross street prior to the cul -de -sac. You've got a lot of kids that live down in that cul -de -sac. I only live a few houses from that cul -de -sac on one of the new homes, and these people are speeding down through there into that cul-de-sac, and one of these kids is gonna get hurt. There's no reason, the city already owns Kayford and Hartford, let's put a no outlet sign there. I've actually, and I told him last month, I've seen ice cream trucks drive across that easement just because they don't wanna go around. So, until the city owns that portion, there's not a barrier that can be put there, but we need to at least put a no outlet sign on that intersection there to kinda keep that from happening.

President Peters - Yeah, we might be able to reach out to the developer and see if they can put a sign up or a barrier up that they can't cross.

Mr. Haggerty - It's a scary thing for the kids that live right down there in that cul -de -sac. And I've only got one other question, really quick. I noticed that we tend to pay for tree service within the city, but I see a lot of trees that are not being taken care of by the city. Rotted trees that are just kinda hanging and doing nothing, overtaking sidewalks. Is there anything coming in the future to get some of these trees cleaned up?

Director Saltsman - Are you talking about the trees in the street? Street trees, right on the street. In the easement? I would recommend that if you have them to pass them on, you'd call my office, call the street department so that they can be checked and assessed. We do look at those.

Mr. Haggerty - This is just from an outsider coming in, starting to see some things after we've gotten moved in, but tax credit is a big one of mine after coming in here. And then definitely that cul -de -sac, I think, needs to be looked at.

Councilman Boyd - If I might really quick, having a two-hour drive, I agree with you completely, and kind of a thing being looked into. But I wanted to go more into the tree item because that one, they all know their sides, and I feel a little differently on it being perpetually on the agenda for being looked into. I thought it was rather put down at the last finance committee. But the tree item is one I looked into about whether we're allowed to actually trim them ourselves, if there are limbs below the eight-foot minimum that they're supposed to be, and whether you are allowed to. So that part's perfectly okay if you want to; go ahead. If you want to take the entire tree out, though, that is where you gotta make sure you reach out to

us.

Mr. Haggerty - I've just seen a lot of them that look rotted and ready to drop. I've seen them buckle in sidewalks. I think that's something that the city really needs to address. I mean, you really want these kids to stay out of the street and do their thing on the sidewalk, but a lot of these sidewalks are being torn up by these trees and make it hard.

Councilman Eades - Just to comment on where the easement part is, I think this is the third time that I've had someone, but you're the first one that said exactly where it was. I've had two other people say there's this problem that these vehicles are driving across this dirt part just to go from one road to the next. There's no road there, right? It's just a shortcut that they've created on their own.

Mr. Haggerty - And it's a power easement, so there's no intention of building a road through there. That was actually why we bought on the call to say, so we wouldn't have that issue.

Councilman Eades - Right, so hopefully Mr. Saltzman puts that in his notes and maybe we can reach out to the developer and see if they'll do something just to stop that part.

Mr. Haggerty - Well, that's why I brought it up, because he and I had talked before, and the point was, well, we don't own that street yet. Well, actually you do at the cross street. So, there's no reason the city can't put just a single no-outlet sign there to help prevent some of that. I mean, who's to say that somebody's not gonna come flying down there late at night, can't stop in time, and they're flying across?

Director Saltsman - I won't say we can't do it, but I know I explained to you before, we are regulated by ODOT on what signs we can put up and where. I know it is logical we'd be able to, but we may not be able to. I do have a note to follow up on that and see if we can look at it. We can talk to developers; same thing. I don't think it can enforce it, but since that's still under development, we typically get a little better response.

Mr. Haggerty - I don't think the development should be responsible for that, being that we're still at a crossroads here.

Director Saltsman- I'm sorry, I was referring to the other issues. Oh, okay. Yeah, I'm sorry, I did kind of jump on that, but yeah.

Mr. Haggerty - I just want an answer as to whether or not we can look into the tax credit as well.

Councilwoman Treynor – I think it's on the next Finance meeting's agenda.

Mr. Haggerty - Okay, because I honestly, not to sound bad, but I honestly think that's gonna hurt some votes for bond issues or tax levies because these people are seeing this; all these new taxpayers coming in are saying, hey, we're not getting this credit. And then when they see the pay raises happening, they're like, okay, the city can't afford this, but they can afford that. Right, that's the way I look at it as a new taxpayer.

Councilman Eades - So I'm not trying to split hairs, but it's an income tax credit, not a property tax credit.

Mr. Haggerty - Oh, sorry, yeah, I'm sorry. Yeah, income tax credit. Just making sure. Sorry, I'm getting houses and things just across there, but thanks for clarifying that.

Councilman Boyd - And one, possibly as far as the signs, I know we had gone into it in 23, but look into possibly seeing the ability to just place a sign for a safety emergency need. I know we had had the safety director in 23 who went into why signs were in certain places, which was because he had placed them there. And if it's for a safety concern, then you can. So maybe.

Director Saltsman - I didn't hear the specifics.

Councilman Boyd - If you have a safety concern for the street, safety director, you should be able to place a sign with an emergency need for them. So maybe just something to look into.

Director Saltsman - I'll refer that back to the law director, but I do know that we are regulated by the Ohio laws as both markings under ODOT and that. So, I'm not saying we can't do it. I just say I have to verify what we can and to make sure that we follow those rules.

Committee Reports

Public Service Committee –

Councilman Hitt – I attended the public service committee meeting. It was September 8th, and we reviewed the minutes. Those were accepted. The park and recreation department superintendent gave his report, and Mr. Boyd will give that in a moment. And then the street department gave its report, which Ms. Jackman already gave. But we also discussed a topic that came up from last city council with Mr. Timmons about Laurel Street conditions. But unfortunately, Laurel Street is not on the repair list for street repair this year. And we did have the street repair list forwarded to us by the street department superintendent. There was some discussion about the possibility of getting a port-a-potty at the dog park. Mr. Long reported that there were some core samples taken on the brick road. I think that's Fourth Street behind the courthouse that's due for replacement in 2029. Mr. Saltzman also reviewed some sanitation information. They did some building cleanup and cleaning of the leased trucks. Some of the assets from the sanitation building are going to the street department, and they're gonna sell some. There are continuing improvements on that building. And then we had some discussion on the ditch petition legislation. And then there's some other legislation that's coming forward tonight. We also talked about the Flock cameras and record retention of those records. The next public service committee meeting is October 13th at five o'clock in the meeting room next door. Mr. Cutler, you asked about the service committee meeting, but I'm not sure if you mean the tree commission meeting. It's a shade tree commission meeting, but it's actually not part of the city council's regular report committees. But what we did talk about was whether the trees are in the tree lawn area or on city property. Trying to remember what else we looked into. Whether roots could be trimmed or cut down, and whether sidewalk repair work could be paid for out of the tree commission. I think Steve talked to Rickelle, and I also talked to her

today. And she stated that the root repair, any part of the tree, could be paid for through the tree commission. But the ORC does not stipulate that those funds are allowed for sidewalk repair. And basically, that would be a misuse of those funds if it was to go to sidewalk repair because it stipulates in ORC that that type of, those funds go for taking out trees or trimming dead wood or planting trees or that kind of thing. Yeah, that was the other thing. Whether a person had to have a tree replaced if they didn't want one. So, I think, did you talk to Rickelle about that also?

> Director Saltsman - To me, common sense says I would not direct them to do it. But my concern, which I expressed the other night, was that the law may allow for that and who replaces me could read it differently. So, all those questions that we discussed at the commission were passed to Raquel in our Wednesday staff meeting. And I'm just waiting. I did get the answer, like, verified that no, it can't be used. But the others, I was waiting for her to review and give me something in writing for the return. You may have talked to her today and gotten something better. But again, I agree if we offer somebody trees and they don't want them, I'm not gonna go into that easement. I don't think that's good politics or good policy. That being said, I don't wanna say, no, we're not gonna do it. The next guy comes and does it because the law allows. So, I think we have to review that.
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> *Councilman Hitt* - Yeah, we did talk about the possibility of grants for sidewalk repair where the grant money could be used for a portion of sidewalk repair in addition to the property owner paying a portion. So that might provide some relief for some folks. That's it.

Councilwoman Jackman - I attended the Finance Committee meeting as well as the Public Service Committee meeting, and from the Public Service Committee meeting, I have the Street Department's report. As usual, they were busy all around town. They painted the flagpole at the Police Department, had to put brakes on a truck, delivered trash cans, did some mowing, they camera a tile, dirt patched quite a few roads, had to work on the trash truck, did potholes, shipped some brush, did some moving from the new Police Department building, took out a bush, trimmed some trees, replaced a traffic light, did some weed eating, had to power wash the rental trucks, worked with the Rib Fest, had to work on some street signs around town, pick up some deceased animals, clean up the storm drain, did some compaction testing. I'm not clear where that is. Had an OSHA 10 class, did some street sweeping, had to meet with ODOT, met with the county about the water lines on 42, talked to the assistant county engineer about the ditch petition, worked on the school lights, and got a price for a new traffic camera, hauled gravel, repaired street lights, reported some lights to Ohio Edison, talked with the boring company on East High Street, worked on mowers, and had to do test cores on 4th Street, I assume for the upcoming road replacement there. And that is the street department report.

Councilman Boyd - Got to go to the Shade Tree Commission. That sounds good if they were able to use it for the root removal, possibly. Could you maybe talk about that one, Steve, when it comes up to you a little bit, or would that be of interest? Because I know that was a big one we were talking about with the hey, just looking into it further to find somebody that has better knowledge on it. I don't have a lot to say. Since you asked, I'll comment, if I may, just that. Again, we met with Forestry, was in twice this year and the comments from them about root removal is, again, the root can continue to grow depending on the type of the species of the tree and that may not in itself, just by cutting it, may not work. I think we have a new person; the former person is retired, there's a young guy, but there's another new person to come in. They were in the office a couple of weeks ago as I was leaving. I think the thing to do is get them in and have a long discussion about what we do and maybe mold how we look at the Tree Commission, both the placement of trees and the

type of trees that we put in. No more silver maples, which I know Mr. Stahl mentioned the other day. But maybe we look at that to try to develop a long-term plan for how we do it. I have concerns about just cutting roots only based on what they said at the original meeting, whether that's gonna be effective or not. But I think it's worth looking to see what it is. What I don't wanna do is cut the roots and then make repairs to the concrete in three years just right back because those roots continue to grow. So, I think we just reach out to those experts and try to determine. I think that's what we talked about the other day. But I think that's. Say the words for you. Yeah, no, I think it's a path forward. It's a good idea to look and make sure we're developing a legitimate plan as we move forward and create those, not create additional issues, I should say. Thank you very much. And that was part from the Tree Commission there. However, I'll be going over the Parks and Recreation part from the Public Service Committee. Pool was up in our memberships for our elderly senior citizens. So, I was really happy to see that one. I think we had 200 more this year than last year. We were down on admissions this year, though. Brought us into a little bit more of a loss. But the year's all finished up and seems like everything else went well. Getting ready for basketball and volleyball. Looking into making a contract with St. Pat's this year, hopefully to help decrease some costs but also offer new, earlier gym space for those sports. And I think it was already said, talking about the possibility of a Port Pallais dog park. That's all.

Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Hays – September 8th, we had a Public Safety Committee meeting. I called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All three committee members were present. A motion to approve the minutes from July 14th was unanimously passed. Fire and EMS report was given by the chief. Councilman Hitt will read that momentarily. The police chief's report was given. Councilman Stahl will read that momentarily. We also had a question from Chief Eades about radios working in Staples, and we discussed some options to improve radio reception in some of the city's larger buildings. Under the safety service director reported that civil service is expected to certify the sergeant exam list after written testing, file review, and oral board interviews for two candidates. The city is also developing standardized policies for vehicle maintenance, fleet replacement, and capital improvements to improve documentation, prioritize replacements, and support department planning. Mr. Saltzman also discussed strengthening the city's confidential employee assistance program through insurance and union coordination to better support public safety staff and all city employees. Under new business, Mayor Closser brought up about West 40 Social needing legislation to be added to the DORA pending confirmation with the law director. Current legislation lists all participating businesses, so an amendment would be needed to add 40 West Social, and I believe we have that tonight, if memory serves me correctly. I did request a motion to prepare the legislation adding 40 West Social as a DORA participant. Councilman Hitt made a motion; it was seconded and passed unanimously. We talked about e-scooters and e-bikes; Councilman Stahl brought them up. Does the city currently have any regulations for e-scooters and e-bikes or needs new guidance? Mayor Closser said he'd been working with the law director after receiving complaints about e-bikes. The current city code does not directly address e-bikes, though they may fall under existing moped-related provisions. He asked that the issue be placed on next month's agenda, which it will be, and noted that the law director is reviewing other communities' regulations. Under old business, we had none. Under public comments, we had none. We adjourned at 6.30. The next public safety committee meeting will be October 13th, 2026, 6 p.m., conference room. And Mr. Powell, thank you for bringing that information tonight; I appreciate it very much.

Councilman Hitt - I attended the Public Safety Committee meeting, and I'll read through the fire chief's report. For EMS, there was training related to heat emergencies, and for fire,

there was pump ladder training. There was also new part-timer orientation. They hosted several students for a ride time for Tolles and Grant paramedic class. They sold the old chief's car. They began work on power washing and staining the fence at station 361. They continued the annual station cleanup for inspection. They participated in the tabletop exercise at Madison Health. They attended an overdose awareness event at Cowling Park. They performed a walkthrough at Instant Whip in Stanley. They participated in Rhythm and Rit Festival and they attended the National Night Out and they provided EMS for football games. And some statistics: In 2025, for this month or year-to-date, they had 1,902 incidents, which is 7.58 per day. And in 2026 so far, they've had 2,030 incidents, which is 8.09 per day. So, the number of runs on average is up for the year for the fire department.

Councilman Stahl - At the London Police Division, Public Safety Commission report. Because of the storm in August, the meeting was canceled; this will cover two months. They celebrated the dedication of the new police building on July 30th. Regarding the transition into the new facility, they're getting very close. The primary outstanding item before receiving approval to occupy the building appears to be the completion of the security system by Securitas. Once that work is completed, we will receive final approval. We should be in position to begin transitioning our operations to the new facility. Significant incidents and investigations. On July 18th, London Fire Division assisted officers and detectives with the removal of a deceased individual. Due to the circumstances, length of the incident, and extreme temperatures, removal was particularly challenging. The detectives specifically complimented the Fire Division personnel for their assistance and professionalism. We greatly appreciate their willingness to assist when they need it. On August 1, they responded to a reported abduction. Following a thorough investigation in coordination with other law enforcement agencies, the female victim was safely located in Kentucky by the Georgetown Police Department. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody and charged accordingly. On August 2, officers responded to the local residence where four firearms were reported stolen during a burglary. Following the initial investigation, Detective White developed additional information related to the scene. A few days later, officers stopped a vehicle connected with the investigation and recovered two of the four stolen firearms. Officers also recovered a significant amount of suspected cocaine. The case is remaining under investigation. Also on August 2, Officer Felt responded to a barking dog complaint. An officer was preparing to leave the property. The dog broke free from the lead. Officer Felt was forced to discharge a service weapon, striking the dog. Officer Felt was evaluated and treated following the incident. Community events and partnerships. On August 4, the Police Division hosted the International Night Out at the London Municipal Pool. This continues to be a growing community outreach event, and attendance has increased significantly since the event was moved to the pool. We distributed approximately 300 hot dogs in the first two hours. We want to thank the London Parks and Recreation and the London Fire Division for their continued assistance and participation. The event provided another excellent opportunity for the officers and other city employees to interact with the community in a positive environment. The London Rib Fest was also held during the reported period. Officers reported no significant law enforcement issues associated with the event, which is also welcome news following a large community gathering. On August 20, several officers attended a luncheon hosted by Staples. Representatives shared information concerning security upgrades and invited feedback from personnel. They appreciate the opportunity and look forward to continuing the partnership with Staples. On August 27, the event included Franklin County Judge Scott Bandercar, Cindy Stout, and Madison Health's Nursing Director. The discussion focused on identifying additional resources that could be made available to the officers when assisting residents struggling with substance use disorders. We look forward to continuing these discussions and strengthening the resources available to both our officers and the community. Personnel and hiring: On August 19, they attended the Clark State Police Academy graduation ceremony, where three of our sponsored cadets graduated. The cadets were scheduled to take the state certification examination following graduation. As

part of our current officer hiring process, we received six completed background packets from applicants. Interviews are conducted on September 1, and we are currently awaiting the interview panel findings and recommendations. We hope the selected officer in the near future and will continue the update, the commission as the process progresses. On September 4, final interviews were conducted with the two internal applicants for the open sergeant position. Other division matters. The 2025 Ford Mustang convertible seized as a result of an OMDI conviction was made available for public viewing on August 10. Interested individuals were given until August 13 to submit bids for City Hall. Overall, it has been a very busy, interesting reporting period for the division. The officers and detectives continue to perform well as we cooperate to fill vacancies for the London Fire Division, Parks and Recreation, other city departments, community partners, and neighboring law enforcement agencies. Thank you.

Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee –

Councilman Eades – The Personnel Budget and Finance Committee met on September 8th. Here are some highlights from that. All were in; all were there. Lisa, Shannon, and I. Trying to follow Rich here. The minutes were approved by a 3-0 vote. I never say that; Rich always does. The auditor's update: she's not here today. We'll talk about the expenses for the year. The revenue for the year, $17,518,786. That's the revenue; the expenses, there's $18,782,782 in change. This includes just over $4 million in revenue for the police department, that was our loan that we've taken, but we've spent $5,396,000 in the expenses for the police department. That's not a surprise; we started it last year, so we had to finish it up. We talked about background checks; we're still working on that. I personally think we should probably increase our background checks for all of our employees to a greater degree. Mr. Salzman's checking into that. We had a longer discussion about the update and a capital improvement policy, which we don't really have one now. It's a little bit fly by the seat of your pants in January, and Mr. Salzman's working very diligently so that we can have something moving forward that we can plan for a little bit better, and I'm very thankful for that. The Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails showed up. They've got some exciting news that's gonna come up. I think the trail's gonna get, they're gonna get the final piece eventually, so the trail can go all the way through town. And we did discuss the Tree Commission, and this is gonna come up here in a few minutes, and every two years we have to take this back to the ballot to approve the Shade Tree Fund as it's listed in our documents, or the Tree Commission as they like to be called. So, we do have to do that every two years. There is currently money in that fund that I don't think everybody understood we had, and we did have a discussion about whether or not we can use that money to fix sidewalks moving forward, so that'll come up later. Our next meeting will be on October 13th at 6.30 after the other two meetings. We're gonna piggyback on them that day. That's all I have.

Councilwoman Treynor - Just a couple of things. The tax report, since it came up with income tax, the tax director indicated that monthly revenue for August of 2026 for the general fund was down 21.26%. Monthly revenue for the fire fund was down 21.26%. That's from those same totals last year. For the year, tax revenues in total were down 192,000 in the general fund and down 82,000 for the fire fund. That represents approximately 4% of the expected revenues for each fund. There have been some collection efforts from the OAG's office. They have not gone out yet, but they've been directed to. And then a quick comment on the Shade Tree Commission. We may wanna consider getting a request for an opinion from, if there's a higher-up than our local opinion of the law director. Just because I do know our former law director was of the opposite opinion on whether sidewalk repair could be effectuated from funds that were collected by the Tree Commission. It's not explicitly allowed within the ORC. The renewal of the Shade Tree Commission is actually coming up later on the agenda. Those funds are also pretty

minimal when it comes to the kind of expenditures that you'd be looking at. The cost of concrete and the cost of demolition of concrete would quickly, quickly deplete those funds. I think they only net, I think, $40,000 a year. However, I think given a large amount of sidewalks across the city that have quite apparent root damage from the Shade Trees within the right-of-way, it's a valid question, and we'll definitely continue to explore it.

City Official Reports

Safety Service Director Saltsman - So I'll be addressing several issues we talked about that have at least moved forward this week since the meeting. So, I want to start with a positive comment. The mayor and I attended the Ohio Department of Public Safety and OSP Academy last week when Chief Donovan Cooper received a Patriot Award from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. This is an annual award issued. I think 24 people received it this year from all over the state. And it honors public safety workers, military vets, and other service members around the 9 -11 anniversary, but is to recognize. So, in particular for Donovan, it was his previous work, those 25-plus years in public safety, but also his service as a school board member. And of note, although not the city, Sheriff John Sweeney was also recognized, so two local people here. So tremendous event, but it was nice to see our people recognized for the good work they do over the years, not just in the veteran. Police building, almost complete. So, I met with him briefly today, and we're down to just a few issues that probably will allow us, maybe by the end of the week, to get the inspection scheduled so we can occupy the full building. There are still some issues there. Some of the issues with some door locks and some things that won't be, I don't think it'll be affected by the building code or the building plans will probably be okay. Still a couple of issues with cameras on the roof that need to be addressed. And then next meeting, I'll be asking for additional funds to address overruns, as I know I talked about at the last meeting; there could be some. I got a call today that we're out of contingency funds, but when I called her back, she was gone. So, I'll have something on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss that. And I couldn't give you a dollar amount today because I don't know where it's at. PD, we swore in three officers this past Monday. So, Brandon Church, David Triolo, and Brandon Edley were all three; they took their tests last week from the state, and all three of them passed. We swore them in; they're on the street starting their field training officer program. It should go about three months. And then, they'll be on their respective shifts working with their FTO officers. And then, we're probably looking somewhere after the first year before they'll be on their own working the street, but it's still good to have them out there, and they're out there working. That being said, we're still two officers short. So, we were one officer short going into it. The promotion of Chief Cooper leaves a vacancy in the sergeant. So that's the second. We will be promoting a sergeant. It's planned, actually, to promote on October 4th. So, we'll be promoting a sergeant, which creates the second officer. He submitted paperwork today to hire one candidate that's on the current civil service list. I still have to review it and make sure everything's good, but I would anticipate hiring somebody. A conditional offer; they're not trained, unfortunately. So, we still have to wait till another class. So, it's still a way down the road. So, we talked about the civil service test. That test is done. They certified the list. We have two candidates on that list. We'll promote the first one off the list. Oh, let me see here. Five, sanitation. So, we talked about the trucks, those trucks. So, although we turned in our lease about two and a half, three weeks ago, after all repairs were made, they didn't pick up the trucks till yesterday or the day before. They weren't; we weren't paying for the lease. The lease was stopped, but now that they're off our property, I'll cancel our insurance. They were able to do that. So that was just another cost that's eliminated. I expect to, and I think I brought it up at the service committee, we'll be bringing a request for several vehicles to sell at a public auction coming up. Should be at the next meeting, but Randy, I'm putting those lists together and trying to get all the information together for it. And then Rumpke, right along with that. So, we have a weekly meeting, basically a weekly check -in with Rumpke on Thursdays. Everything's

going pretty well. They did ask about, and I have to check to see if we can modify, apparently there've been a number of commercial businesses requesting whether they can do commercial pickup of recyclables, which is not included in the contract, because it was, at the time, not something we actually did. My opinion was, yeah, we can do it. They'll have to offer. I had to make sure that we could modify that contract. It's an optional service, so people don't have to take it, and it's actually cheaper than waste. So, people may want to opt to do that, to have a lot of cardboard or whatever. So that's just one more service they didn't ask about that we'll work for. The last thing, street department. So ODOT paving, we've been talking about that. We're kind of in that lull; where are we at? And it's still pending both for 38 Center and then down 42 in Lafayette. It's still not a specific date. I know that the street superintendent's been making contact with the contractor to see where we're at, just trying to get that moved forward. And then, along with that, the maintenance of streets. So, I know we talked about the last committee. I think I forwarded it to Finance and Service. I think I forwarded that to you guys. The streets on the schedule, we've yet to schedule those with them. Typically, that's later, like early to late fall, that we do it as a regular service thing. So, we should see something coming pretty soon on those streets and move forward with that. I think I forwarded that to you guys. The streets on the schedule, we've yet to schedule those with them. Typically, that's later, like early to late fall, that we do it as a regular service thing. So, we should see something coming pretty soon on those streets and move forward with that.

Councilman Eades - Can I add to that? So, I appreciate the fact that you sent me that list of streets since it was asked for at the last meeting. And I did wanna know when that was gonna start because I think people have asked. So, the list, and I don't know if Andy had it or not in front of him, but Hawthorne Avenue from Park to the Dead End, Miller Avenue from Park to Chandler, Jacqueline Drive, looks like the whole length of that. Kenny Boulevard from Elm close to Dorset, North Madison Road from High to Fifth, North Oak Street from High to Old Springfield. That's almost the whole length of it. There's that little piece on the other side. And then East Fifth Street from North Main to Elm. So those are the streets that we expect to get done this year. I'm glad we can share that now so people might have an idea. I know that we were trying to avoid two sets of construction going on at the same time just because of the bottlenecks that it may cause, but I don't know that we can control what ODOT does.

Director Saltsman - No, and I'm not sure what the holdup is on that. Fillmore, who did the sidewalk repairs, also won the ODOT contract. I'm not sure what that holdup is. As you've noticed, anybody who drives Lafayette knows there was some work to be done. I authorized nighttime work on that. It was an extension because they had to cut the road. Nighttime saved not only, I mean, but it saved a tremendous amount of traffic issues during daytime for sure. That part's been done, but we really expected maybe our ODOT work to start right after that. It hasn't. The only good is that it's gonna be done. The negative is that it's gonna be a couple of weeks of absolute misery, like dealing with traffic and shutdowns and that they do, but the effects of progress, I think. But still, it's scheduled to happen; it should be coming up. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks, we'll see it start rolling.

Old Business

3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 165-26 Sponsored By: Rich Hays

A resolution designating Madison County Future, Inc., as agent for the sale of real property and authorizing an agency agreement.

Councilman Hays - Yes, this resolution would designate Madison County Future, Incorporated, which is the county's community improvement corporation, as the city's agent for the sale of the property from the old police building once the police department vacates the building.

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

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

2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 166-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution increasing appropriations. The Recreation Department has received a donation from a private citizen.

Councilman Eades - So a private citizen decided that our recreation department did a fine job. They made a donation of $100. They can't use that money until we appropriate it.

Leave for 3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 167-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution increasing appropriations. These funds were originally appropriated last year for renovations to the fire department, and these funds need reappropriated for the current year.

Councilman Eades - Steve, I'm gonna have you pipe in on this. So, this was originally appropriated last year. Work was not started at that time. I know the majority; there were quite a few things they were gonna do. They have one bathroom in that place, and the shower is actually over the toilet. I mean, you have to straddle, I believe, the toilet to take a shower if necessary. It's an antiquated building. That's something that needed to be fixed, along with some other things. So, the money was appropriated last year. The work didn't happen, and I've stated that that's been reviewed. Have there been any updates or anything you can add to that?

Director Saltsman - Yeah, so the only reason the work wasn't started last year was that there were some safety concerns with the lintels over the front doors, and I'm not sure where the costs were gonna go, so they didn't want to overextend. Those have been repaired. They started looking. I will say we've been meeting with them and with building and zoning, too. I think the bathroom plans or the shower plans may have changed. Actually, I was there this afternoon. They may modify some things that'll even drop the cost more, even in some of the work they can do, but it might be easier to accomplish. So, they're just trying to follow up on that a little bit, and I think the additional expenses will be to fix the parapet, and then one way or the other, fix the outside repairs of the building so they're not leaking in. That's a 100 -year -old building; by the numbers, that's leaking through. I think originally, we looked at painting. We may actually cover it with metal clad. That might be cheaper. And just what's the cheapest way to extend it without turning around and doing the same work four years from now? So did discuss it. I think there's a way to maybe cut that cost. Now, I know that money's already in capital, so anything not used has to stay there, but that money can be reappropriated in a capital project or

used towards debt service next year, I think, if need be. Emphasize that we want to move forward, but I think expenditure money is wiser, and we can cut costs; I think that's a good way to do it.

Councilman Eades - I agree. Thank you for the update, because that's more information than we had before. This does have an emergency measure.

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 168-26 Sponsored by Shannon Treynor

An ordinance authorizing elected officials and appointed officials wage adjustments. City Council has determined the City Auditor requires a wage adjustment; and City Council has also determined that the City Auditor salary be increased by 1.5% per year during the next term, 2028-2031. City Council has determined any wage adjustments approved should commence January 1, 2028.

Councilwoman Treynor - This is specific to the auditor position. To answer some concerns, there was a really extensive review of the responsibilities of the auditor's office, the responsibilities of all appointed and elected officials, and a review of similarly sized municipalities with a statutory arrangement as opposed to a charter organization. And we looked at everything and found that, for the most part, given our size, given our respective responsibilities, the only position that we felt that really needed to be addressed in a significant fashion was the auditor's post. And that's what this particular resolution is about, also to make sure that, as it is with any employee of the city, anybody that's elected up until these proposals has had a static compensation rate year to year until that position was, because it's an elected post, has to have the compensation rate as part of the term of office, unless there is an increase provided for within the description of that before you run for it. So that was the reason to really address an increase; I would consider it a pretty nominal 1 .5 % increase so that there can be some way to address the otherwise static rate of compensation, not only for the elected officials, but also some of the other appointments which are coming up in the next proposal.

Councilman Hitt - I mean, just to be completely transparent on this, this doesn't give the amount that the auditor would be increased from. So currently she's receiving almost 60,000 annually, and this is an increase of 22,500 annually plus a 1 .5 % increase on top of that, just to address some concerns that have been mentioned.

Councilwoman Jackman - I'll say we have had a lot of discussion on this topic, and it's very tricky. In a way, it doesn't seem fair that the auditor's office or auditor's position is getting a $22,500 raise, and our other elected positions aren't getting

anything until they all get the standard 1 .5 % per year. But we've done a lot of research and a lot of discussions, and it's still a very big decision.

Leave for 3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 169-26 Sponsored by Shannon Treynor

An ordinance authorizing elected officials and appointed officials' wage adjustments. City Council has determined the City's elected officials and appointees require a wage adjustment of 1.5% per year for the next election term 2028-2031; and City Council has determined any wage adjustments commence January 1, 2028, or upon election or reappointment, whichever is later.

Councilwoman Treynor - This is, again, the corollary to the prior resolution, and this is just for a very marginal incremental increase of 1.5%. Our salary right now, I believe, is $6,600 per year, so a 1 .5 % increase would add approximately $90 per year. Given the rate of inflation, I don't think that's, I mean, yes, it is an increase, but is it an increase that's keeping, you know, up with where our economy is these days? I certainly don't think that's the case. Not that anybody's up here making a living, and there was some suggestion that we should all be expecting a personal sacrifice from our elected officials, and I would challenge anybody to come up here and do a lot of the work that does, without expecting even a nominal compensation, and again, this incremental increase was just a way to address, so that we don't have to have this conversation every two years, every four years, every six years, depending on the term. Like I said, and it's, obviously, an awkward conversation to have, and if we can implement an incremental increase so that it will increase slightly over a one -year period, and then the following period, then it just avoids having to have this conversation for, hopefully, a deal into the future.

Director Saltsman - Mr. President, I know this is unorthodox, but since we're loud in the audience, may I make a personal comment? So, I do want to address, and I hear a lot of negative comments about their elected officials. They all do have jobs. Otherwise, the amount of time that's put into this job, same as me, I don't work 40 hours a week. Sometimes, it's 60. There is a lot of time. So, when people say they don't deserve a raise, one -half percent, I'll be honest, I think it's ridiculous. The cost of living is 2.8 to 3%. It doesn't fix. They haven't had raises in six and a half years. They won't have raises for eight years, and then you ask the question; the thing is very legitimate. The treasurer, the mayor, the law director, and the auditor this is their primary job. It's their career. That's what they pay their mortgages with, and that. So, I think it's important, and I know this won't go to many people, but I want to say it from a personal perspective. This isn't my job. I'm an operations guy. I don't have a fight in that, but I do think that when people are condemning about them getting raises when other cuts or that, it's still, you want quality people in the jobs, you have to be able to offer them some money. So, I'm often at it, not as a safety director, but as a citizen. It is awkward, I agree with you, for people to say it. It's not awkward for me. I'm not the one getting the raise.

Councilman Hitt - I guess my other concern with the legislation is that it seems pretty inequitable when you compare the mayor and the law director only getting 1.5 % as compared to the auditor getting a huge, huge increase, plus a 1.5%. So, my opinion would be that if there's an increase, it should be equitable across the board. Not saying the auditor doesn't do a good job. She does. Everyone does a good job. It should be equitable across the board, in my opinion. Primarily, I'm referring to the auditor, the mayor, and the law directors.

New Business

ORDINANCE 170-26 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt

A resolution expressing the intent of the City of London in 2026 to sell by internet auction personal property, including motor vehicles and other property referenced in Revised Code § 721.15 that is no longer needed for public use, or is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired; authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement with an internet auction site to perform the sales; and authorizing the sale of specific personal property by internet auction.

Councilman Hitt – OK. So, this would allow for an internet auction to sell off property and equipment. The safety service director could get into an agreement with the internet auction site to sell off that equipment. My understanding is that it would still be advertised in a general newspaper. Is that right?

Director Saltsman - So this particular one will be advertised, so it has to be advertised. Second advertisement, no less than 10 days, no more than 20. But what this saves us is I don't have to, like we get, we spend a lot of money in our advertising and we don't get much response from it. What we would do is continue to advertise on the selected internet auction site. The city is required to put it up several times a year on our website and our social media, which benefits us directly, like, hey, we have things up for auction. But this sale, we'd have to do it annually, but we only have to advertise it those two times. And then future auctions that I really want to stress, it does not change your approval. When I bring the sanitation vehicles, I'm still bringing them for the authorization to sell. It doesn't change anything about that. It's just that under that 721.15, I think this is section D that allows us to, by internet, advertise it one time. So, the big thing is I still have to go through the same process. Nothing changes from council and the approval. But then we advertise through the internet auction company as opposed to us advertising a local paper that we have seen very few. The last auction, I had two vehicles, one in Benton. So, we're just not getting that advertisement out there.

Councilman Hitt - So that would save the city money also, right?

Director Saltsman - Save money and hopefully, I mean, that's a supposition, but we should make more money because it's getting a wider reach. So, I'll use Ritchie Brothers' example. I don't know who I'm going to use yet. We started inquiring, but we haven't looked any further. But they have a wide range. They have a big push for vehicles. And they have their own advertising mechanisms. And then we can also have the terms of agreement where we're not paying. There'll be a premium on that. The buyer would pay the premium, not us. We should have two benefits: reduced costs of advertising and, hopefully, an increase in selling vehicles to the cost of the business. I do want to say this will also have to pass annually to do it. So, we would turn around and do this again in January. It's kind of like when you approve our grant, you've got to approve it annually to say we're going to continue to do that.

Councilman Eades - Mr. President, if I may. So, is this an ordinance or a resolution? Because it says ordinance at the top of the resolution. There's a little difference between the two. Expressing the intent. So, this is just allowing this to happen, like we do allow you to go seek grants.

Director Saltsman - I'd say it's a resolution because it's an ordinance that would

stand every year, right?

Councilman Eades - And you're saying we can't make it stand everywhere as a normal piece of business for the city, that we would allow you to do that as one of the ways to sell property?

Director Saltsman - I'm pretty sure it says specifically in the ORC under that it has to be redone every year. I know that's the direction she gave me from the law director.

Councilman Eades - Okay, I was just making sure.

Director Saltsman - And I compare it to what we talked about with the grants and that. Each year you renew that resolution. I think it is a resolution.

Councilman Eades - Okay, so that answers that. There's no list at this point of what's going to be sold. You still have to come back with that.

Director Saltsman – That's correct.

Councilman Eades - And then I see where it says it's going to authorize the clerk to advertise in the newspaper and to post notice of the intent to sell on the city's website. Do you have, does our clerk have permission to do that? Do we have website permission to post that?

President Peters – Yes

Councilman Eades - Okay, I just didn't know that. Yeah, I was just asking, do you have the permission that you can post things on our website? Okay, okay, I just wasn't sure of that. All right, thank you.

Director Saltsman - And then just to clarify, we would post I mean, we'd benefit; it makes it, like, we're required several times a year to put on the city website, which we would do. Obviously, we'd benefit, but more of, hey, we're selling it; here it is. The requirement would be posted in the paper, and then no less than 10, no more than 20 posts a second time; once that's done, then we can go forth. And I think the same thing is that I can pick, although this year, I'm sure we'll only have one sale that we'll use next year. If we didn't like that person, we can change those companies too. You know, if something didn't go well, we're not stuck with a company; we can renew. Hopefully that will bring in a little more funds and save us some money in advertising.

Leave on for 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 171-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor

An ordinance declaring the necessity for planting, maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees in and along the streets of the City of London, estimating the cost thereof and providing for the levy of special assessment

Councilwoman Treynor - So this ordinance, again, as a renewal, I think it was initially, if memory serves, this ordinance has been on the books since sometime in the early 1980s. It has, to my knowledge, been unchanged for that entire period of time. And I believe even the dollar amount has been relatively static, meaning that the dollar amount has not increased despite property increases, despite population increases. There's been, the dollar

amount has remained very flat at approximately $40,000. And I think that's every year, but we have to share it with the county or something like that. At any rate, this ordinance is up for first reading. I believe there's an intention to take a look at it and see if there can be a way to increase the revenue as a result of the special assessment so that we can also hopefully start utilizing it if we can get authority for doing a better job about addressing shade trees within the right -of -way and whether, as I said, we can seek an advisory opinion about the permissive use for maybe doing some sidewalk remediation at the same time. Like I said, right now, that fund is so small that it would take one sidewalk before it would be completely depleted. But while it's up for renewal, we might as well take a peek at it and see if we can make some changes that might make it a more beneficial tool for the city.

Councilman Stahl - I'd like to speak on it also. The Tree Commission got started back in the Chamber of Commerce-donated trees downtown. There's Bradford pears, beautiful pine. Perhaps they got so big that, in the fall, birds liked them. And you know what birds do all night. So, the fire department had to come down and wash the sidewalks every day, and we couldn't get rid of them. I went to the Department of Forestry, and we tried all kinds of things: different funny noises, banging pans, and all that type of stuff. The only thing we found out that worked, we had the fire department go down every night and spray the trees. Birds don't like to get wet. After a couple of nights, we finally got rid of them. After that, there are always a few strategies, like everything. But after that, we still had the trees. So, I called the Department of Forestry, and they had a program called Tree City USA. So, I got it started in that. You had to have an Arbor Day for the National Arbor Day Foundation, the State of Ohio, and the Department of Forestry put that on. And we got loaded on all that, and we got started. And the mayor of Eads at the time said, yes, fine, you can do this, but we don't have money in our budget to put into it; you have to find your own way. That's how I found the Ohio Revised Code. I forget what the number is. It wasn't in the ordinance this year. And that's how we got it. We'd use it, had to do it for two years, and renew it every two years. And that's how we've done it. We've had the same amount ever since we started. And then you have to get a Tree City USA award, which we've been working on for our 40th year, ever since 1986. You have to have an Arbor Day, at least 2,000 per capita, and a tree ordinance. And you have to meet them every, each thing, every year. You can't just start over. And the first year we had it, we took out stumps. There are stumps all over town. Some people didn't want one. That's my stump; you can't take it. It might protect me from somebody running into it. But you go like that, and they fall over after they get sold. In a couple of years, we've worked on that, and about the fifth year before we ever started planting trees. And now, like this year, two storms have hurt us, last August and this August. We've had a lot of damage from high winds. It wasn't a tornado, I don't believe. And like the one in front of the post not the post office, but the library, yeah. It just took the whole tree and laid it over. Perfect tree, about that deep, like that. $3,500 just to take that out and get rid of that. And nothing's cheap, as you know anymore. We try to do as much as we can, and we like to rely on people in town. If something looks bad in the street, let us know; we can take care of it. When you're driving by, if you're trying to watch traffic and everything else, it's hard to know exactly what's wrong. But if you look at this side of the tree, and we might see this in it, it might be good. So always let us know. And besides, another thing about the Bradford Pear: they eradicated it in Ohio because they tend to want to break, so it's a good thing we got rid of it when we did. Then we planted the other ones downtown, and it's supposed to be fine and everything. But then we've had a few problems with one or two trees on there, which have lifted the sidewalk, as you might know. And they said they wouldn't, but whatever's under the ground, that's on top; that's

twice as much that goes underground. Most of them will go straight down, but some trees are just like this; they'll just do what they want to do. And if anybody had any questions, oh, and the lady here talking about, she's talking about 10 years ago or so, they planted a tree, her and her neighbor went out and pushed them over; they didn't want them. And whoever did them at the time went ahead and put them back in. We try not to put them in if anybody doesn't want them. And she's talking about a 10-year-old thing; we don't do that anymore. But she's brought that up every year, and we don't do that. Anybody have any questions? But it wasn't those trees; these were probably trees they planted in the early part of the 19th century. Getting that big, to get that bad. But what do we do? We try to be careful. If we don't, some things you have to let us know if there is a problem.

Audience member speaking without a microphone - ...And further down the line, the strawberry festival or whatever, I have to go out in the street because I don't drive my car down there; I take my car, my motorized. And so, when I get to a certain area, I have to go out in the street and go around and then go on up before I can get back on the sidewalk, otherwise my power chair's gonna flip over. Because they're so bad. And you can tell that the trees were there.

Councilman Stahl - And one other thing, back in the 1950s, the elm beetles came across. London was full of elm trees. They went across the street and met the cement. And the beetles wiped them out. People planted silver maples because they're fast and make up for what was lost. And that's what's causing a lot of the problems. We've taken a lot of them out, but what we plant now, we try to make sure the size of the sidewalk and curb in between, and what lines and everything else. We try to watch that when we plant trees now so we don't have those problems in the future. We've been working on this for 40 years.

Audience member speaking without a microphone – unable to hear.

Councilman Stahl - That's what we told you. We have; we've done that for quite a few years. If you don't want us, just let us know. Because trees are expensive. Under state law, we don't have to let you know. We try to be nice and do it. Under state law, we don't have to. Well, I'm gonna try to get hold of the state forest and have them come over in a couple of weeks and talk to us. We thank you for your, that's all I have. If somebody else has a question.

Councilman Eades - Mr. President, just a couple of quick things. I totally agree with Councilwoman Treynor. I do think we should get an advisory opinion. Our former law director did say that she felt that these funds could be used for that. It does say within the language of this that the anticipated collection is 40,000. We've actually collected more than 40,000 in the last two years. I think when new homes are built, they add to that. But it's a very, very small amount. So, it's not gonna go from 45,000 to 80,000 overnight. It'll go maybe to 46. That's still not a lot of money to make these repairs. And we talked about whether or not the tree fund should fix sidewalks. And we discussed that, and I actually like the idea; if we can extend that to do that, that would be great. It was discovered I won't say discovered, but we noted that the fund currently has $139,000 in it that hasn't been used for trees. I mean, it's built up over time because we, at times, spend every penny per year, but at other times, we don't. So, it has built up some money in the fund. And at the last meeting, I referenced that we, as a council or council members, should look at Plain City for their sidewalk program. So, I've got that, and I can forward that to anybody. However, in their sidewalk program, and I'm gonna read this: street tree damage. Sidewalk within existing public right -of -way or public access easements that has

been damaged by the root system of a street tree existing within the street tree planning area between the sidewalks and pavement edge shall be the responsibility of the municipality of Plain City for necessary repair and replacement. If the repair requires significant tree roots to be cut away so that, in the opinion of the village administrator, the tree will not survive and must be removed, the municipality shall have the tree removed and replace the tree with a new tree of appropriate species. And I don't know that we have to do that part, but the fact that Plain City uses money somehow for the sidewalks because of trees, I think that's something we have to consider, especially if that fund has money and we can use that. So hopefully we'll get that information moving forward. Thank you.

Councilman Stahl - Just one more thing. The $100,000 he's talking about is because we thought they put the money in our account each year, but they only put a certain amount. And if you wanna use more, you have to ask permission to use it. We didn't know that. And we only allowed one person to speak to the auditor. And we just, it passed by, so it's been accumulated for several years. We've got a lot now; we could be glad to go spend it. I could spend it all this weekend on trees and stuff without sidewalks, that's all.

Leave for 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 172-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution authorizing the mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required

Councilman Eades - All right, so I got a phone call a couple days ago. This is not how we normally would wanna do business, to bring it directly to council. And before I get into this or have Mr. Saltsman get into this any further, if council feels that we need to take this back to a committee to be properly introduced that way, we can have the first reading tonight. We would have to call a special meeting of a finance committee or a different committee in order to bring that forward if necessary. However, we had the Third Ward storm project that started a couple of years ago. One of the problems that we knew about was that at some point, people weren't paying attention; they allowed houses to be built on top of the storm sewer. They're underneath basements; they're underneath houses; that's a problem. That's always gonna be a problem. So, when we did this other project, it was to build an adjacent line and try to divert water that way. However, what happens if that line stays empty? Is it gonna collapse? Is it gonna cause problems? So, they have the opportunity; the city realized that there's an opportunity to go after approximately $2 million to make our next phase for the stormwater improvements. And if there's any problem we have when it rains, and we get a lot of rain sometimes, we have water that backs up in places, and I think every opportunity we have to get that water moved and take care of it helps. They would expect to pay $600,000 out of our stormwater utility fund, which currently has $1 .9 million in it. So, there's money there that we can contribute to this, and I believe Mr. Saltzman probably can explain this better than I just did. I was just trying to give an overview there. Mr. Saltsman?

Director Saltsman - So, with the OPWC, we've been going back and forth on different projects. We had not addressed this one earlier because we thought it still needed more engineering. Choice One Engineers are city engineers we use, we had a meeting with them, and they said no, they absolutely thought they had enough to move forward with this project, which for us, priority wise

of other projects, it's the best, it continues the project, it is recently, I'm not gonna say finished, because that's part of what we're waiting on, the repaving of Center Street to finish, and then that project will be done, that first phase. So, this will be the second phase. It will help; the problem is we have a 48 -inch line that is not producing to capacity; it's not getting rid of capacity. As you talk about going under property and under structures, even some foundations built on it, that's a potential security, or safety, I should say, safety concern. This project would take, and I believe what it'd do is from where we stopped at Center Street, we'd go down to Lincoln and across to Graham Avenue and kick out into the ditch there, and then the second part of this phase, I believe, would be that it'd be assessed that we would remove what we can and then fill with CDF in the areas underneath. So those areas under so you're looking at brick and/or tile, clay tile under the residence that's a problem, so that would be part of that. The project is, we'd be going for, so the county did not put in for OPWC monies last year, it was their turn, they didn't do it, so that leaves a total of about 1 .4 million that we would be able, that we believe will get their support and get all the points for. We think it's gonna be about two million. I think it was 141,516 something was the estimate a couple years ago when they looked at those, so we know there'll be an increase, so we think about $600,000 out of ours. Again, there's no new money, no general fund money; that's money coming out of the current fund that's there. But this has a date. I think, I don't know if I put the 7th or the 9th; I think this date is the 9th. They requested completion by the 7th of October, and that's a hard date; it has to be there. So, I also wanna explain why we're coming late with this, is we were using, you give me the ability of the mayor to file for grants to apply, we did not catch that OPWC in the application requires you to also put a resolution that you intend to accept the grant, and I can't sign that. I'll take the hit on that, it just did not realize that was in that part of the grant, choice one, come back, say, hey, this has to be there, you're applying doesn't get it without that resolution. So, in my memo to you all yesterday and the day before, that's why I asked that we move forward, my concern if we wait any longer or wait till the next meeting, the concern there, it may actually require three meetings to get it done, so that's why I asked that. So, it's as the council prefers, but again, that's the primary reason for the late request.

Councilman Hitt - So this would help alleviate some of the flooding problem at High Street and Elm?

Director Saltsman - It probably would help some, so that would be the third part: the school street; that'll be another program as we get, or not another project. We looked at that one, but this is what we just run still is going into, I think there are two 32s and I could be wrong, but now you're going to a 48 that is not producing a full capacity, it could be something's blocked or something else in there, but so it should help because it's removing all of that. And then the biggest reason otherwise is that safety. So, it should help continue to alleviate that backup; the biggest that we'll have after that will be basically from High Street, where those changes made them for down school, where it ties into the phase we just completed. Right, I don't know if it's on Logan or Liberty, right in that area by the, right, well, it's actually right behind the silence; right, that's where it terminated.

Councilman Hitt - Would it help alleviate any flooding in people's homes?

Director Saltsman - Well, it could, I mean, in that area, largely it's going to

support that area. Some of what comes in off this fifth street, some of this comes over into this area. Some shoot back out to, they'll actually go out to the east side; it just depends where it's at. And I'm talking off the top of my head there; I don't have the institutional knowledge to say where that changes, where it goes, but bottom line, it will offer relief to a number of different areas. I don't know on the south end how much we see basement flooding and that; I'm not sure, but it's going to help move water because it's going to be a new system and kicking that out. I think if you notice, even out here, we used to have a lot of problems when they rebuilt that. We still get flooding, and people complain, but it goes away really quick. You know, you get the flooding when you have two and a half inches of rain drop in an hour; it's going to flood. I don't care where you're at, you're going to have localized flooding, but it's doing a much better job of getting rid of it. And I'm going to credit what maybe they did before, and probably some of the projects we just completed are contributing to that. The hope is that with this one, it will get better, and then the final one would be the change of that school street project.

Councilman Hitt - I think there was some mention of filling in the tile that runs beneath houses.

Director Saltsman - That will be part of it; it would be filled with CDF, I think, which is what it is, lightweight concrete. It's not got an aggregate, so it's not got a structural part to it, but yeah, that gets filled in, not left.

Councilman Hitt - So I assume that would make those houses safer from collapsing or whatever possibly.

Someone from the audience asked a question without a microphone.

Director Saltsman - I don't, off the top of my head. I'm sure we can ask Mr. Long; he has a much better idea. I know he mentioned even a couple of older residents that lived there for years, where it's at. I'm sure those people know if they've been there for years, but I can't tell you off the top of my head where it's at.

Councilman Eades - But it is Riley, Graham, that area, Stuart, Riley, Graham from Lincoln, and it kind of angles and goes underneath some houses, but I don't know where they are. I just remember the discussion earlier that we had.

Director Saltsman - That's correct. And the whole idea is to run the first part and then abandon that. Obviously, it has to stay in place until the new one's up; abandon that. Either remove it, as the engineering report will have to do, or remove the sections in that; that's the other thing. A lot of this goes into private areas. All that will be changed. This will all be in the street. It'll be in our public easement. Repairs in the future won't require us to go on private property and all that. And then what can be removed will be filled back, and then what goes under, what can't be capped off, would be filled with a CDF or other like material. And again, that would add to the safety of those residents with things running.

Councilman Eades - I didn't ask this the other day, but we're gonna get an engineering report on that. I mean, do we have any liability if we mess with those lines and somebody's house shifts now because of that? Even if we fill

those in?

Director Saltsman - I'm not the attorney, but I'd say my first guess would be we have no more liability than what we have now with the bill on there. But that's something to ask the law director. And they will have to look at that from the engineering side.

Councilman Eades - So when we discussed this the other morning, it's not my preference to suspend the three-reading rule tonight. However, if we don't do that tonight, we would have to pass it on the 1st because the deadline's the 7th. And if for some reason we don't have a quorum or we don't have enough people to suspend, we'd be calling special meetings regardless. So, I don't have heartburn, so to speak, either way. I think we should take advantage of the fact that there may be $1.4 million and that we're only gonna spend 600,000 approximately out of our own funds to fix this problem a little bit further.

Councilwoman Treynor - I would suggest that we suspend the rule that this motion come out of committee first.

Councilman Eades - All right, so we'll have to have a special meeting?

Councilwoman Treynor - No, no, we can vote to suspend the requirement that this have been raised in committee and allow a direct presentation, as we've just heard.

Motion to suspend the requirement that this reading come out of committee by Councilwoman Treynor, 2nd by Councilman Hitt. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

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

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

ORDINANCE 173-26 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt

An ordinance amending Exhibit C of 184-24 an ordinance creating a designated outdoor refreshment area

Councilman Hitt - Okay, well, the DORA is a designated area, but apparently within that area, if you're gonna participate in the DORA, you need to be approved to participate. And West 40 Social is requesting to participate in the DORA. Is there any urgency on this?

Director Saltsman - I will note: if you look, you should have an amendment. There's also a strikethrough, and Ronetti's just to update at the same time. So that has to be filed with the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, I think it is. And they're no longer there, so.

Councilman Eades - If there's a new owner with a liquor permit, they could come in. Would they have to do the same thing? Well, then we should probably strike through the Gin Mill, too. It hasn't been open for a couple of years, and I don't know of any intent to open it any time soon.

Director Saltsman - I'll check on that and see. Yeah, because I think they still hold a permit, and they still own the building, right? Quick comment, too. I know there was a discussion about whether that's required every time; the law director's opinion is based on the way it is. It has to be changed every time; we can't just file that with the state the way that language is written. Now, what I don't remember is the language from the state or our local ordinance, but I'll follow up on that, too.

Councilwoman Treynor - The only thing I can note is that I know West 40 Social has a Halloween event that they very much want to participate in as a DORA member. That's a state; I think it's scheduled for the 31st of October. Is it? Right on Halloween, so I don't know that we need to suspend three readings, but if there's not an emergency clause, we should move to put an emergency on it so there's no 30-day wait period after passage.

Motion to amend this ordinance to include the emergency clause by Councilwoman Treynor, 2nd by Councilman Hitt. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

Leave for 2nd Reading

Round Table

Councilman Stahl – Okay, thank everybody for coming tonight. A lot of times we don't know if something's gonna happen and if you just don't let us know, so I do appreciate it, especially with Mid-Ohio. I hadn't heard anything about that. The only thing I heard about them lately is selling the hay property they just bought from a tremendous amount of money, and they want to sell it for twice the amount, so whatever's going on there. And as far as Steve, the train in the Cowling Park is in disrepair; there are a lot of parts up, nails showing, so you might want to have somebody go down there.

Director Saltsman - Kids jumped off; we actually have them on video. They jumped off and broke it and then fled. Actually, police came and made a repair. I know on Facebook there's a number of complaints that they didn't do whatever left it. They actually made repairs, and I don't know if it got damaged again or just wasn't good enough, but they were there.

Councilman Stahl - A lot of it's up like that, nails showing stuff. Just weather, I think; I don't think it's damaged. And also, it's nice to hear people actually here and telling us instead of reading on Facebook, where you don't know what's true, somebody just complaining. So, I appreciate your involvement; thank you.

Councilman Boyd - Thank you as well for everyone coming on out, because yep, it's going to be hay, those things that we have to hear from you also, besides a couple of us up here that do bring those items up, so thank you for coming on out.

Councilwoman Treynor - Shameless couple of plugs for downtown promotion. The London State Theatre is hosting a benefit for the Humane Society on the 1st of October as a comedian; all proceeds benefit the Humane Society. Also, the 1811 Downtown District is sponsoring Booze and Brews again for its second annual downtown crawl. This will be a, it is a ticket purchase with a passport, a T-shirt, a drink coupon. It was a lot; it was very, very, very well attended last year, so we're hoping for another successful night out. And that is again on August, or I'm sorry, October 31st, Halloween.

Councilman Hitt – Public Service Committee meeting is October 13th at five o'clock in the meeting room next door. Tree Commission, I think it's October 21st; it's the third Tuesday. If you're wanting to attend that, it's at five o'clock in the meeting room next door.

Councilman Hays - Oh, thank everybody for coming out tonight. Appreciate the comments. Doug, thanks again for bringing this information to us. I wasn't aware of that. I had heard some rumors, but I didn't know for sure, so thank you. I want to thank all our city employees for a job well done. And I'm glad we went back on this 172.26 and did the emergency and adopted. Several years ago, before a lot of you were here, the same thing came up. President and Council wanted it to go back to committee, and we lost out on almost $3 million, I think it was, because we had to take it back to committee. I don't remember; it seemed like it was sewer, but I'm not really sure. But I'm glad we went ahead and did it the way we did it, so we can get started, get this thing going. The safety meeting will be October 13th, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the conference room. And as always, may God watch over our city and our people, keep us all safe, and keep us all well. Thank you.

Councilwoman Jackman - I just want to thank everyone who showed up today and participated and had something to say. We appreciate you being here.

Councilman Eades – It is good to see new people come to council. We appreciate that. You know it's online most of the time. And if it's not here, if you're not here or watching it live, you can watch it later. That's always good to know. So thanks for coming, guys. Appreciate that. Just to piggyback off what Rich just said on 172, I think the big thing about going the way we did tonight to go ahead and suspend the fact that we didn't have to take it back to committee, I think that comes back to the fact that we had a document that was well - crafted that we could all understand and understand what was gonna happen with this. If we didn't have that document and there were a lot of questions, I think it would have had to go back to committee. So that speaks to your efforts on this to get that to us so that we could see that. I do appreciate that. I did ask at the last meeting whether or not we had ever seen a liquor permit for the West 40 Social Club. I don't know that we have to. I don't know; I'm not a liquor specialist, so I don't know that we're supposed to. But most liquor permits come before City Council for approval. I don't recall seeing one. There was some discussion at the finance meeting the other day about that. And we were kind of blamed for not getting our mail, which seems bad to blame us when we don't know that there's mail there. It's a common courtesy to say, " Hey, you've got mail; can you come pick that up, right? And this goes back to last year when 101 had submitted their application three months before, and it sat on a desk because no one knew, and we wouldn't have known unless the owner of 101 called me and said, " Have you guys seen this? So, we just need to make sure that gets extended. From what I heard prior to the meeting, I had these notes beforehand, so I was gonna bring it up. But it sounds like that's been worked out. So that we will get better notification. So that's a good thing. The finance meeting will be on October 13th, 6 .30. We won't start before that because we're after the other committees.

But if they run long, we'll start as soon as we can after that. Thank you very much.

Director Saltsman - Mr. President, may I address? So, first of all, again, thank you. I'm glad that information was provided well. Hopefully lesson learned and I'll remember that in the past. I always say, I won't promise I won't make any mistakes, but hopefully that one I can fix in the future. But I do appreciate it. I think that's for the good of the community that we do it. And then on the liquor license, we did do some checking after that meeting. It appears that the, my words, not the law, but that the request from the city is purely a courtesy that, if you want to make comments on it, but not that we don't have a vote one way or the other that says it's there. And I think, did you never receive something for West 40? Because we had talked about, there was a letter that particular day that came in. So, we're not even sure. Okay, we're not even sure we're getting them in a timely manner then. So again, something we'll continue to watch in the future, but we had checked, because when you had asked that last meeting, it was like a little bit dismayed. Like, how do we, how do they move forward without it? It's not a requirement.

Councilwoman Treynor - I could just like speak from when we opened the theater; it didn't even occur to us to submit an application to the, cause it's all about getting through the health department and getting through the department of the liquor license, whatever bureau that is. In that application process, there is nothing that mentions getting approval from any of your city officials or your city council.

Director Saltsman - No, and when it comes, it comes right from liquor control. But they pulled up the state and it basically, I can't remember what the wording is, but it says they send them there. So, you can oppose it, but we don't really have a part in the process of approving them.

Councilwoman Trenor - The only part that might come is, I know that most of the downtown is in the dry, Sunday dry zone. So, if you want to have a variance and have a Sunday permit, you have to take it to the ballot.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm

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

Kris Miller, Council Clerk

10/1/26

Date

Joshua Peters, Council President

10/1/26

Date