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London City Council

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

July 17, 2025 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present – Councilman Eades, Councilman Hays, Councilman McDaniels, Councilman Stahl, Councilwoman Treynor, Councilwoman Jackman, and President Peters

Absent – Councilman Hitt

Minutes – Approval of June 26, 2025 minutes, approved by unanimous vote

Public Hearing

Motion to exit regular meeting and enter into Public Hearing by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Eades, Hays, McDaniels, Treynor, Stahl, Jackman**
Against:	**0-**	

ORDINANCE 146-25 Sponsored by: John Stahl AN ORDINANCE amending section 1268 of the codified ordinances

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Affirmative:	**6-**	**Eades, Hays, McDaniels, Treynor, Stahl, Jackman**
Against:	**0-**	

Communications/Announcements – none

Audience Concerns - none

Committee Reports

Councilman Eades reported that the Personnel, Budget, and Finance Committee met on July 14 and provided a brief financial update. He stated that the overall revenue for the month of June was

approximately $1,449,610, while expenses were about $1,443,704. For the year to date, excluding bond revenue, total revenue stands at roughly $10,154,531, with expenses at approximately $9,845,537, putting the City about $300,000 in the positive. He noted that most of the items discussed in committee will come before Council next month due to time constraints before this meeting. The only item coming forward tonight is a temporary increase in position to allow an overlap period for the new Safety Service Director to work alongside the current director and administration from August 4 to August 15. He concluded by noting that the next committee meeting will be held on August 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman McDaniels reported that he attended both the Public Service and Public Safety Committee meetings. For Public Service, he highlighted the Parks and Recreation updates, including 22 new memberships, over 4,500 day passes, two home swim meets hosted by the Madison County Marlins, and ongoing pool water aerobics classes. He noted the new metal roof installation at the county park, adult co-ed and men's league softball, and ballroom dancing programs. He also provided updates from the Fire Department, covering departmental EMS trauma training, propane emergency training, participation in community events such as the Independence Day festivities, Strawberry Festival, Cobra Show, and various inspections and student hosting activities.

Councilman Hays reported on the Safety Service Committee meeting held on July 8, noting that all three committee members, Chief Eades, Mayor Closser, and Mr. Castle were present, along with new community members. He stated that minutes from the June 10 meeting were approved. He reported that while there was no police report submitted at that time, one has since been received and would be presented by Mr. Stahl. He confirmed the EMS and fire updates provided by Councilman McDaniels. Under other topics, they discussed stealth traffic monitors to address speeding, and emphasized the importance of safely throwing candy during parades to protect children. He mentioned the large turnout at the Fourth of July parade and urged continued caution in future years. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m., and the next Safety Service Committee meeting will be held on August 12 at 6 p.m.

Councilwoman Treynor added that the Tax Department reported only about 90 residents used the e-filing option last year. She noted that Mr. Castle reported surface soil problems at the site for the new police department but that a geotechnical company is working on a solution. She also mentioned ongoing challenges with the Sanitation Department and indicated that related resolutions addressing financial and service issues would be coming before Council soon.

Councilman Stahl reported for the police department report that a contingency offer has been extended to a police officer applicant, pending completion of the hiring process, which includes medical and truth verification exams. He shared that construction work for the new facility is underway, with defined construction zones and related parking restrictions on East First Street due to driveway access. He noted that Central Dispatch resumed operations on July 2, and current dispatch positions would end on July 12. Megan Sharp has been given a temporary Support Specialist position through August, and applications for the permanent role closed on July 11. He highlighted recent community participation by the Police Department at the Strawberry Festival, the Cobra Show, the Fourth of July parade, the London Library Touch-A-Truck event, a canine demonstration, and a local daycare visit. He added that they attended local emergency and county chiefs' meetings, received donations from the Rotary and Cobra Club, and announced that Sergeant Joseph Harris graduated from the OSU John Glenn College of Public Affairs' Public Safety Leadership Academy. Finally, he noted that a traffic calming program is being developed in collaboration with various departments.

Councilwoman Jackman reported on the Public Service Committee meeting held on July 8, summarizing the Street Department Superintendent's detailed three-page report. She highlighted that the Street Department is active citywide with tasks including animal removal, mowing, sinkhole repairs, tree trimming, traffic camera cleaning, and assisting the Trash Department. They also supported community events like the Cobra Show and Strawberry Festival, worked on storm sewer system GPS mapping, and handled street sweeping and lighting for the art building. She noted that Mr. Long maintains a list of equipment needing repair or replacement, and the committee discussed prioritizing these needs in current and future budgets.

City Official Reports

Mayor Closser thanked everyone for attending and provided several updates. He announced that Mr. Castle will step down as Safety Service Director effective August 15 and thanked him for his service. He shared that after interviews and careful consideration of four qualified candidates, Steve Saltsman was selected as the new Safety Service Director. Mayor Closser praised Mr. Saltsman's extensive background in safety services, including his leadership roles in the Columbus Fire Department and law enforcement experience. He also recognized outgoing Law Director Jennifer Hitt for her service and wished her well in her new career. He explained that the Republican Central Committee will appoint her replacement on July 30 and noted there are strong candidates interested. He also announced Joe Mosier's resignation from the Mid-Ohio Board to pursue a business opportunity and said he will be working to fill that board seat soon. The Mayor provided development updates, highlighting progress on projects like Aldi, Starbucks, London Landing, and Johnson's Creek. He encouraged everyone to visit the new Nook Coffee Shop and attend its ribbon cutting on July 22. He recognized Madison Health's new primary care office and Mane Wild Salon's expansion. He congratulated local youth for their county fair projects and thanked the Fair Board and volunteers for their efforts. He also praised the success of the summer movie in the park and noted the upcoming workforce housing project on Sharp Avenue and East High Street, which aims to add 265 homes priced around $220,000 to help fill the local housing gap. He promoted the Mayor's Day Sale at Shoe Sensation on August 3 to benefit the Raider Rack program and reminded residents about the upcoming London Rhythm and Rib Fest on August 1–2. He urged property owners to maintain their lawns and concluded with a fun fact about the large turnout for the Independence Day parade and fireworks, thanking everyone involved.

Councilman Eades asked the mayor how the city will handle the gap between the outgoing Law Director and the appointment of a replacement.

Mayor Closser explained that the County Prosecutor's Office will assist under a short-term contract to cover legal needs during the two-week gap.

Councilman Eades asked for clarification about the location of the new workforce housing project,

Mayor confirmed it would be on the former Hess property at Sharp Avenue and East High Street, across from the old Pulte property.

Councilman Eades also asked about the members appointed to the new Community Authority;

Mayor Closser confirmed he appointed Donovan Cooper

Paul Gross added that he, Derek Wilson, and John Stafford were also appointed.

Mayor also mentioned that there are discussions about the future of the Madison Messenger, which may be acquired by a new company.

Old Business

3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 142-25 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor A RESOLUTION authorizing the auditor to increase appropriations and transfer funds. The Police Department is purchasing a used unmarked vehicle

Councilwoman Treynor stated that she believes this is a request for a police unmarked vehicle, estimated at $12,000. She noted she does not know what type of vehicle it will be but suspects it will be unmarked and non-descript. She added that they are looking to increase the appropriation to acquire the vehicle for that purpose

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Hays, Eades, Stahl, Jackman, Treynor**
Against:	**1-**	**McDaniels**

RESOLUTION 143-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The city needs to install new street lights on High Street

Councilwoman Treynor stated that this is a request for $25,000 to install new light bars on existing street poles along High Street to improve dimly lit areas

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Hays, Eades, Stahl, Jackman, Treynor, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

ORDINANCE 146-25 Sponsored by: John Stahl AN ORDINANCE amending section 1268 of the codified ordinances

Councilman Stahl stated that this pertains to non-conforming signs, noting that any expansion or improvement must be approved by the Planning Commission

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Hays, Eades, Stahl, Jackman, Treynor, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

ORDINANCE 147-25 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor AN ORDINANCE amending section 242 of the codified ordinances

Councilwoman Treynor stated that Section 242 of the Codified Ordinances concerns user fees for emergency medical services or ambulance services provided by the Fire/EMS Department. She explained that these fees need to be adjusted to remain competitive with current rates. The proposed basic rates would be $900 for basic life support, $1,100 for advanced life support Level 1, $1,500 for advanced life support Level 2, and an $18 per mile fee. She noted that the existing ordinance language remains unchanged.

Councilman Eades commented that these have been the same rates since the City first began providing EMS service.

Mr. Castle added that while the rates themselves have not changed, the State Auditor advised that they need to be published in the Codified Ordinances.

Councilwoman Treynor further clarified that this legislation is just to publish the rates in the Codified Ordinances so they can be amended from time to time if needed.

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Hays, Eades, Stahl, Jackman, Treynor, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

RESOLUTION 148-25 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION revising job description. The Street Department is in need of revising several job descriptions

Councilman Eades stated that Clemans Nelson reviewed the job descriptions for the Street Department. He noted that some minor revisions were made, additional job duties were added, and the chain of command was clarified. He added that there were no issues from the Finance Committee regarding these changes

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Hays, Eades, Stahl, Jackman, Treynor, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

RESOLUTION 149-25 Sponsored by: John Stahl A RESOLUTION adopting the recommendations of the planning commission.

Councilman Stahl stated that this is for the community project that was discussed during the public session. He explained that it involves Betty Wilson and the area near Route 42, and is intended to benefit citizens over 55 years of age.

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Hays, Eades, Stahl, Jackman, Treynor, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

ORDINANCE 150-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt AN ORDINANCE authorizing the city to enter into the sustainable Ohio public energy council ("SOPEC"), The execution and delivery of the agreement establishing SOPEC and approving the bylaws of SOPEC

Councilman Eades stated that he agreed with Mr. Campana's earlier point that the City should have multiple choices to compare before making a final decision on the aggregation contract. He acknowledged that gathering bids and offers is a lot of work but felt there was still enough time before the October 31 deadline. He therefore moved to table the item until the first meeting in October so that council could compare options side by side and ensure they choose what is best for the City.

Mr. Castle responded with a word of caution, reminding Council that he would be stepping down soon and that the incoming Safety Service Director would be new and unfamiliar with this process. He explained that, in his experience, it typically takes two to three months to gather all the necessary information and complete the process, and delaying could leave the City without an aggregation contract, forcing residents to pay higher market rates for electricity. He added that the main concern seemed to be the administrative fee, but noted that industry averages support that the proposed rate is below normal, and emphasized that choosing a regulated, government-audited entity provides more reliability than a profit-driven company.

Councilman Eades raised a point of order that discussion on a motion to table is not debatable.

Councilwoman Treynor suggested instead leaving the item on the agenda for a fourth reading to ensure it stays on the radar. Eades responded that he did not want the supplier to feel obligated to appear at every meeting until a decision is made, and reiterated that his main goal is to confirm the City is choosing the best possible option.

Councilwoman Jackman asked what would happen if the City simply accepted SOPEC for a one-year commitment, giving them time to research alternatives without risking losing the group rate. Mr. Leppla explained that while a one-year term could theoretically be done, it would fall outside the

master supply agreement and would require advance notice under the bylaws to exit the main bundle. He clarified that SOPEC's standard agreement is for ongoing membership, not a fixed term, and communities can exit if they provide the required notice.

Councilwoman Treynor further clarified that as long as proper notice is given per the bylaws, the city could leave SOPEC at any time if a better option is identified, so signing a short-term agreement does not offer any real benefit. Mr. Leppla added that the administrative fee is just one small part of the overall rate, which is the more important factor for residents. Councilwoman Treynor then asked Mr. Campana whether his concerns were financial or philosophical, specifically questioning whether he opposed SOPEC's focus on green and renewable energy sources because of their perceived higher costs. Mr. Campana replied that his primary concern was simply making sure the City explores all its options thoroughly.

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**2-**	**Eades, McDaniels**
Against:	**3-**	**Treynor, Stahl, Jackman**
Abstain	**1-**	**Hays**

Leave for 4th reading

ORDINANCE 151-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt AN ORDINANCE approving the plan of operation and governance for the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC") Electric aggregation program, and for the purpose of jointly establishing and implementing an electric aggregation program.

Councilwoman Treynor stated that this should be left on while we research more options

Leave for 4th reading

2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 153-25 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. the City Council has recommended speed bumps and speed signs to alleviate speeding within the city

Councilwoman Treynor stated that this is a request to purchase speed bumps and solar-operated signs that are relocatable, in order to address speeders and unsafe traffic conditions

Leave for 3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 154-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt. A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The city would like to purchase stealth monitors to monitor traffic patterns and speed throughout the city

Councilman Eades stated that because there has been public input about speeding and dangerous drivers in neighborhoods, this issue was discussed and brought forward to consider purchasing stealth monitors. He explained that unlike the larger signs that display speeds and count vehicles, these stealth monitors sit discreetly by the road so drivers do not know they are being monitored, which provides a better read on the problem. He added that there was discussion about how many units to purchase, and the Chief expressed concern that they might be purchasing too many. Mr. Castle noted that the money can be appropriated without requiring the immediate purchase of multiple units; the department can start with one and expand from there if needed.

Councilwoman Treynor stated that the City currently has one stealth monitor and this appropriation would allow for four more to be purchased.

Councilman Hays said that he spoke to Chief and he would prefer to purchase one additional unit and leave the remaining funds available for other needs if necessary.

Mayor Closser clarified that the Chief did say he only wanted one more unit, but, addressing Councilman Hays's comment, emphasized that the appropriation must be used for the stated purpose. He explained that the money can be used to purchase a third or fourth unit if needed, but if the funds are not used, they will return to the General Fund at the end of the year.

Councilman Hays stated that was what he intended to convey, but he did not say it clearly at first. Leave for 3rd Reading

ORDINANCE 155-25 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor AN ORDINANCE adjusting the rate of curb assistance

Councilwoman Treynor stated that this request concerns trash collection rates, noting that current rates are very low. The proposed new rate would be $12.00, with exceptions for those who are handicapped or aged 65 and over, for whom service would remain free.

Mayor Closser clarified that curbside assistance for handicapped individuals and those 65 and older is currently free. This proposal affects only residents under 65 who are able-bodied. The current rate for these residents is $2.20.

A motion to amend was made by Councilman McDaniels to $20; however, there was no second, so the motion died

Leave for 3rd reading

New Business

ORDINANCE 157-25 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor AN ORDINANCE for strengths on job descriptions
Councilwoman Treynor explained that to accommodate the overlap of the Safety Service Post, this request includes a Sunshine Law provision requiring termination upon the stated date, as well as an emergency clause due to the start date being in a few weeks.

Mayor Closser stated that this arrangement allows for overlap from August 4th to 16th so the new Service Director can be onboarded, trained, and learn from Mr. Castle before his departure. He acknowledged the difficulty with overlap but noted that the new director will come in at a lower salary and likely won't need to return later to fill that salary line throughout the year. The final amount also depends on how much Mr. Castle can cash out for his remaining time. Since the Council does not meet again until after August 4th, the Mayor requested suspension of the rules for unanimous passage to facilitate a smooth transition. He invited any questions from Council members.

Councilman Eades asked Mr. Castle about his expected payout.

Mr. Castle responded that he does not believe he will qualify for much, estimating only a couple of days at most.

Mayor Closser added that it should balance out and hopefully there will be no need to use the salary line again.

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl, Jackman, Treynor**
Against:	**0-**	

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Hays, Eades, Stahl, Jackman, Treynor, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

RESOLUTION 158-25 Sponsored by: Rich Hays A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The City is funding the annual July 4th fireworks

Councilman Hays explained that the city needs to secure a fireworks company earlier than usual for the 250th anniversary of the United States, as many communities are booking shows well in advance for 2026. He noted the proposed amount is $40,000 to lock in a contract with the company the city has used for several years, and emphasized the need to act quickly due to high demand.

Mayor Closser added context, explaining that after this year's successful show, the company reached out to confirm the city's interest for 2026, warning that many new clients are booking shows because of the historic anniversary

Councilwoman Treynor asked for details about the existing relationship with Hamburg Fireworks

Mayor Closser explained that the city has worked with them for at least five or six years and has had good results. He shared his concern that if they do not contract soon, they risk losing their date as happened to another town previously.

Councilman Eades expressed support for locking in the show but preferred to keep the appropriation at the current level of $30,000, suggesting that additional funds could be raised through sponsorships or donations from local businesses who may want to help enhance the show for the special occasion. He emphasized that this approach could allow the city to plan a bigger display without increasing the budget burden on taxpayers.

Councilwoman Treynor asked whether the strong client relationship might secure the city's slot even at the lower amount

Mayor Closser indicated he has already asked Hamburg to pencil London in, but stressed the importance of having the contract signed and paid to guarantee the date. He noted that while the city typically signs fireworks contracts in January or February, this historic milestone warrants earlier action.

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Hays, Eades, Stahl, Jackman, Treynor, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion failed by the following vote:

Absent:	**1-**	**Hitt**
Affirmative:	**4-**	**Hays, Eades, Stahl, Jackman**
Against:	**2-**	**Treynor, McDaniels**

Leave for 2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 159-25 Sponsored by: Brent McDaniels A RESOLUTION to abolish the City of London recycling program

Councilman McDaniels opened the discussion by expressing concern for the city's struggling sanitation department, describing it as being in bad shape and needing significant repairs and funding to handle the city's growth. He asked if residents would still have options to recycle once the city's curbside recycling ends.

Mr. Castle explained there are a few possibilities, including partnering with Rumpke to place a container for residents to drop off recyclables or working with another company that currently serves Marysville, which allows non-residents to bring recycling to their site—an option that likely would not cost the city anything. When asked how much this would save, Mr. Castle noted it's difficult to quantify exactly, but emphasized that dumping recyclables costs about $1,800 per load, which is less than trash disposal. However, he added that about 50% of recyclables collected are contaminated and must be discarded with trash anyway, because the city lacks the manpower to sort them properly. He stressed that the biggest savings would come from reduced manpower, fuel, and wear and tear on equipment since sanitation workers currently run separate routes for trash and recycling, effectively doubling their trips and costs.

Councilman McDaniels agreed the recycling program had become a money pit rather than generating revenue as originally intended, and asked about how residents' trash cans would be used going forward.

Councilman Eades pointed out that ending curbside recycling wouldn't save money on dumping fees directly since recyclables are cheaper to dump than trash, but agreed that the main benefit is reducing strain on the department's limited trucks and crews.

Mr. Castle clarified that equipment breakdowns, not staffing, are the main reason they sometimes have to collect trash and recyclables together. He described how multiple trucks have been out of service simultaneously, forcing the department to combine routes just to stay on schedule.

Councilman McDaniels asked if the current trucks used for recycling would still be usable

Mr. Castle confirmed they use the same trucks for both trash and recycling now. He shared that a new truck is desperately needed, but the quote came back at $389,000 with a 12-month delivery timeline, which he said does little to address the department's immediate crisis. He noted they may need to look at purchasing a used truck instead, though the cost difference is minimal due to high demand.

Councilman McDaniels suggested that stopping recycling might help the city hold out longer with its current equipment.

Mr. Castle agreed it might help reduce wear and tear but emphasized that the department's equipment situation is critical and unpredictable, with trucks frequently breaking down despite being relatively new—two trucks are just five years old, yet already required major repairs like a full transmission replacement. He questioned whether age, usage, or maintenance is to blame but said maintenance logs show preventive checks are being done.

Councilwoman Treynor raised concerns about residents' frustration over losing curbside recycling without any clear alternative in place.

Mr. Castle responded candidly that the only true fix would be a $7 monthly rate increase to cover the costs of restoring reliable recycling pickup, but noted that previous small increases for water and sewer rates drew strong public backlash, so he doubted a larger hike would be well received. He pointed out that private trash collection would likely be more expensive than what the city currently charges.

Councilman McDaniels asked whether crews can identify contamination before picking up a bin, and Mr. Castle explained that with automated trucks, drivers can't check inside carts until they're dumped, so contamination often goes unnoticed until it's too late. He said that under the old

manual system, crews could check and leave non-compliant bins behind, but that model is no longer feasible due to staffing costs and modern equipment needs.

Councilwoman Treynor then asked whether privatizing the entire sanitation operation had been explored.

Mr. Castle said he's made calls and found the city's rates are competitive, though some private companies might offer slightly cheaper hauling—but would not handle customer billing, leaving that burden on the city.

Councilman McDaniels cautioned against fully outsourcing sanitation, pointing to problems that arose when the city outsourced water services in the past.

Mayor Closser acknowledged the concern and said they are trying to balance rising costs and aging equipment with the need to keep rates reasonable.

Mr. Castle added that while a rate increase could help cover new trucks and possibly more staff for manual pickups, the recent 3% increase in sanitation fees will not be enough to keep the department afloat long-term, especially with rising costs for equipment and operations. He pointed out that despite the increase, labor costs alone have risen faster with employee raises, and the only real savings they have seen lately is lower fuel costs.

Councilwoman Treynor asked how residents who complain about the recycling cut might feel about a rate increase to restore the service.

Mr. Castle acknowledged he fully expects an outcry at future meetings if a significant rate hike is proposed, noting that any such ordinance would likely go the full three readings to allow time for public input.

Round Table

Councilman Stahl commented that there is a lot of development coming in and out, which has led to discussions and some disagreements on certain matters.

Councilwoman Treynor announced that the production of *Oklahoma* by the Arts Council is this weekend and encouraged attendance, saying it is not to be missed.

Councilman Hays thanked city employees for their hard work and noted that the Fire Department's runs are up by 143 compared to last year. He praised Steve Saltsman as a great choice for his position, bringing valuable insight and experience. He congratulated Jennifer Hitt on her move, expressing regret at her departure but wishing her well, acknowledging the good job she has done. He also mentioned that Joe Mosier, a good friend, has stepped down and expressed his regret over that. He reminded everyone that the Safety Committee meeting will be held on August 12th at 6 p.m.

Councilman McDaniels thanked everyone who came out and expressed hope that the sanitation program can get back on track.

Councilman Eades appreciated all the comments and hearing both sides of the issues. He mentioned from the last meeting that the Fire Department needs fans and noted that they will accept and distribute fans to those who need them.

Mr. Castle requested guidance from the Council regarding preferences for aggregation companies.

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Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm

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

Matthew Edgington, Council Clerk

8/7/2025
Date

Joshua Peters, Council President

Date