Personnel, Budget and Finance Committee Agenda
May 11, 2020

City Hall Conference Room
20 S. Walnut Street
London, Ohio

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2020

Auditor's Update

Old Business

New Business

- Renewal of General Operating Levy
- Elimination of the .5% tax credit to individuals who work outside the city.

Department Head Updates

Schedule May Meeting

RESOLUTION 123-16
Sponsored by Rex Castle

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the City of London has a levy that expires at the end of 2016; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to place a renewal levy on the ballot for general operating expenses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONDON, STATE OF OHIO

SECTION I:

That the amount of taxes that may be raised by the General Operating Levy at the maximum rate authorized by R.C. Section 5705.02 on the taxable property in the City of London will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for necessary requirements of said City and it is necessary for the purpose of providing additional funds for current expenses, that a renewal of an existing levy of 2.1 mills on the taxable property of said City be levied for the period of five years at a rate in excess of such a maximum rate authorized by said R.C. Section 5705.02.

SECTION II:

That it is necessary to levy taxes for the duplicate years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 at the rate for each year of 2.1 mills on each dollar of the tax valuation of the taxable property within the City of London in excess of the rate authorized by said R.C. Section 5705.02. This tax is and will be levied at the same rate, 2.1 mills, as the existing levy being renewed.

SECTION III:

That the Clerk of this Council be and she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Madison County, Ohio in order that said Board of Elections of Madison County, Ohio, may take necessary arrangements for the submissions of such questions to the electors of said City as provided by law, and there is a City-Wide Election.

SECTION IV:

That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

ATTEST:

Arlene Duffey Clerk of Council	Jennifer J. Hitt President of Council

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Minutes

Committee members present: Chairperson, Brenda Russell, Joshua Peters and Carla Blazier
City representatives present: Safety Service Director, Joseph Mosier; Treasurer, Sue Mosier; Auditor, Kenna Combs; Chief Deputy Auditor, Kim Downing; City Council President, Henry Comer; City Council Member, Rich Hays and Executive Assistant, Amy Rees

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

The minutes of the April 6, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

AUDITOR'S UPDATE

- Financial reports are balanced through February.
- Plattenburg and Associates have begun preparing the State audit.
- Due to the financial impact caused by COVID-19, the remainder of the funds in the capital budget will only be appropriated as needed.

OLD BUSINESS - None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- Renewal of General Operating Levy
  - Mr. Mosier stated that it would be beneficial for the levy to be on the ballot in November so if it does not pass, more chances will be available to appeal to the voters.
  - Mrs. Blazier asked what the financial difference is between replacing the levy vs renewing it. Mr. Mosier stated that he would research the topic.
- .5% Income Tax Credit
  - The elimination of the .5% income tax credit was proposed - currently, 1280 individuals receive the credit and eliminating it would generate $287,616. The funds would be used to operate the Fire/EMS Department in lieu of asking for an increase in property taxes.
  - Mrs. Blazier stated that the .5% credit was promised and is concerned about repealing it.
  - Mrs. Russell stated that the credit was given several years ago, before any of the current Council members were serving and that they should consider what is in the best interest for the city now.
  - Mrs. Russell will be inviting all City Council members to attend the June 8 Finance Committee meeting to discuss this further.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES – Joseph Mosier

LPD

- Sergeant Keith Akers has retired. To fill his position, a Sergeant promotional test was given on May 1. Two out of six officers that took the test passed. An Assessment Center evaluation is scheduled for May 16. Mr. Mosier stated that a promotion will occur within 30 days.
- Officer Zachary Livers was hired and began May 11, 2020.
- A previously scheduled civil service test, for a dispatcher position, has been postponed.

LFD/EMS

- Chief Eades is requesting quotes on repairing the HVAC system at Station 361.

BPU

- **Wastewater** - Superintendent Dan Leavitt has retired and Foreman Zach Bedard has resigned. Jerry Ussher, a class 4 operator, was hired to replace Mr. Leavitt. Chris Chadwell and Josh Rice, both currently working in the Street Department will transfer to the Wastewater Department.
- **Water** – Dan Levalley, currently working in the Sanitation Department will be transferring to the Water Department.
- **Sanitation** – Currently hiring for a sanitation truck driver.

Street

- Currently hiring for a Maintenance Worker I position.
- Footers have been poured for the new bridge on Park Avenue. The box structure will be delivered May 14.
- Concrete curbs will be poured this week.

Parks & Recreation

- Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the department is currently not hiring lifeguards for the pool season or additional staff to mow.
- A decision has not been made about opening the pool for the summer season.
- The adult softball leagues will be cancelled. Weekend tournaments may be organized in lieu of summer leagues.

Administration

- Summer events postponements and cancellations will be discussed at the Service Committee meeting on May 13 with a public announcement following.

The next Personnel, Budget & Finance Committee meeting will take place on June 8, 2020 at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Brenda Russell

Brenda Russell, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by Amy Rees