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20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
February 19, 2026, at 6:30 pm
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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

President Pro Tem Eades – Before we get started, just a note. President Peters is attending the London Red Raiders basketball game. His daughter's a senior. And if you don't know, there's a number two seat in the district. They went 21 wins and one loss this year. So, they're playing in half an hour, when they start, at 7 o'clock. So, he won't be able to attend tonight.

Present – *President Pro Tem Eades, Councilwoman Jackman, Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt, Councilwoman Treynor, Councilman Boyd, Councilman Stahl*

Absent – *President Peters*

Minutes – Approval of February 5, 2026, minutes, approved by unanimous vote

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements –

President Pro Tem Eades - I did communicate with Mid-Ohio. We had the brown water, the slightly tinged water, a couple of weeks ago. That was an item of discussion. I saw it in my house, and I sent an email to them. I was just curious about the communication. They did respond. I've sent that to all the council members. Mr. Saltsman was included in their response. I did not include him in my initial email, but they included him in the response. And I did invite Mid-Ohio if they wanted to come tonight. I don't see anybody here. They've also invited me and any other council members who want to come to the Mid-Ohio meeting, which is going to be on March 3rd. So, the first Tuesday of the month, which will be March 3rd. 1 p.m. Here, if anybody wants to attend the Mid-Ohio meeting. Just to let you know.

Audience Concerns

Jeremiah Campana, 117 South Union Street. I just wanted to take a quick moment to address a comment made by Councilman Stahl at the last meeting. He noted that concerns about growth, people not wanting London to become the next Hilliard, are perhaps overstated. Pointing out that Hilliard's expansion took 50 years, and most of us won't be here to see if London follows suit. Councilman Stahl, I appreciate your perspective and your effort to provide historical context. However, this view overlooks the very real anxieties many residents in this town are feeling today. There are legitimate concerns about infrastructure, as Councilman Boyd has raised, and I believe Mr. Eades has even mentioned on one or two occasions. And there are worries about preserving the unique

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character of this town. Concerns I think deserve a little more respect than a simple dismissal. We're not just worried about 50 years from now; we're concerned about the immediate impacts of rapid growth on schools, roads, and quality of life. Dismissing these fears is something only future generations have to worry about; it risks alienating the people who make London what it is right now. Let's commit to taking these concerns seriously and planning with the input that we've already gathered from the comprehensive plan. Growth can be positive if we guide it thoughtfully, listening to residents every step of the way. Thank you for your time and dedication to our community.

Committee Reports

Public Service Committee –

Councilman Hitt - I also attended the Service Committee meeting, and I'll give the Street Department's report. It has several things on here that they were involved with throughout the month, but I'll just highlight a few. He worked on the heater on the Dodge truck. He worked on the brakes on the F-250. They plowed and salted multiple times. They repaired the plows multiple times. They held the snow out of the downtown area. And then also coming forward tonight is an ODOT paving project, and he also mentioned which was brought to service, and finance was needing a dump truck was needed, and we discussed the amount of funds to go towards street repair for this coming year. And then just in general, there was some sanitation discussion, and Steve Saltsman was going to start the bidding process this past Friday. I assume you started that. And then other stuff is coming forward with legislation tonight. The next Service Committee meeting is on March 10th at 5 o'clock in the room next door.

Councilman Boyd - Got to attend the Public Service Committee, and report for the Parks and Recreation. So, first off, they're changing some prices on the pool this year. Day pass is going from \$5 to \$7. U Sports, we still have the spring volleyball registration at \$85 a person. Come on out. That's getting signed up. We are looking for applications for concessions and the front desk for the pool this year. Some lifeguards, and the applications are online. I will say that was my favorite job through high school as a lifeguard. And so, going out, give it a try. Pickleball, we are getting the contractor set up for getting that installed this spring, hopefully once the weather starts looking better. And we should be getting that parking lot hopefully expanded over there. So, I have kind of been hoping to see that over by the pool and make that a little bigger to offer a little extra space for the pool and the pickleball individuals that would like to enjoy that. And that's most of what's going on with the pool. Public service, we have a couple of things coming up. One item that we said we wouldn't be able to do, unfortunately, was a newsletter kind of thing to print off for the front desk of the City Hall and maybe the Senior Center. And after going to another meeting within the kind of community last night, it was interesting to hear how some of those items that they'd like to broadcast, they don't have a way to broadcast. And so, it might be one more reason for us to look into maybe offering that newsletter to give some of the smaller groups a little more voice in the city. That's all.

Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Hays – Attended Public Safety Committee meeting on February 10th. Called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Roll call. All three members were present. We had approval of the minutes, a 3-0 vote on the January 13th minutes. As you heard, Mr. Hayes gave the fire and EMS report, and Mr. Stahl gave the police report. Under Safety Service Director, he

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asked the Safety Committee to take a vote for purposes of sending to the Finance Committee a request for \$150,000 for contingency costs related to weather costs, plus additional groundwork that's being done for sanitary lines and storm drains, which could require additional stabilization. And then the parking lot, do you have the same things going on with the parking lot? There was a motion on the floor to do the vote, and we voted 3-0 to send it to the Finance Committee. Under New Business, there was none. Under Old Business, there was none. There was no public comment. We adjourned at 6:12 p.m. The next Public Safety Service meeting will be on March 10th, 6 p.m., in the room next door.

Councilman Stahl – I attended the Public Safety Committee briefing on February 10th. I had the police report. Building construction is progressing with another delay experienced due to the winter storm. This pushed the expected completion to July. However, Elford is looking forward to possibly making up time to complete the project in mid-June, the previously scheduled completion date. We had three applicants who are currently in the process of admission screening for the basic academy to start in March. There is currently one open position, and we have three officers on restricted duty or leave status. We're still accepting lateral entry officers. There are only five reported vehicles left in the snow emergency route during the winter storm, and only three required tows for noncompliance. They appreciate the efforts of the residents in complying with the parking restrictions. LPD handled several courtesy transports, disabled vehicles, and minor crashes during the storm's 24-hour period. One cruiser was damaged by an officer striking a wayward dumpster in an alley off of South Union Street. Chief Nicol participated in a book reading with the children at Fairhaven School, and the new MTD ordered last year to comply with the software updates that have been received and are in the process of being programmed and fitted for the cruisers.

Councilman Hitt - I attended the Public Safety Committee meeting, and I'll give the Fire Chief's report. As far as EMS, there was training in pediatric advanced life support and also in training in advanced cardiac life support. As far as fire training, there was a new part-timer orientation. They hosted several students for ride time for Tolles and Grant paramedic class. They had preventative maintenance on rescue tools, and they inventoried the supply rooms.

Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee –

President Pro Tem Eades - I also attended that. I'll just give you a couple more quick things. Thank you for that. As Lisa said, most of these things are going to come before the Council tonight. There are a couple of things that we didn't discuss that I'm going to bring up. We have one piece of legislation in front of us tonight to transfer \$1,600 from an unused fund that we can take care of. However, there are still three funds out there that haven't been used in many, many years, and we have to have the law director. We gave the law director authorization to talk to the county, because to take these funds, we can't just do that. The county auditors actually have a say in this. So, we have to have the county auditor check off because we have three funds that, between the three of them, equal almost \$180,000 of money that's been sitting there unused for years. So hopefully that process happens, and then we'll be able to come back and have some extra money that we can use for things later. The only other thing that I'm going to add to that for the Finance Committee is that we did get the tax report. For the month, only the month of January, the general fund collected \$504,184, which was actually up \$18,000 from last year, which was about 3.7% difference. The fire income tax of half a percent collected \$252,092. That's up by 12,000 and changed from last year, which is about a 5%

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increase. These will go up and down every month, but by the end of the year, we'll have a really good handle on how things are.

Councilwoman Jackman – I was able to attend the Finance Committee meeting on February 10th. Most of the things we discussed are coming up in legislation tonight. The Auditor's Update, the January books are closed, and the month-to-date revenue was \$1,266,384.67. Expenses for the month were \$2,767,629.48. And our next meeting will be on March 10th at 6:30 pm.

Councilwoman Treynor - Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend finance, so I'll have to pass this time.

City Official Reports

Mayor Closser – not in attendance

Director Saltsman – We talked about the police building, so if you have been able to go by in the daytime, you see there's quite a bit of exterior work going on. Brickwork along Walnut Street is really coming along and is starting to show the real essence of the building, so looking good. Roof insulation is being installed. I believe they've got most of the roof system tied in, which is allowing the work inside. That's a big plus, both for the heat and also to start working on the interior of it. Storm sewer tie-in began last week, and they've been doing a lot this week with the idea or the hope is that by the end of next week, we'll have the stormwater retention, which is in this grass area between the two buildings. That should be received and installed. We did run into a problem, so I talked about concerns with the underground. When the company was doing this dig-in last, well, at the beginning of this week, so between coming off the first street as it comes towards our property, they did run into additional underground things, so largely it's the debris from the previous building. I did talk to the law director today, so I bring that up more of a point. We've talked in the past about passing that on to see if the company that was responsible for filling in last time is compliant with their contract. So hopefully we'll be able to find something. Again, if legally we're entitled to funding back from that or from that bond, hopefully we'll be able to address that later. The interior works, so they have started on some of the interior electrical rough-in, and I think the central fire system was supposed to be brought in this week to start installing wiring for fire alarm systems, things like that, which are all important because then the next thing is installation and start the drywall. The planned completion is still, I think it's July 6th, but I think, Rich, as you said, that they're pushing hard to try to get back in that June realm for a substantial completion date. Street department, so one of the projects on tonight is for the street ODOT paving. Try this again, ODOT paving project. So, we had street department out with a vendor assessing the ADA curbs, and that would be specifically along Center Street to Lafayette. Even if they're ADA, under the ODOT, when there's federal monies involved, you have to bring them up to federal compliance. So, they were up checking those today. Hopefully we'll have an estimate of what that cost is going to be. That part of the funding is, again, ours. It's not part of the \$300,000 that we pay for the federal money, but it is ours to fix. And then we talked last week, or I guess last week in the previous council, about the snow emergency. Late last week we were notified by Madison County EMA that Madison County was one of 15 counties in Ohio that had record or near record snowfalls, or we could be adjacent to a county, for the January 24th to 27th snowstorm, the winter snowstorm. That may make us eligible for federal disaster funding. So, I had completed, with the assistance of a number of others within the city, doing a public

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assistance damage assessment form and submitted that to Madison County EMA two days ago. I think they had to add that into the state today. This is the first step of the process to see if we'll be eligible for any reimbursement for costs that we put out. So, I think the number I put was around \$40,000 roughly, and that would cover everything from overtime, truck use, salt, things like that. And we were only allowed to hit a continuous 48-hour period, not the whole storm, but we had to pick a 48-hour period of time. So, any luck that will go through, and we'll be able to recoup some of those costs that we had. Sanitation department, so as I mentioned in there, last Friday we met with North Central Soloway District to come up with initial thoughts on what the bid would be. I do not have a draft yet. We talked about several things that we expected to see on it, and one thing we did discuss was timelines. I'm going to mention that the timeline discussed was probably no earlier than July, but there are still a lot of things that have to be discussed about that. There are some things in the timeline, notifications we have to do. There are other processes. So, we'll start working on a more definitive time period. I honestly don't see it being any earlier than July, though. That's for the bids themselves to go out or to get the bids back? That would be for the final thing. So, once it's advertised, we have a period that it has to go out, which I think the minimum is two weeks. We'll advertise it longer than that. We'll leave at least four weeks, maybe longer, for companies to look at the bids. And then after that comes in, we assess it. But there's going to be a little bit of time period, depending on who gets the contract and how long they can, what will it take for them to hire people, get the equipment in place, and start. So we'll have to work those as part of that. I don't see – just working the numbers backwards, I don't see any faster than July. One requirement I know we have to have is a 60-day notification to the employees. So obviously, we don't want to do that until we're set in time, and we know about where we're at with that, we would be ready to put a contract in place. The only other thing I think I have is Parks and Recreation, another piece of legislation to add to AFC, ability to put in for grants. And they are going after an AARP grant for about \$15,000 that would help with additional things. Tom, you talked about the pickleball area. So, it would be some funding up to \$15,000 that would help do some of that. That grant, I looked at it for several other things I don't think it was going to be applicable for, but that's 100% grant, no city money involved. So, if we can obtain any of that, that would be nice. I think we have to put that in by March, but I don't think we would actually be notified until December. So realistically, that would be improvements made next year.

Old Business

2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 106-26 Sponsored by: Tom Boyd
An ordinance vacating an alley

- Public Hearing scheduled for March 19, 2026

Councilman Boyd - And we said this will have a public hearing on March 19th coming up. So more on it then.

President Pro Tem Eades - So more on it then. Just a little addition to that. I had asked the mayor before because I thought there was some type of action taken either by the planning commissioner or building and zoning. If that were the case, he did respond very quickly. There was a property application requesting a conditional use permit at 105 West High Street, which is where this is. Not that it matters for this necessarily, but there's that one house across the street from Speedway. And my concern, quite honestly, was, you know, we're going to maybe give them some space there or vacate that alley. And

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someone's bought the property, and it looks like it's in worse shape than when they bought it. And that's mostly the wind taking all the siding off, because they put a new roof on the place. I was just concerned about that. So, they had been approved. There's nothing that's going to be pending from the building, the BZA committee. So, just giving you all an update, because I asked the mayor for that information before. So, as Mr. Boyd said, there will be a public hearing scheduled for March 19th, 2026.

Director Saltsman - Unless I'm wrong, I think that the owners of that 105, 107 are the same people who applied for this. I did go back and look at that. So, the owner, that's a 105, 107. It's a double. And that I believe that's the same people who applied for the alley vacation. I did check that after you talked last meeting.

President Pro Tem Eades - So they did. And then the Flax building, that's the two properties that abut that alley. And I didn't even know there was an alley there. Honestly, it's been grown over for so long. It just looks like it was part of somebody's yard.

New Business

President Pro Tem Eades - If you didn't notice, each council member has our packages. 119 is the last piece of legislation in there. However, it was replaced just earlier today with another, cleaned-up version of 119-26. I don't think it changed anything other than to have the correct dates. Were there any other changes there? Okay. So, the emergency clause was added to that. And did that actually come through? Was that supposed to be added at the time?

Clerk Miller – *(This comment was later found incorrect.)* All I know is Janelle sent it to me, saying that she forgot to add the emergency clause to it. So, I'm assuming it was supposed to be originally on there since she told me she had to, but she forgot to add that.

Director Saltsman - I can add a comment to that. So, we, we originally did in committee, asked for that to be an emergency clause. That legislation, you'll see it's different from our normal that was provided by ODOT, and all the other information had to be verbatim. And she had left that emergency clause out. We did ask for it in our meeting on Wednesday to make sure it was listed for the emergency clause.

President Pro Tem Eades - I thought that it had been, had come through committee that way. However, we have 119-26. Also has to do with that. If anybody would like to move one 119-26. To fall in after 109-26, just so we can take two pieces back-to-back. If you want to do that, we can do that. And if not, we'll just hit it at the end of the meeting. Like we are set right now.

Motion to move RESOLUTION 119-26 after RESOLUTION 109-26 by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 107-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

A resolution increasing appropriations - The Street Department would like to purchase a dump truck.

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Councilwoman Jackman - This resolution would allow the street department to replace its 2008 dump truck. By providing \$275,000 for them to buy a new dump truck.

President Pro Tem Eades - Mr. Saltsman, you know, are we, would it be the intent of the street department to then replace that and get rid of the old piece of equipment?

Director Saltsman - Yes. So, the 2008 international is old and in, in, in failing health. We are looking to replace it with a 25 or 26. We can look new. We are going to look at the state term. They'll make that a little bit easier and quicker. A dump truck, a plow. The salt box and a light package. We're trying to look at everything together. And then, with the intent to sell the old truck, the new trucks were received by auction.

President Pro Tem Eades - And for those on the committee, did that come out of committee at \$250,000? Was that discussed, but we changed it at finance to \$275,000. There may have been further commitment or consideration on that.

Councilman Hitt - Yeah. I think, I believe it was \$250,000, but, um, it was changed to \$275,000 in finance.

President Pro Tem Eades - Okay. I knew the Finance Committee approved to bring that to the council tonight at \$275,000.

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 108-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution increasing appropriations. The City has roads that need to be repaired.

President Pro Tem Eades - So for the last two years, two years ago, we, um, in the long-term was 961,000 dollars. We threw it repairing streets last year was 500,000. The Finance Committee would like to, again, authorize \$500,000 to continue the repairs on the streets that we were responsible for, the state routes that the state's responsible for. We are responsible for the side streets. Um, someone asked me today what streets got hit. There is a list. I don't have that in front of me. I don't know if, oh look, Mr. Saltsman has a list. Okay. Well, there is a proposal for Mr. Uh, from Strawser, or to Mr. Long.

Director Saltsman - Those are the previous ones. Greg, not, not the current. That's what we previously did.

President Pro Tem Eades - This is from 2024. So that was \$897,000. And there was a number of streets. I'm going to guess it's probably. I don't remember what the number was. I've looked at it before. Fairview Antietam, Andrew Court, East Garfield, Graceland, uh, Wesley, Oxley, Tolan, Mound, Jenkinson, Sherman, West High Street. There are all of these streets on this list. These were hit in 2024, and it was, and I don't understand what some of these things are, uh, crack seal and micro at 24 pounds, crack seal only Cape seal, uh, micro 22 pounds, Cape seal with a fiber mat. So, there were different types of repairs that they did on the streets that year. Uh, last year was very similar to that, but fewer of them because we only spent 500,000 last year compared to the \$961,000 that had been approved the year before. However, we still have lots of streets that need repair.

Director Saltsman - And the only thing to add to that is again, the street superintendent reinforced that this is not full depth replacement. Um, these are only maintaining or keeping them to make them longer in longevity. So there, we know there are streets that need to be replaced. Uh, I do believe the 4th Street project we had approved

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previously, that'll be a full depth, but, uh, this is to keep our streets from getting into that deteriorated state.

Councilman Hitt - And we also discussed in the Service Committee meeting, uh, the nature of the repairs, and it'll be chip chips put down and then micro seal over top of that. So, I know there were some issues last year, people having a lot of gravel in their streets and complaining, but the idea is to put down the chips and let those settle some, and then put the micro seal over top of that. And I believe last year it was done the next day.

Director Saltsman - And I believe last year it was done the next day. Some of them I've seen before, um, several years, three or four years ago, they did North Madison. They did the seal that day they came back with the, uh, the chip. And then the next day, they came back and sealed it over and eliminated those. But yeah, it's, so it's similar to that old chip that used to be done, but they come back with a micro seal. I think that's what it's called over and afterwards. It seals it in.

Councilman Boyd - Do we do any of those streets ourselves, or all of that through them?

Director Saltsman - Those, that is all through a contractor. And I don't want to misstate, but I believe, like when we're doing it, they're typically minor repairs, patching. We'll do some minor repair work, and not to this extent, these are full streets in that.

Councilman Boyd - And that's where I was a little curious with last year's cause, I don't see Lafayette on that street list of what was hit last year. However, I do believe I remember that Lafayette had it hit quite well. And so that was kind of a curiosity of mine.

Director Saltsman - Okay. So that I get the street for last year.

President Pro Tem Eades - Um, that was probably the Dura patcher that they took out on Lafayette Street, which we do. And so that's, we'll do our own cracks and use the Dura patch or take out smaller areas, but I don't think it was on the list, Strawser, or had done the work in 24. I think they got the contract last year, too. Um, so, and Lafayette being a state route, this is why ODOT takes care of that also.

Director Saltsman - So the only other comment is Lafayette will be on the repair for this year for the paving. Like that'll be a complete paving project.

Councilman Boyd - Yeah. And that's kind of what, yeah. I was interested in having that this year, but I know we put that down last year. And so it was kind of curious on that, uh, from Public Service kind of thinking on this one, first off would be with us having the construction going on for the resurfacing of Lafayette and 42 and 38 this year, you know, will this conflict with that going on or add maybe an amount of traffic and delays in the city that we wouldn't want for the year.

Director Saltsman - Both projects. We want the same time. Uh, that's a good question. I can't specifically answer it, but I do think we'll have some control over the timing and could probably make sure that, uh, so I'm looking into it. You want to make sure we're not pushing people from this project into another. I think we can, you know, we'll have some control of that. Our control of the paving will be limited. Uh, I know they're going to sell the bid coming up in March, April. We have to have our sidewalks done. Maybe they would be working on that in May, trying to schedule it, but we should know what that schedule is, and we can work with Strawser, or I think it's who we're, we'll target again this year to do that repair. So, that was, that's a valid question.

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Councilman Boyd - I was going to ask, uh, does it go out for bid, or is this one because we put it out there? How does that work? Where we don't have to put this to bed.

Director Saltsman - I'll have to verify that this, this may be work. It's on the state contract. If not, it would be over the threshold and have to go to bed.

President Pro Tem Eades - So the reason why this has an emergency clause is the paving companies. They've already lined up for work. The longer we wait to allow this to happen, the further back it pushes us, maybe in the next year. So, there's always that concern. And someone asked me today, and I said, you know, this is something we probably could have started at the very first meeting in January, just to allow the process to happen, to get on the list. So, this one does have an emergency clause.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 109-26 Sponsored by: Tom Boyd

A resolution increasing appropriations. The City needs to pay their share of the ODOT project for State Route 42/38

Councilman Boyd - This is increasing appropriations for \$379,000 and this is for the city's input on the job that is being done 42 to 38 this is 20% of the coverage did we get that downright all right and so I think that's around 1.3 million the state's putting in and this would be our chunk of it to help get that all resurfaced and paved.

Councilman Hitt - That's for 38 and 42, correct?

Director Saltsman - Yeah, that'll be the Center Street going down that way and then Lafayette from yeah Elm to yeah basically sitting in limits. We have we have a deadline of I think it's February 27th. We have to give them the resolution acceptance, and then I think the I think I may have an invoice or the invoice when I notify them that it passed there. The reason part of the reason this was delayed, the woman at ODOT that was transferring the information resigned and took a new job when it was passed. It didn't come to me, I missed it, and then to the committee, I think I got it actually, the day before I talked to the Finance Committee.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 119-26 Sponsored by: Tom Boyd
State resurfacing project for Lafayette (SR 42), Elm St (SR 38), and Center St (SR 665), curb and crosswalk improvements.

Councilman Boyd - You covered it pretty much right to the T. It is going over the same things, it is covering the liability we have for covering these sidewalk ramps, if there are any Mr. Saltsman already kind of went over all that and how they're getting that number together one part that I do think and what I was a little bit against the other 500,000 is that with this going through I do think we need to look into our storm sewer and making sure everything is in order over there I know we've got one by Amherst that is a bit collapsed we've got the one that has a hole over by CVS right now and so just making sure hey we're not having too many extra funds or costs popping up while that's getting done.

President Pro Tem Eades - That's a fair point, and I know the one that you're talking about right there at the Y, where Elm splits right before you get to that, is a whole another one actually, Channey and Thomas, not that, but that has cones on it right now, is that part of this project extended to that point since we're going down to Elm Street, or is that...?

Director Saltsman - I don't know if it's part of that project it will that repair won't be we discussed that at the Service Committee we actually ready to repair that in the fall that's going to take coordination has to have concrete poured in the bottom when they pull out the storm sewer but we also have to have a paving contractor the same day as it dries so when they had it we had the paving contractor set up we got our first snow so it will be hit very first thing in spring as soon as the weather's good so that repair will happen and that's been deteriorating for a couple years the more the trucks go over the one up at Amherst that you'd sent earlier today I'm not familiar with that one that's a different one yeah I would like to point out I believe though the funding mechanisms for storm sewer and the streets are different funding mechanisms so we have storm sewer funds correct that are set aside I don't think they're competing for the same funds necessarily.

Councilman Boyd - it was just, yeah, if anything, they might run into...

Director Saltsman - I don't know, yeah, we so we would have to make that repair on that Lafayette, and like we'd want to have that repair done first for sure before the pavement.

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

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

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

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Treynor, Boyd

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Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 110-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

A resolution authorizing the auditor to increase appropriations and transfer funds. The contingency funds are almost depleted, and additional funds are needed to complete the project.

Councilwoman Jackman - This one is due to the soil stability problems we've had at the new police station. We have \$23,000 left in the fund that could be used for. expect some more issues when we get ready to pave the parking lot and also the storm sewer is being installed there may be some issues there that with the soil stability that will need to be remedied and \$23,000 won't be enough to cover that so we are requesting to transfer a \$150,000 to add to that and that way it will be ready once it's needed It's my understanding if we don't utilize all of it goes back into the is it the general fund?

Director Saltsman - It would have to be transferred back. There's a process that the other would have to go but then it could be transferred. A fund to be used for the debt service. So, if I can't add to that, then when I spoke earlier about the police building, them finding that the soil they are doing that in. So, keep in mind it's not the same as the structure we had all those issues with, where they had to go down 16 feet. It costs us a lot more. It looks like this could be enough. It would be some additional removal. They had to tear the concrete, but they're gonna do it on time and material concept, which will keep it a lot cheaper, and then we'll just see when it gets over to the other part of the grass where it's at. So hopefully be cheaper, but this would give us the ability. The problem is with contingency funds if you run into no issue, and we have to stop the project to come back to the council to get approval. We're paying administrative costs over and over. So, I agree. I hope that cost doesn't go beyond there, that we're under it, and then we can work to transfer the funds to use for debt service.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 111-26 Sponsored by: Rich Hayes

A resolution authorizing the auditor to increase appropriations and transfer funds. The fire department needs to replace their turnout gear.

Councilman Hays - Fire Departments requesting have to have new turnout gear, and being a former volunteer fireman, that is an absolute thing that you have to have. It does wear out. The thing we're doing here would be we're just transferring funds, as I understand it. Is that correct? Okay, so we have to transfer them from one to the other. The amount of \$41,000.

President Pro Tem Eades - For clarification, that is from the Fire Department, one fund that

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they have to their capital fund, which isn't generally funded that way, so we're just transferring, and once again, there is an emergency clause on this piece of legislation.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 112-26 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt
A resolution authorizing the auditor to increase appropriations and transfer funds.
The fire department needs to replace their tablets.

Councilman Hitt - So this is a transfer from the fire department's general fund to capital to purchase tablets, which are out of date. In the amount of \$31,000.

Director Saltsman -this is similar to the police. We did a couple, I think right before the end of the year, the tablets are out of compliance with both CGIS and leads well, I guess leads didn't apply here, but the dispatch program, they cannot be updated if something goes wrong there, they're out, so this will bring them into compliance.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 113-26 Sponsored by: John Stahl
A resolution authorizing the auditor to increase appropriations and transfer funds.
The fire department needs to purchase new MARCS radios before they are no longer serviceable.

Councilman Stahl - The Fire Department needs to purchase new MARCS radios before they are no longer serviceable.

President Pro Tem Eades - We did apply for a grant, but did not receive grant money. But this is necessary. Mr. Saltsman, would you like to add to this conversation?

Director Saltsman - Yes, so the MARCS radio system is a statewide system operated by the state of Ohio. Each county has its own designated area that puts all critical communications

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on the same type of system. We have our own individual channels and the current radios we have that complete system in the next six years, will be this equipment we're talking about, will be completely phased out. So same system, but it will no longer be able to be used on that system, as it moves forward. So, we're trying to get ahead of the game instead of replacing everything at once, you know. The idea of the grants we did apply for a MARCS grant, there was, I think, it was like 20 times the amount asked for, that what was granted through the State Fire Marshal. So, we'll continue to look for these grants, but instead of waiting till it's all once, we want to purchase a little bit at a time. I do want to add something that wasn't in our committee meeting. I found out today, so currently we have enough radios for our on-duty first responders, but we do not have them in the backup trucks, which would be a critical element. If we're out on a fire and off-duty personnel come in, take the ladder to a downtown fire or a second incident or something like that, there are not enough radios to put them in all those positions. So, these radios in that short period of time would help with the extra position, at least those in charge, like on those vehicles.

Councilman Boyd - Did we have a price on that I think the price?

Director Saltsman - I think the price I have listed is at \$30,000.

President Pro Tem Eades - Once again, this is not from the general fund; it's from the fire general fund, basically, to their capital funded so it's within their funds to do it.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 114-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution decreasing appropriations. The budget needs to be adjusted to equal the fund balance.

President Pro Tem Eades - This one's a fun one because we're actually going to decrease a fund by quite a bit of money, and this is why the auditor gets to speak tonight to explain why we're going to decrease the fund.

Auditor Combs – So, this is a result of preparing the budget before the end of the year. The budget's prepared and sent to finance in September/October, and it goes its course through three readings at council. Invoices for the police project still had to be paid, so it was a guesstimate of what we're gonna have in the fund on the line for 2026. Now that we've closed out the year and I know an exact figure, we're just gonna make a recommendation to decrease that line. So, it doesn't look like we have excess funds to spend on that project.

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President Pro Tem Eades - So clarification, we're decreasing it by \$2,054,313.52, or we're decreasing it so that is the number that remains?

Auditor Combs - We're decreasing it to match the fund balance.

President Pro Tem Eades - And the fund balance is?

Auditor Combs - Well, there are things encumbered right now, too.

President Pro Tem Eades - It's just confusing because it's a number that we're decreasing, but we're removing that much money from this hypothetical number, or we're taking it down to this number?

Auditor Combs - We're taking it down to the fund balance so that the available funds on the expense line match exactly what's available in the fund to spend. \$1,188,237 in that fund right now, so not on the line. We have to decrease the line because there's well over 1.1 million dollars on the line.

President Pro Tem Eades - All right, if you followed that, good for you. This is why you had to come tonight, no matter what. That's a confusing thing, but it's it makes sense that we don't want to leave more money in there than what we need. If it's not going to be necessary, there is no emergency clause on this. What is your preference, Mrs. Auditor?

Auditor Combs – I mean, if you want to amend it to add the emergency, the sooner that figures accurately, I would appreciate but that's up to you guys.

Councilman Hays - Do us all a favor and explain the term encumbered?

Auditor Combs - Encumbered is when essentially the department head or Steve gets an invoice, and he enters a requisition and has a planned payment for that project. Those funds are held for a specific invoice.

Councilman Hays - So that may set aside for a certain invoice, it's coming to do or coming up?

Auditor Combs – Correct

Councilman Hays – I couldn't explain it any better myself, thank you.

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

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

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

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

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RESOLUTION 115-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution to transfer remaining balances from fund 235 to the general fund.

President Pro Tem Eades - In 2014, the Cops Fast grant was over. This was federal money to help pay for police officers. It started well before that, but in 2014, that ended, and when it ended, we had \$1,460.98 left in that account. That has been sitting in that account since 2014. This will allow us to remove this and take this money and put it in our general fund. Correct?

Auditor Combs – Correct

President Pro Tem Eades - I'm glad I got it right. There is not an emergency clause. It's not that big of a deal. It's been sitting there for 12 years at this point, so we can leave it on if we'd like to.

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 116-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution to adjust the city's capital asset threshold from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00

President Pro Tem Eades - This is the second reason why our auditors here, because this appears to be a little confusing. Also, this has any this is an accounting function that if we raise the threshold, it takes a few less things that you have to account for, is that correct? within that threshold, by raising this, then you're not counting every pencil and every eraser that we own.

Auditor Combs – Correct, it just changes the threshold for our asset tracking, so high-dollar items that the city likes to track. You know how long we have had the item, what its value is currently, and what the depreciation has been since it was purchased, considering the cost and increase of everyday life. This was a suggestion essentially from our municipal advisors to qualify for this, the city would have to prove that at least 80% of our assets currently are \$10,000 or more, and the city met that threshold; we actually met 97% of those assets that cost more than \$10,000.

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 117-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

A resolution authorizing the safety service director, the mayor and department heads to apply for various grants

Councilwoman Jackman - I think that's pretty self-explanatory, but this would just speed up the process and allow the department heads to apply for the grants as long as the Safety Service Director approves, they're applying for that particular grant.

President Pro Tem Eades - We did it last year but it's not an ongoing thing and before that we did not in the Safety Service Director would have to get legislation come to council for every piece and ask for permission to do this this speeds the process up sometimes those grants come available or notification comes available and you only have a few days to apply so this will allow the mayor and Safety Service Director and department heads with written approval to do that. Is that correct?

Director Saltsman - That is correct, we can apply for the grants if we are awarded the grant,

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and we come back to the council for the approval to accept.
President Pro Tem Eades – This piece does have an emergency clause on it so that we don't have to wait if anything comes up.

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE 118-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades
An ordinance for strengths on job descriptions

President Pro Tem Eades - So every time we make a change to our job or our strength ordinance we do have to go through this process we had left the dispatcher spots on there since last year although we added I believe at that point the clerk's positions but we still had dispatchers at that point all we're doing at this point is removing the dispatchers full-time positions from this list I did ask if we expected any other changes not at this time.

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

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 5- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman
Against: 2- Boyd, Treynor

Leave for 2nd reading

Round Table

Councilwoman Jackman - I don't have anything, so thank you.

Councilman Hays – I want to thank all of our city employees for doing their jobs very well. Again, I want to come back to the gentleman who collects our trash and things. Sanitation Department, I know it was absolutely terrible out there doing that job, and I commend them for that. Also, our safety services. They're out in all kinds of weather. If you get sick, they're out, and if you have a fire, they're there. So, we really appreciate the job that they do. appreciate council's work tonight. I think we got a lot done moving the city along, and I just pray the Lord keeps his hand over this city, keeps us moving in a good path, and watches over all of our citizens to keep us all safe and well. That's all I got.

Councilman Hitt - The next Public Service Committee meeting is on March 10th at 5 o'clock in the meeting room next door. That's it.

Councilwoman Treynor - Just wanted to say thank you to everybody who participated in the downtown chocolate walk this past weekend. I heard great things and a lot of good

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feedback from the downtown businesses, and the more we can continue to support, the better off everybody is.

Councilman Boyd - Thank you for everyone coming on out you know that's what it takes is someone coming and actually hearing what's going on showing their interest also that's the main way we hear about things I know I've had multiple calls throughout the last couple weeks and I've really enjoyed getting to meet with different citizens even if it's a talking to one that's putting their item in the middle house box out here and noticing we need to make that mail slot a little bit wider and so good talks at the last public service about making sure and just looking into having items you know tonight we passed five hundred thousand dollars for a road repair that there was nothing put in front of us last week for this and so that's a big one that we kind of brought up that I'd really like to make sure we're seeing kind of what we want before we bring it to us also the last piece was going into the alleys with us looking into having the new individuals helping us out or company whoever I do think our sanitation department brought up a really good point about how we do have certain areas where we might not plow the alleys but there's trash cans down there is that something we might be able to look in changing or will that be an issue for them at all do you think?

Director Saltsman - that'll be something we have to look at I mean so there are a few alleys obviously they're affected you know by their trash you know all I can say you know off the top my head is that the codes pretty specific it's their responsibility to keep that pack clear same the sidewalks that doesn't mean we can't look at things to see how it work we but we also have the concerns of you know those alleys aren't you know there's private property in them there's dumpsters things like that we don't want to damage equipment it is absolutely something we can take a look to see how that would impact in the future.

Councilman Boyd - Yep, I feel just asking whoever puts the bid on if they're okay with it or not best part, so thank you very much, and that is all for me.

Councilman Stahl – No, I have nothing.

President Pro Tem Eades - All right, you brought up a couple of points, Mr. Boyd. I'm gonna address part of that, the \$500,000 we don't have; we didn't have anything in front of us. I agree with that if you noticed that there was an email that came out from Mr. Saltsman that basically asked that the heads of each one of these committees to send an email to them I think he would like to have the documentation I've talked to employees who said he demands documentation and I think that we should have that when we come to our committees also so that we can pass that however in this case we do have a list of roads from a couple years ago we know what's been repaired and what still needs to be repaired so we did have some information but I agree with you on that our next finance meeting will be March 10th 630 p.m. Is there anything further to come for this council tonight?

Director Saltsman - Can I have a comment really quick...so Greg off yours and Tom. So, I do agree when I saw your comment, Greg and I've already talked about that in the past. So, I did send it to the committee chairs, asking, hey, if you send that out to the department heads myself ahead of time, that way it's a reminder to them, but on their side, what you didn't see, I requested them to make sure they're prepared. Now there are times that things are gonna come at the last minute because we don't know we're working sometimes. Greg, I was talking to you two hours before the council or committee meeting, but to have the courtesy to at least say to the chair to say hey, I'm gonna have something. I didn't have it there, but also asking for a little more information on their presentation. So,

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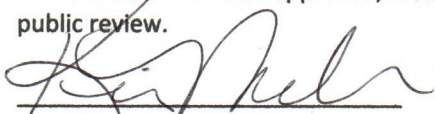
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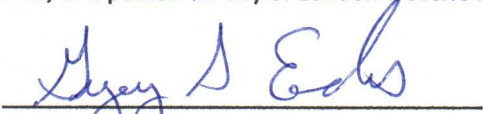
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I'm gonna be continuing to work with them, you know our request should have a little more information, and it goes beyond even that to what it is for you. even for the resolution. So well, that is something we'll continue to work on; that's just proper information sharing. So, we'll continue to work on that.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at ~~xxx~~ 7:45 p.m.

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


Kris Miller, Council Clerk
3/5/26
Date


Greg Eades, Council President Pro Tem
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