

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

LONDON CITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

Held

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

July 21, 2022 at 6:30pm

Minutes

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

**Council members present:** Henry Comer, Rich Hays, Andrew Hitt, John Stahl, Anthony Smith, Bryan Robinson, Josh Peters and Greg Eades

The minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting were approved as written with one correction.

**COMMUNICATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS** – none presented

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Councilman Hays made a motion to exit the regular City Council meeting and enter into a public hearing to discuss Resolution 148-22 and Ordinance 151-22. Councilman Stahl seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion by Hays to read Resolution 148-22 by title and number, seconded by Stahl

Roll call: Rich Hays, yes; Andrew Hitt, yes; John Stahl, yes; Anthony Smith, yes; Bryan Robinson, yes; Josh Peters, yes; Greg Eades, yes

Resolution 148-22 – Sponsored by Josh Peters – A Resolution of necessity for a special assessment for improvements to the system of storm or sanitary sewerage for the Graceland/Mariemont project

- Diana Lowry addressed Council and stated that since the existing storm sewer system does not work, she asked how the new storm sewers will be maintained. Street Supervisor, Bill Long, replied that the current system does work but it does not have the capacity to handle the amount of drainage currently necessary and that both systems will be maintained by the Street Department
- The Administration stated that the new development being constructed nearby will have a separate storm sewer system
- The Administration stated that the fees assessed to the property for the storm sewer improvements will be explained in the deed and will go with the property if/when ownership changes

Motion by Hays to read Ordinance 151-22 by title and number, seconded by Stahl

Roll call: Rich Hays, yes; Andrew Hitt, yes; John Stahl, yes; Anthony Smith, yes; Bryan Robinson, yes; Josh Peters, yes; Greg Eades, yes

Ordinance 151-22 – Sponsored by Rich Hays – An Ordinance amending official zoning map

- Jim Hilz, PulteGroup representative, stated previously unknow easements on the property will necessitate minor design changes to the development plans. He requested that the Ordinance be tabled until those changes can be made

Councilman Hays made a motion to exit the public hearings and entering into the regular City Council meeting. Councilman Stahl seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**

Michael Norman – 188 S. Oak Street, London, Ohio 431401

- Asked if the city had enough water capacity, why were citizens requested to voluntarily conserve water, why was the splash pad temporarily turned off and why the need for legislation that would ban nonessential water use
  - Council President Comer stated that the legislation that would ban nonessential water use is a proactive measure that would only be enforced during major emergencies
  - Councilman Smith also stated that asking for voluntary conservation and the upcoming legislation was in case of a prolonged period of drought and major emergencies
- Asked if there was a timeframe to repair/replace fire broken fire hydrants
  - Water Superintendent, TJ Rice, stated that once he receives a list of hydrants needing repairs from the Fire Department, the Water Department addresses the issues.

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Anita Likens – 157 E. First Street. London, Ohio 43140

- Read excerpts from the Constitution

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Greg Eades – Finance and Service Committees

- Stated that most committee meeting topics will be discussed when legislation is introduced during the New Business portion of the meeting

Josh Peters – Finance Committee Chair

- Stated that he attended the most recent Finance Committee meeting

Rich Hays – Safety Committee Chair

- Listed subjects that the Safety Service Director discussed during the most recent meeting
  - Revising storm sewer regulations for new subdivisions
  - The installation of pedestrian crosswalks at twelve intersections
  - Scheduling additional hours for the Code Enforcement Officer
  - Researching the relocation of festivals to side streets or City parks
  - Addressing feral cats within the city
- Announced that the next Safety Committee meeting will take place on August 9, 2022 at 5:00pm

Andy Hitt – Safety Committee

- Read the London Police Division Report

John Stahl – Safety Committee

- Read the London Fire/EMS Division report

#### OLD BUSINESS

Tabled Items

Ordinance 146-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - An Ordinance amending section 1048.05 of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinance 147-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - An Ordinance amending section 1042 of the Codified Ordinances

3rd Reading

Resolution 148-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A Resolution of necessity for a special assessment for improvements to the system of storm or sanitary sewerage for the Graceland/Mariemont project  
Motion by Hays to place on third reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
PASSED

Resolution 149-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - A Resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for improvements to the storm water system  
Motion by Hays to place on third reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Smith to adopt, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
PASSED

Resolution 150-22 – Sponsored by Josh Peters – A resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on third reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Peters to adopt, seconded by Hays

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
PASSED

Ordinance 151-22 – Sponsored by Rich Hays – An Ordinance amending official zoning

Motion by Hays to place on third reading, seconded by Stahl

Due to necessary but minor design changes, PulteGroup Representative, Jim Hiltz, requested that the legislation be tabled until the design plans are revised

Motion by Hays to table, seconded by Hitt

Roll call to table: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
TABLED

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## 2nd Reading

Ordinance 152-22 - Sponsored by Bryan Robinson - An Ordinance amending section 1040 of the Codified Ordinances

Motion by Hays to place on second reading, seconded by Stahl

- Councilman Peters stated his concerns for the water ban hurting the car wash businesses
- Michael Norman asked how the legislation would be enforced and stated his opinion that the \$500 fine was excessive
  - Council President Comer stated that the legislation states that the Safety Service Director has the authority and will oversee the enforcement process. He also stated that the amount of the fine is a deterrent and the he believes that the fine should be higher
  - Councilman Smith stated that water conservation during an emergency is necessary so that water is available for essential reasons such as extinguishing fires
  - Community member, Steven Miller, stated his opinion that giving the Safety Service Director sole authority to declare and oversee a water emergency could lead to the Director abusing those powers

LEFT ON

Ordinance 153-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - An Ordinance to increase the municipal income tax by forty hundredths of one percent (0.40%) per annum for a continuing period of time, commencing January 1, 2023, of which increase (I) one quarter of one percent (0.25%) per annum shall be used for the purposes of providing funds to pay costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, equipping, improving, maintaining, and repairing municipal fire department facilities, to pay general operating expenses of the fire department facilities, and to pay any expenses and debt service charges for the debt incurred in connection therewith, and (II) fifteen hundredths of one percent (0.15%) per annum shall be used for the purposes of providing funds to pay costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, equipping, improving, maintaining and repairing municipal police department facilities, to pay general operating expenses of the police department and to pay any expenses and debt service charges for debt incurred in connection therewith, and declaring an emergency Motion by Hays to place on third reading, seconded by Stahl

- Councilman Eades spoke in favor of the Ordinance
- Council President spoke of the need for a new Police Station
- Councilman Smith requested that the changes that will be necessary if the levy fails be made public

LEFT ON

Resolution 154-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A Resolution to place the issue of increasing the municipal income tax by forty hundredths of one percent (0.40%) per annum for a continuing period of time as provided in Ordinance No. 153-22, on ballot at the election to be held on November 8, 2022, and directing the Board of Elections of Madison County, Ohio to conduct such election, and declaring an emergency

Motion by Hays to place on third reading, seconded by Stahl

LEFT ON

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 155-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters and Henry Comer - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Smith to suspend, seconded by Hays

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hitt

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

PASSED

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Resolution 156-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters and Henry Comer - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
PASSED

Resolution 157-22 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Hays to adopt, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
PASSED

Resolution 158-22 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Hays to adopt, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
PASSED

Resolution 159-22 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Robinson

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
PASSED

Resolution 160-22 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Robinson

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
PASSED

Resolution 161-22 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Hays to adopt, seconded by Robinson

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
PASSED

Resolution 162-22 - Sponsored by Henry Comer - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Robinson to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, no; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Hays to adopt, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
PASSED

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Resolution 163-22 - Sponsored by John Stahl - A Resolution increasing appropriations  
 Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl  
 Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl  
 Roll call to suspend: Eades, no; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Robinson  
 Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 PASSED

Ordinance 164-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - An Ordinance amending 224-21 to reflect a range of salaries of Department Heads and non-union personnel  
 Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl  
 Motion by Peters to suspend, seconded by Hays  
 Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays  
 Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 PASSED

Resolution 165-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A Resolution authorizing the BPU to advertise for bids for trash hauling  
 Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Robinson  
 Motion by Smith to suspend, seconded by Stahl  
 Roll call to suspend: Eades, no; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Smith  
 Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 PASSED

Resolution 166-22 - Sponsored by Henry Comer - A Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Utilities to drill a well with a cost in excess of the \$25,000 limitation  
 Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl  
 Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl  
 Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 Motion by Hays to adopt, seconded by Stahl  
 Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 PASSED

Resolution 167-22 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A Resolution authorizing the BPU to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for sewer system improvements  
 Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl  
 Motion by Eades to amend the Resolution to state that the Safety Service Director, not the BPU, will advertise for bids and enter into a contract for sewer system improvements, seconded by Hays  
 Roll call to amend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl  
 Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 Motion by Hays to adopt, seconded by Stahl  
 Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 PASSED

Resolution 168-22 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A Resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids for the installation of crosswalks  
 Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl  
 Motion by Hays to amend the Resolution to state that the installation will be for pedestrian crosswalk equipment and not for crosswalks, seconded by Stahl  
 Roll call to amend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl  
 Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
 Motion by Hays to adopt, seconded by Stahl  
 Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes  
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**ROUND TABLE**Councilman Eades

- Stated his opinion that there is a disconnect with the communication between the Fire Department and the Water Department regarding the repairs of fire hydrants throughout the City
- Stated that he would like to co-sponsor legislation with Councilman Hitt to create a sidewalk repair program

Councilman Peters

- Sidewalks located on city property should be repaired before requiring residents to repair their sidewalks

Councilman Hays

- Stated that he was proud of Council's work during the meeting
- Stated that fire hydrant repairs will be discussed at the next Safety
- Stated that City trees are uprooting sidewalks that citizens are required to maintain and would like to research a solution to this issue
- Thanked City employees for their work
- Asked God to bless the City of London

Councilman Hitt

- Stated that he appreciated the community members' presence and interest

Councilman Stahl

- Stated that he appreciated Council work on the legislation presented this evening

Councilman Smith

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Thanked the Cobra Club for their annual event and their donations to the City Fire/EMS and Police Departments
- Happy to see the City growing

Community member, Elizabeth Branson, interjected to state her appreciation for the passage Resolution 148-22

Council President Comer

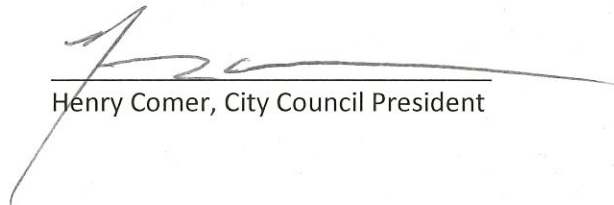
- Stated that it was good to see community members involved in City issues and said that Council needs the support of the community to get things accomplished

Community member, Rick Pennington, interjected to ask for details of the upcoming paving project of St. Rt. 56. Street Superintendent, Bill Long, replied that it will begin on August 8 and explained the process and timeline

Motion by Hays to adjourn at 8:57pm



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Amy Rees, Clerk



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Henry Comer, City Council President