

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

London City Council

Meeting

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

November 16, 2023

Held _____ 20 _____

London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
November 16, 2023 at 6:30pm
Minutes

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Council President Comer at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a moment of Silent Reflection that followed.

Roll Call

Present - *Councilman Robinson, Councilman Peters, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl, Councilman Eades, President Comer*

Absent - *Councilman Hays*

Minutes – Approval of November 2, 2023 minutes, approved by unanimous voice vote

Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 214-23 - Sponsored By: Henry Comer - An ordinance amending official zoning map. Parcels: 31-02617.005, 31-02687.000, 31-02685.000(PARTIAL), 31-02258.000(PARTIAL), & 31-02617.006 – Rezoning to multi-family Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Motion to enter into Public Hearing by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Presentation – Gary Smith, D2 Planning & Designs – Owner/Chief Planner for project. Also, in attendance is Dan Magaly, Mike Reeves, Kindley Horn, Scott McClintock (property).

- Keny Blvd & U.S. 42 (Lafayette St)
- Residential Community
- For rent and for sale
- Connect to commercial area

Mr. Smith presented the project and mapped it for everyone to see. He discussed and answered questions about traffic studies and storm water run off for Councilman Eades and President Comer.

Motion to exit Public Hearing and enter into regular meeting by Councilman

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Robinson, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Communications/Announcements - none

Audience Concerns

Mike Norman, 188 S. Oak St.

- Question about \$18 million project for the water department and how things are getting fixed without approval.
- Rex Castle, Safety Service Director – We are in the test phase on a small scale.
- Steve Lelonek, Board of Public Utilities (BPU) – Cannot hear on video playback
- Russell Thompson, Mid-Ohio(?) – In water waste 16 years, Seamen's Water, U.S. Filter, Westerville Water, and Aqua. We're looking at the plant and getting ready to get started. Mr. Thompson reviewed test results, upcoming tests, and some plans to move forward.
- Councilman Eades – Made a comment about the water source not being as bad as we first thought and that it's treatable.

Raymond Anthony, 521 Eaton

- Mr. Anthony - 221-23, is this going to be paid by grant or city?
- Rex Castle – It'll be paid mostly by grant money. It'll cover 95% and the city will have to pay 5%.
- Mr. Anthony – Will rest come out of the city's general fund?
- Mr. Castle – No. It'll come out of the fire fund.
- Mr. Anthony – Directed next question to Councilman Eades about the salt barn replacement and if it would be paid by grant money or the city?
- Councilman Eades - I believe that would be by city money.
- Mr. Anthony – Would that be from the city general fund?
- Councilman Eades, Mr. Castle, and President Comer discussed how this money would be appropriated.
- Mr. Anthony – Follow up on a couple things that were in the messenger 1/23/2023
 - Sewer Project
 - City wide flooding issues
 - BPU sewer system repairs
 - Councilman Eades, President Comer, and Bill Long provided updates regarding these projects.
- President Comer – Reminded Mr. Anthony that he has exhausted his time limit of five minutes, however, most of his questions will be answered during legislation discussion.

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Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance Committee –

Councilman Eades – Attended Finance meeting. Many items coming forward tonight.

Councilman Peters – Attended Finance meeting. Ditto Greg

Public Service Committee –

Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Hitt – Attended Public Safety meeting. Legislation coming later. Read Fire Department report (see attached notes to Public Safety Committee minutes).

Councilman Stahl – Attended both Finance & Public Safety meetings. Read Police Department report (see attached notes to Public Safety Committee minutes).

City Official Reports

Mayor – not in attendance

Safety Service Director – nothing to report

Auditor – nothing to report

Old Business

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Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

New Business

RESOLUTION 222-23 - Sponsored by Rich Hayes - A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations

Motion to reconsider by Councilman Peters, 2nd Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hitt, 2nd by Councilman Robinson. The

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motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 223-23 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 224-23 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A RESOLUTION decreasing appropriations

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Robinson, 2nd by Councilman Hitt. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 225-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations

Leave on

RESOLUTION 226-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations

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RESOLUTION 227-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A RESOLUTION authorizing the advertisement for bids for personal property no longer needed for city purposes

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Robinson, 2nd by Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 228-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - An ORDINANCE authorizing the approval and execution of the transfer agreement between the city of London and the Mid-Ohio water and sewer district

Steve Lelonek – BPU, Rob Slain – Madison County Administrator, Brad Lutz – Mid-Ohio Board, Mr. Thompson, Daniel – Mid-Ohio, Brian Sollars – City employee at water department, Carol Benedict – Manager BPU Office.

- Summary - Mr. Lelonek provided an overview of the contract, answered many questions from Council regarding the contract, costs, administration,

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repair plans, reconstruction, City of London benefits, citizens benefits. Mr. Slain, Mr. Lutz explained the benefits in more detail and answered Council and citizens questions about on-going projects. Escrow was explained and Councilman Eades "heartburn" slightly remained at the end of the discussion. Due to the public not having enough time to review the contract and possible additional questions, this legislation is left for next meeting.

Leave on

RESOLUTION 229-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A RESOLUTION assessing the costs of the demolition of a building

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

ORDINANCE 230-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - An ORDINANCE amending ordinance 203-22 to reflect a range of salaries of department heads and non-union personnel

Leave on

ORDINANCE 231-23 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - An ORDINANCE to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the city of London, state of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024

Leave on

ORDINANCE NO. 232-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters – An ORDINANCE to approve a temporary increase to the municipal income tax by twenty five hundredths of one percent (0.25%) per annum for a set period of time of seven (7) years, commencing July 1, 2024, 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, and to pay any expenses and debt service charges for debt incurred in connection therewith, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion fails with 4 in favor and 1 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 233-23 - Sponsored By Josh Peters - A RESOLUTION to place the issue of a temporary increase to the municipal income tax by twenty-five hundredths of one percent (0.25%) per annum for a set period of time of seven (7) years as provided in ORDINANCE no. 232-23, on the ballot at the election to be held on March 19 ,2024, and directing the board of elections of Madison County, Ohio to

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conduct such election, and declaring an emergency.

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Round Table

Councilman Stahl – Thank everyone for coming. Next year will be an exciting year.

Councilman Hitt – Next Public Safety meeting is December 12th at 5:30pm

Councilman Eades – Thank everyone who showed up. A special thanks for our 3 new council members, Michael Norman – 3rd Ward, Shannon Treynor – 4th Ward, Brent McDaniels – At Large. Thanks for coming.

Councilman Peters – Thanks for coming out.

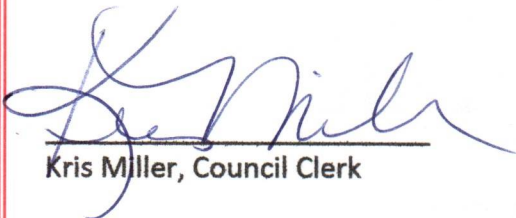
Councilman Robinson – Nothing to report

President Comer – Thank everyone for coming out and for all the growth coming to the City of London.

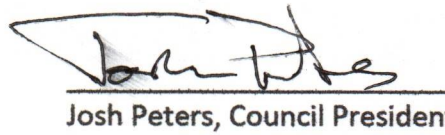
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:02pm

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



Kris Miller, Council Clerk



Josh Peters, Council President Pro Tem

12/21/23
Date

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