

January 5, 2017

President Jennifer Hitt called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order. She led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

ROLL CALL: Trint Hatt, present; Rex Castle, present; Brenda Russell, present; Dick Minner, present; Lora Long, present; Josh Peters, present; Megan Douglas, present.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved as received. All were in favor by responding "aye".

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Hitt read the Mayor's appointments to boards (attached.) All were in favor by responding "aye".

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

The next finance committee meeting is Monday, January 16, 6:00 p.m.; public service meeting is Thursday, January 12; and public safety meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Pat Closser gave his state of the city address at this time. (attached).

Auditor Nick Szabo addressed city council. He noted that he had send out emails explaining legislation being presented this evening. He asked that 101-17, 102-17, and 103-17 be suspended and passed this evening so he can finish out the 2016 fiscal year.

Mr. Szabo shared his concern with some of the funds whose revenues to not meet projected figures. He also explained his concerns and what funds were affected in the email.

He feared that the capital budget will not have a huge carry over for this year, as it will have to help out other funds.

Auditor Szabo reduced revenue for 14 funds to be reported to the county auditor.

He briefly explained the revenue/expense worksheet attached to councils' emails. He will discuss the worksheet in detail at the January 16 finance committee meeting. He asked council to review it prior to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 134-16 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,550,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATING AND IMPROVING AN EXISTING FACILITY FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES, INCLUDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME; AND ACQUIRING LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND AS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THERETO; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS Sponsored by: Rex Castle

TABLED.

ORDINANCE 171-16 Sponsored by Richard Minner AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 194-11 TO REFLECT A RANGE OF SALARIES OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND NON-UNION PERSONNEL (attachment) Motion by Long to place on third reading, second by Peters. Clerk read.

President Hitt suggested waiting until the finance committee meeting to discuss this. There have been no finance committee meetings since this piece of legislation was introduced.

Councilman Castle noted that this establishes the minimum and maximum for the positions. He hopes that raises will be given based on performance and just not the maximum amount.

Councilman Minner said this just ups that scale as performance evaluations are being done.

Mr. Castle agreed, but reiterated he hoped that raises will not automatically be bumped up 100%. It's up to administration and BPU to evaluate their employees are performance.

Councilwoman Russell asked if the raise is for the position or the person.

Mr. Castle replied that it is for the position.

LEFT ON 3RD READING.

RESOLUTION 172-16 Sponsored by: A RESOLUTION APPROVING TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CITY OF LONDON AND AFSCME (CASE NO(S). 2016-MED-06-0681, 0680, 0679) Motion by Russell to place on third reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Motion by Castle, second by Russell. Roll to adopt: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, abstain; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hitt, yes.

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 173-16 Sponsored by Richard Minner AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ELECTED OFFICIALS WAGE ADJUSTMENTS Motion by Douglas to place on third reading, second by Long. Clerk read.

Councilman Hitt commented that even though elected officials are doing a great job and these raises wouldn't go into effect until 2020, this is not a good persona. Water and sewer rates are going up. "It's just not a good time to raise elected official salaries."

President Hatt reminded it can be discussed at the finance committee meeting.

Councilwoman Russell said that the sad part is, only some elected officials need the raises, but "elected" puts us all under the piece of legislation. "It needs to be separated out."

Motion by Long to adopt, second by Douglas. Roll to adopt: Russell, no; Minner, yes; Long, no; Peters, no; Douglas, no; Hitt, no; Castle, no.

DEFEATED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 101-17 Sponsored by Megan Douglas. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT. Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Motion by Castle to suspend rules, second by Long. Roll to suspend rules: Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes.

Motion by Castle to adopt, second by Hatt. Roll to adopt: Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes.

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 102-17 Sponsored by Megan Douglas A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT Motion by Douglas to place on first reading, second by Long. Clerk read.

Motion by Castle to suspend rules, second by Long. Roll to suspend rules, Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes.

Motion by Castle to adopt, second by Long. Roll to adopt: Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes.

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 103-17 Sponsored by Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Douglas to place on third reading, second by Long. Clerk read.

Motion by Castle to suspend rules, second by Long. Roll to suspend: Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes.

Motion by Russel to adopt, second by Hatt. Roll to adopt: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes.

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 104-17 Sponsored by: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS DURING 2017
Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Douglas. Roll to suspend: Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes.

Motion by Russell to adopt, second by Long. Roll to adopt: Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes.

ADOPTED.

ROUND TABLE:

Councilman Hatt reminded everyone of the January 17 public safety meeting.

Mr. Hatt also shared that he downloaded the "mypd" app. He suggested everyone at least take a look. There's a lot of good information available at the site.

He thanked the street department for the excellent job they've done today keeping up with the snow on the roads.

Councilman Castle thanked everyone who came in this evening.

He reminded everyone of the January 16 finance committee meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Castle commented that the trash problem moved from his end of town to the paper recycle bin behind Burger King. It is very unsightly. He spoke to law director Siddiqi about sending notification to the proper people.

Mayor Closser commented it is ridiculous that people are dumping old mattresses and trash at a paper recycling bin!

Councilman Castle suggested to citizens that if they see someone dumping, take a picture, download the "mypd" app, and forward it. "It's very irritating!"

Councilwoman thanked everyone who came in this evening.

Councilman Minner wondered if a different approach is needed with the bin trash problem. Maybe a letter can be written to the bin owners and ask them to remove them!!

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

ADJOURN: Motion by Council Peters to adjourn.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Hitt, President