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order stemmed from a lawsuit filed by a group of city employees challenging the ordinances.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge Spalding encouraged council members, the mayor and department heads to work together civilly, stating the City of London and its residents deserve better. He indicated a written decision on whether the amendments will stand would be issued, with the ruling expected to be made public Tuesday evening (after press time).

When Monday's council meeting was called to order, City Clerk Ashley Taylor distributed revised budget documents to council members. The reworked proposal followed post-hearing discussions involving Councilman Judd Weaver, Mayor Randall Weddle, and others — the first time the group had met collectively to discuss potential

budget changes.

After a brief review of the documents, the council entered executive session in the downstairs council chambers to discuss pending litigation. Following the closed session, the council agreed to move forward with an emergency ordinance amending Ordinance 2025-16.

Ordinance 2026-01 amends the city's previously adopted fiscal year 2025-26 budget by repealing and replacing key sections of Ordinance 2025-16. The revised budget re-estimates revenues, reallocates appropriations and imposes detailed spending restrictions across city departments. The ordinance also declares an emergency to ensure continuity of essential services, establishes funding conditions tied to reporting and compliance requirements and creates a provision directing sanitation funds to reimburse the general fund for administrative and overhead costs — capped at 20 percent of the sanitation operating budget.

The first reading of the ordinance, conducted by Taylor, was approved unanimously.

Following the reading, Mayor Weddle asked the council to confirm Taylor as the city's clerk, citing her years of service and dedication to the city.

"She has the qualifications, just for the pure love that she has for the city, and during both sides — and our behavior at times — I would like to ask the council to confirm her tonight as the city clerk of the City of London," Weddle said.

The request was quickly motioned and approved unanimously.

Mayor Weddle then asked the council to confirm Bobby Day as chief of police; however, the request received no response from council members and did not advance. The meeting continued without further action on the matter.

Councilman Judd Weaver referenced remarks made earlier in the evening during the mayor's prayer.

"Tonight during Mayor Weddle's prayer, he said one thing that struck me. He said one phrase — we need unity for our community, and I agree," Weaver said. "We had a very successful meeting together. We got a lot accomplished, and I think going forward, we'll be able to do a lot together. I'm really looking forward to it."

Mayor Weddle echoed those comments.

"We want to thank the council for taking the time and hearing the department heads, and having that open honest discussion," he said. "It was really, really nice guys. I feel like from what we've seen today, London's going to turn, the politics are going to turn here in the council meetings — we're just going to be about the people's business."

The meeting was adjourned following the remarks. Regular London City Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

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for the council members. I've never heard of that. We have fire alarms being pulled at council meetings, (and) people who were at one point friends wiring each other up to try to record conversations to use in court. The city and the citizens of London deserve better."

Spalding announced that a written decision could be expected to be issued Tuesday evening. He asked both sides to remain civil until that time and expressed hope that an agreement could be reached to prevent further disruption within city government.

MOTION TO OVERRIDE MAYOR RANDALL WEDDLE VETO ON 12/30/2025

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CITY OF LONDON ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

A new section of the City of London's (hereinafter referred to as "City") Code of Ordinances shall be enacted, to read as follows:

(A) The City's website shall have created a new section created and maintained, to be styled "Transparency Initiative."

(B) Within the "Transparency Initiative" portion of the City's website, the following materials shall be maintained:

1. The general ledger for the City of London, Kentucky for the current and previous fiscal year, which shall reflect all expenditures for the City shall be posted on the City's website and updated on or before the fifth business day of each calendar month;
2. Copies of all contracts that are presently in force or that have been in force for the preceding six months, shall be scanned and posted, and shall be updated on or before the fifth business day of each calendar month;
3. All ordinances that have been enacted for the preceding twenty-four months shall be scanned and posted, and shall be updated on or before the fifth business day of each calendar month. Further, the ordinances posted herein will be the original text as approved and published, and not summaries of any ordinances;
4. All municipal orders that have been enacted for the preceding twenty-four months shall be scanned and posted, and shall be updated on or before the fifth business day of each calendar month;
5. All resolutions that have been enacted for the preceding twenty-four months shall be scanned and posted, and shall be updated on or before the fifth business day of each calendar month;
6. All executive orders that have been enacted for the preceding twenty-four months shall be scanned and posted, and shall be updated on or before the fifth business day of each calendar month;
7. All minutes of the City Council or any board or commission under the authority of the City for the preceding twenty-four months shall be scanned and posted, and shall be updated on or before the fifth business day of each calendar month;
8. A listing of all employees of the City, along with their job title, current rate(s) of pay, and any adjustment(s) to rate(s) of pay within the previous twenty-four months, shall be posted, and shall be updated on or before the fifth business day of each calendar month;
9. The Quarterly financial reports provided to the council pursuant to KRS 91A, shall at minimum include the current budget with a column added to show fiscal year-to-date expenditures and revenues generated for appropriations.

(C) A copy of all executive orders or other documents reflecting any adjustment in employee pay, shall be transmitted to the City Council by electronic mail, within three business days of the occurrence.

Section II

A new section of the City's Code of Ordinances shall be enacted, to read as follows:

To ensure accountability and public trust, as well as to protect law enforcement officers from false accusations, all law enforcement officers of the City of London Police Department shall be equipped with body worn cameras, which shall be worn and activated at all times when on duty (including any paid details), and at no time shall such body worn cameras be turned off unless required by law. Any such body camera footage shall be retained for a minimum of 30 calendar days. In the event of:

- (i) any felony or misdemeanor arrest or charge, such footage related to that arrest shall be maintained while any charges are pending and for at least 90 calendar days thereafter;
- (ii) for any charged violation, including traffic violations, such footage related to the violation shall be maintained while any charges are pending and for at least 60 calendar days thereafter;
- (iii) an active investigation into any crime or other matter, such footage related to the investigation shall be maintained during the period of investigation, and for at least 60 calendar days thereafter;
- (iv) any complaint, internal or external, regarding the behavior of any member of the police department, such footage related to the complaint shall be maintained during the pendency of such complaint, and for a period of at least 90 days thereafter;
- (v) any known investigation involving any member of the City of London Police Department, including any investigation performed by any federal or state law

enforcement agency, the County Attorney, or Commonwealth's Attorney, such footage related to the matter under investigation shall be maintained during the pendency of such investigation, and for a period of at least 180 days thereafter; any litigation, threatened litigation, or preservation request related to litigation from any attorney, footage related to the matter that is the subject of the litigation shall be maintained until the later of (1) conclusion of the litigation, or (2) the period of time for any statute of limitations related to the litigation has run; and then for at least 60 days thereafter; and upon the request of the Mayor or the City Council, footage of any incident relating to the request shall be retained until the request is rescinded; Nothing in this section shall prevent any longer period of retention of such footage deemed appropriate by the London Police Department.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, unless the release of body worn camera footage would impair an active investigation into a crime or an active prosecution, all such footage shall be subject to release upon receipt of a request therefore, subject only to payment for any actual out of pocket costs for postage, flash drives, or CD materials. In the event that release would impair an active investigation into a crime or an active prosecution, the requestor shall be informed of that fact, and informed within ten days of when the investigation or prosecution has ended.

Section III

A new section of the City's Code of Ordinances shall be enacted, to read as follows:

(A) The following types of purchases, contracts or agreements shall require City Council approval prior to execution or purchase:

1. Contracts involving an amount over \$2,500;
2. Purchases involving goods or services exceeding a purchase price of \$2,500;
3. Loans or grants of City funds, including but not limited to economic development incentives, and City incentives;
4. Leases, easements, debts, mortgages, revocable licenses, or other grants of an interest in City-owned real property;
5. Receipt of Federal or State or philanthropic grants, and contracts requiring an in-kind match of City services or staff time; and
6. Intergovernmental agreements and appointments to boards/commissions for same.

(B) No goods or services exceeding a value of \$25,000 shall be procured without solicitation of at least three competitive bids for such goods, which, for goods or services exceeding a value of \$50,000, shall be sealed bids. In the event there are limited vendors of such goods, a written determination regarding that fact shall be provided to the City Council of that fact, for its consideration and approval to waive the three-bid requirement herein.

Section IV: City Council Meeting Transparency

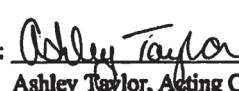
A new section of the City's Code of Ordinances shall be enacted, to read as follows:

(A) All meetings conducted by City Council shall be live streamed on the City Website to include the following:

1. The videographer shall ensure that the camera view allows remote participants to see the entirety of the room to include the Mayor, City Council, audience, and public comment time clock and podium (at Regular Meetings).
2. The volume for all audio will be set at the same level. All microphones will project the same level of volume.
3. The City shall procure a competent vendor to ensure that there is minimal disruption in live stream.

Section V: Effective Date, Repeater, and Invalidity Provision

This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2026 or upon publication, whichever occurs latter. Further, any ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be repealed to the extent of such conflict. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmity shall not effect the validity of the remaining ordinance.

Attest: 
Ashley Taylor, Acting City Clerk

Mayor Randall Weddle

First Reading: December 1, 2025

Second Reading: December 16, 2025

Publication Date: _____, 2025