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ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Flaute called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL: Council attendance was as follows: Mr. Curp, present; Mr. Denning, present; Mr. Fullenkamp, present; Mrs. Lommatzsch, present; Mrs. Reynolds, present; Deputy Mayor Smith, present; and Mayor Flaute, present.

Staff present was as follows: Mark Carpenter, City Manager; Chris Lohr, Assistant City Manager; Tom Garrett, Finance Department; Bob Murray, Economic Development Department; Brock Taylor, Planning and Program Management Department, Mitch Miller, Service Department; Frank Robinson, Chief of Police; and Brenna Arnold, Clerk of Council.

ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: There were no absent members.

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve the revised agenda as submitted. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

A) Discussion: 2017 Budget

Mr. Carpenter: I emailed everyone the spreadsheet that we have been working from. It's not totally finalized, but I had a lot of questions because I want to make sure you are getting the information that you desire so we can make a good decision as far as the budget goes. I'd like to talk about this spreadsheet to begin with as far as what information you definitely would like to see, what is helpful, what's not that helpful, and then also the PowerPoint includes a lot of that information. I put it in a format that is similar to what you are used to in the Budget Notes, but I just want to walk through some of that and see if that is something that would be beneficial as well or if there is some other kind of format that you would like me to adjust. Mayor Flaute: That sounds good.

Mr. Carpenter: If we could start with the spreadsheet that you received on the revenues, is there an additional column there that you would like to see besides just where we started in 2016 and what we are proposing in 2017? Mr. Fullenkamp: I'd like to see the actuals. If the revenue has changed midstream, I think those are in the budget in the end amount of revenues that we received. I think those are important numbers and should be input into your budget for the next year. I think that is important. Mr. Carpenter: Okay. Would you still want to see the original appropriations or also the appropriations as we go during the year or just the one that we are currently working from in 2016? Mr. Fullenkamp: I think it would be helpful to see the original budget and any supplemental that was passed during the year. Mr. Carpenter: So we will have what is appropriated in the original on January 1, 2016 and then as it changes through the year, it will be the current appropriations. What else? Do you know what I mean when I say that or am I confusing you?

Deputy Mayor Smith: While they are thinking let's go back to the revenue side, you have here Hotel/Motel Tax. You've got it budgeted for 2017 at \$48,950.00 when it looks like our possible actual for 2016 was \$5,700.00. Is that a realistic projection for the Hotel/Motel Tax? Mr. Carpenter: It means that we are now collecting taxes from the hotel. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We had not been? Mr. Carpenter: There was a period there were we were not. Mr. Denning: So they weren't paying. Mr. Carpenter: That is a better way to say it. We weren't collecting it because they weren't paying. Mayor Flaute: At least one of them probably wasn't paying. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Then we should go get back taxes.

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Mr. Denning: What you are telling me is this \$48,000.00 is based on what we are actually getting in this year. Mayor Flaute: What we are supposed to be getting. Mr. Denning: Okay. We budgeted \$5,700.00 for 2016. I think this is where Mr. Fullenkamp was going and I would like to see what that is throughout the year. What that is this year or what is the actual to date. So to date, what have we brought in? Let's not even talk about 2017. We had budgeted \$5,700.00 for 2016. What have we brought in Hotel Tax in 2016? What have we actually brought in? We budgeted \$3,535,000.00 for Income Tax, but what have we actually brought in? Then next year when we have the 2017 budget, we have a budgeted thing. For me, I would like to see on revenues what that actually is for January and February to see if we are on track for getting what we thought we were going to get and does this all make sense? We are guessing we are going to bring in this much money, but what's the real number? I don't have any real numbers. All I have is 2016's budgeted. If I had 2015's actual, that might help me be able to tell if this is realistic or not. Deputy Mayor Smith: Even third quarter of this year. Mr. Denning: To date would be helpful. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm assuming that for instance on the Hotel Tax, this year's numbers are driving that estimate of revenue for next year. Mr. Carpenter: Our 2017 numbers are based on where we are. Mr. Denning: I don't have that information and we are trusting that everybody is doing everything right. We always have, but that would be information that would be helpful to me to be able to tell if this makes sense because when you see numbers like \$5,700.00 going to \$48,000.00 it sends off a big alarm bell. Is somebody trying to fluff something or what changed? Then that would be the same way on the expenses. You did that on the expenses; you showed me our actuals for 2017 and you showed us through 2016 so far. That gives us some realistic numbers, but now we need the same thing on the revenues.

Mrs. Reynolds: There's one other thing, Mr. City Manager, on the expense side. You have the year to date figures, but we don't have any idea how many purchase orders or what is outstanding, what's not been completed, and what was proposed that was not started. That needs to be indicated somewhere. If you look at any of the numbers, you have your 2015 actuals, you have your 2016 budget revised, your year to date expenditures, but I have no idea what is still outstanding to be paid. I don't know if we are going to exceed that or not. Mr. Curp: Would that be an end of year forecast that would be netted out? Mr. Carpenter: I noticed myself there were some questions. You will see that the end of year forecast number is a lot larger than we are currently. So I ask the question, why is that? The majority of the time it is that there are invoices in flux. Either we haven't received the invoice or it is in the process of being paid. At the time of the report it is not reflected yet. I'm trying to figure out how I can show that to you. Mrs. Reynolds: You are going to have to use your Open Order List. That's what you are going to have to do. Each one of these categories where you have invoices to be paid, that's where you will catch any mistakes you made or have in the wrong category. Mr. Carpenter: I didn't know how to show that to you. So you want the list of the open orders. Mrs. Reynolds: If you are showing a forecast, you are showing a year to date expenditure, we need to know. Then the budgeted amount, we need to know what is going on between there. What you have left to pay yet. You are saying this year to date is as what date, November 30 or November 1? Mr. Carpenter: Right at the beginning of November. Mrs. Reynolds: So right at November 1, so you have November's payments. Mr. Carpenter: It's basically through October. When we ran these numbers, it was at the end of October. Mrs. Reynolds: So the year to date's are a 10 month year to date.

Deputy Mayor Smith: Let's go back to the front page on the revenues. You have State/Local Government and you are projecting \$7,000.00 coming in. Last year we didn't have anything and for several years now we haven't received any money from the state government. Where's that money going to come from? Mr. Garrett: Just to clarify, we do get some from the state government every year. It's just was the City Manager's decision last year that he just didn't budget for it because it can't get any smaller, but we get about \$500.00 per month from the State. Mayor Flaute: From the Local Government Fund? Mr. Garrett: Yes. The local government money comes in two ways. We get a little bit directly from the state every month in the tune of \$500.00-600.00, it varies. They also send a much larger amount of local government support to the County Auditor and then at the end of the month we receive it from the

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County. That's more like \$20,000.00 per month. That's why there's two lines in the budget. The State/Local Government is the money direct from the State and then the Local Government Revenue you see is much larger, that's redistributed from the County and they get it during the month.

Mrs. Reynolds: Have you asked why that is being done in two separate transactions?
Mr. Garrett: No. Mayor Flaute: That's the way it has always been? Mr. Garrett: I'm sure it all goes back to the Ohio Revised Code where they tell them how to distribute it. Some comes straight to us and some goes to the County to be managed. Mrs. Reynolds: How do we know that direct pay, the smaller amount, is correct? The larger amount comes through the County and we know the distribution is through the County and we know that distribution is worked on a formula. How do we know the smaller amount is correct? Do we have any verification? Is there a description on the check? Mr. Garrett: Actually they just wire the money to us. That's the only thing I get is that \$500.00 appeared in our checking account. Deputy Mayor Smith: No stub and no explanation? Mr. Garrett: That's right. Deputy Mayor Smith: Oh, okay. Mrs. Reynolds: You might want to ask that question, Mr. City Manager. Mayor Flaute: It would be good to know the formula or why they send us a measly little check of \$500.00. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Adversely, it could go away. Mayor Flaute: Very easily. Mr. Denning: Or they could find out what we owe them for the last five years. Mr. Garrett: It's gone down significantly over the past few years because the State keeps revising the formula and they are diverting that money to other uses. Instead of getting a couple thousand a month, now we are only getting \$500.00. Mrs. Reynolds: You did say that the amounts vary by month. Mr. Garrett: Yes, a little bit. Mrs. Reynolds: I believe that's the additional dollars they are receiving and then they are transferring it out to us directly. I believe that's the situation. I don't know, you can find that out sir.

Mr. Carpenter: I'd just like to recap on the revenue side put the actuals 2015, the starting budget for 2016, what's been appropriated, when there have been appropriations and that changes, and then our actual year to date and then 2017 proposed. Mayor Flaute: I believe that is correct. Mrs. Reynolds: Could you say that again, Mr. City Manager? Mr. Carpenter: The actual of 2015, starting of 2016, what was appropriated on January 1, what's been appropriated for the year as it changes, and then the actual revenues year to date and then 2017 proposed. Mrs. Reynolds: Then you are going to give us a listing of what's outstanding? Mr. Carpenter: Why there's a difference. That was going to be more on the expense side, wouldn't it? Mrs. Reynolds: Yes. I didn't hear revenues. Mr. Carpenter: On the expense side, what is outstanding.

Mr. Carpenter: On the expenses, do you still want to see the column with the 2017 Budget Ask? Mayor Flaute: That was the first one that we did? Mr. Carpenter: That was when I asked staff for their wish list. Mayor Flaute: I don't think we need to see that, no. Mr. Carpenter: I'd like to kind of rearrange them. 2016 is here and then 2017 is there. It's kind of messy. I just want to rearrange the columns, but I believe this is all the same information that we see on the revenue side.

Mr. Carpenter: Now what I have been doing is highlight just the changes from the 2016 original budget. Is that helpful? Does it matter? Would you like to see any other identification or just use the one from beginning 2016? Mayor Flaute: So the significant changes. Mr. Carpenter: They are actually not significant changes; they are just increases from 2016. Mr. Fullenkamp: Mr. Mayor, I know we are kind of shifting to the expenses, but I'm still seeing balanced budgets for the different departments in the 2017 Budget. We will use the Service Fund on the revenue side. I thought we talked about zeroing out those numbers this year for beginning balances. Mrs. Reynolds: There is no beginning balance. Deputy Mayor Smith: So what you are saying is the prior beginning balance or the leftover money in the account gets transferred back into the General Fund? Mrs. Reynolds: For us to divvy out.

Mrs. Reynolds: I know we had a discussion in Executive Session at the last meeting and I notice that there are expenditures in 2017 in that line. Has there been some change? Mr. Carpenter: The change would be that things are staying the same.

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Mrs. Reynolds: You did find out all of the information you needed about if that transfer is allowable? Mr. Carpenter: I found out that the arrangement fell through. Mrs. Reynolds: So it is remaining the same as we currently have? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. Mrs. Reynolds: Thank you.

Mr. Carpenter: On the balance sheet are there any questions? Is there anything you would like to see different on that? I have the beginning balance, so that would be gone. Mrs. Reynolds: You are starting a department or division based budget on zero. Mr. Carpenter: That column would go away. Mr. Fullenkamp: Except for the General Fund. Mayor Flaute: You never want to have that one at zero. Mrs. Reynolds: When do we start asking questions? Do you want us to send you the questions that we have on both sets? Mr. Carpenter: What I would like to do is show you this PowerPoint first and then we can talk about where we go from here. On this PowerPoint, I want to see if there are recommendations or suggestions of things you would like to see as well. Mind you, this is similar to what you are used to in Budget Notes. Mr. Fullenkamp: Do you have handouts for that? Mr. Carpenter: I do not, but I can email that to you. Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, please have those for us when we are going to have presentations. It's easier to write on those and then we can track where we are at.

Mr. Carpenter: I just want to walk through the set up. One thing I would like to point out on this, these are the actual numbers at the bottom for previous years and the projected in 2016 which I will write in there and then 2017 proposed. This does reflect a 4% increase which there is still a lot of information I'm gathering of whether it should be 4% or maybe reduced somewhat, some of that is still in the air. Once again, it is actuals. I took basically seven revenue funds that we generate most of the revenue from and then I went through some of the departments that have some of the larger budgets. This would be similar to the Budget Notes and these numbers reflect mostly just the amount of increase. I don't know if that is helpful or confusing. On the spreadsheet, you will see a different number than what is reflected here. This is just how much of an increase. Mrs. Reynolds: Why didn't you put a legend there then, sir? If it is just the increases, then we know that it's increases. A legend would be helpful. Mr. Carpenter: This is where I didn't know if we were going to use the spreadsheets in conjunction with this, but legends work out great. The other slide that I would show for each department would be their breakdown if they have capital, personnel operations and then your overall expenses. Planning and Programming didn't exist in 2014, but you can go back the last few years.

Mayor Flaute: Can you go back one slide? The UD Housing Study, what was that? Mr. Carpenter: This is something that we are proposing to do in 2017. I will let Mr. Taylor elaborate on that. Mr. Taylor: UD approached us to do student projects with students who are going through their MPA program, the graduate program, looking to do a project. Last year we worked with them. Emily worked with them on HR and they did a project for us. They came up with different suggestions of how they could do things in HR and she ended up implementing some of those. I don't know what they were, but I know there were a handful of things. It was kind of helpful to us. It's really beneficial to the students because they get a chance to work in actual government and then it helps encourage in a good light the City of Riverside. Like I said, we got some good stuff out of that that Emily ended up using. This one is for their Research Methods class and they were looking to do some sort of a survey which is what they have typically done. It's a yearlong class and it is two semesters. We worked with them part of this semester and then next semester what they want to do is look at surveying some of our residents. Then maybe doing some research on property values, we haven't quite finalized what it's going to look like. We would talk about what our housing stock looks like and then hopefully get a survey out to our residents that ask them what they really enjoy about Riverside or what they think we can improve, kind of geared toward housing so that we can then go back and say if we want to encourage more development or more housing, what do we need to do? On the flipside, if residents are upset about something it will highlight that. That's what the UD study is and if they did, they would want us to cover mailing out surveys because there would be a cost to that. They have their own program like Survey Monkey, but sometimes that comes with a cost. If we did mailings, which we would want to do, it might say, "Hey, residents we are doing this." We would want to pay for

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that, so that's what that \$1,500.00 represents. Mayor Flaute: We didn't spend any money last year. Mr. Taylor: No, we have not spent any money at all on stuff like that.

Mrs. Reynolds: What is the Lynnhaven Revitalization Plan? Mr. Taylor: What we are trying to do in Lynnhaven and I think it is one of our hidden gems in the community, we are starting to get a couple of houses over there are on the REAP list or are vacant and abandoned, but they are still in really great shape. An example would be 2257 Hazelton, which has been talked about numerous times here. This is already going to be a REAP by the Land Bank. What we are trying to work on with that would be procuring other properties. We are currently talking with Stebbins High School and their Trades, then working with a private contractor and a realtor to help them rehab a house and then sell it. That's what the gist of that is. Trying to encourage other private investors or homeowners to REAP houses and then help them remodel those to bring the property values up over there. Right now I think we've got nine vacant houses over there that are in great shape and there are probably 15 more that are REAP eligible, but they aren't vacant so we can't REAP them. There are a handful of houses where people aren't paying their taxes and we want to try and of course stop that. That's what that is for. Mayor Flaute: That's new money too? Mr. Taylor: That would be something we've never done before also.

Mayor Flaute: We might as well go over Wright State Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan and keep this track going. Mr. Taylor: I spoke with Dr. Dan Noel with the Organizational Leadership Program out of Wright State and part of that degree program is developing plans or methods to run meetings or engage people whether through a focus group or a town hall meeting. We were looking to utilize Wright State initially for planning the new facility for the Police and Fire Station to getting community involvement and engagement about that. What's great about Dr. Noel is that we could utilize it however, so if we needed to talk for example about budget and we wanted to get community involvement they would help us put together a plan on how to get more people to this site or do we need to go somewhere else. They would also help to maybe facilitate that program so if we maybe broke into small groups and we had 40 people show up, which we would hope for, we could break them into groups of maybe 5-6 and have students help lead discussions about whatever topic it is we are talking about. Then you would bring it back to the large group and be able to discuss and get it hammered out. That's what that is about. Again a lot of the cost involved would be if you are printing material or sending out invites to individual people, how do you get them involved. That's what that money is for. Mayor Flaute: Okay, thank you. Mrs. Lommatzsch: It sounds good in theory and proactive. Thank you.

Mr. Carpenter: I went through most of the departments and did like similar. Then we showed the summary. Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, do you have the FTEs on your personnel? Mr. Carpenter: Not yet, but I was going to add those as well. We will go by department and we will include the budget and their salaries as well. That was another part I just wanted you to know we haven't finalized the insurance. We haven't got all of the quotes back yet, so that is not reflected in the personnel costs on your spreadsheets yet. I will touch on some things in General Government. The legends, as you mentioned, would be helpful and that is part of where I am a little inconsistent here. It's not by design, but it is just to kind of even out here. On this one, the Safe Routes to School, that is the total amount of money. It just wasn't included in 2016's, but there are a few other large projects and I just included the total line item number. It's not an increase; it is the total and then we kind of break down that total. I'll give you a better example later on. Mayor Flaute: You expect our electric and gas to go up? Mr. Carpenter: That is because in 2016 it was just left blank, so when you look at the 2016 column there is nothing there. In 2017 I highlighted it, but our numbers are actually lower than that so that is going to be adjusted as well. We are just waiting to run the November report and then we can project a more solid number in 2016 and take it into 2017. Mayor Flaute: It should go down with all the renovations that we have done. Mr. Carpenter: When you look at your spreadsheet, you will see 2016's actual through 10 months is still lower.

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Mrs. Reynolds: You are hiring a "heard", sir? Mr. Carpenter: There is an extra "r" in there. Obviously I didn't spell check. Mrs. Reynolds: Could you go back to that? So 5347, Safe Routes to School, is the total budget? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. Mrs. Reynolds: As you said your legend wouldn't work here, but could you have a separate explanation or informational sheet that gives us that rather than confusing? Mr. Carpenter: I'm going to try to make it a little clearer. I did some of these and I started going back through. I didn't catch the spelling error, but I did notice there was a little confusion. That was the reason for my question, is it helpful to see just the increase amount or would you like to see the whole amount and then I can explain it? I don't know, maybe is that better? Mrs. Reynolds: I will go with the increase sheet myself. That's all I can say. Mr. Carpenter: I picture us going through the spreadsheet with the PowerPoint simultaneously. That's what I envision.

Deputy Mayor Smith: On 5901, the Reduction in EMS Revenue. Mr. Carpenter: In 2016 we estimated \$800,000.00 revenue and we are doing more like \$650,000.00 for 2017. Deputy Mayor Smith: Is that because people aren't paying or because their insurance is not paying all that we are asking for? Mr. Carpenter: It's a little of both. There is an increase in the number of Medicaid runs and Medicaid pays very little. You can say we are not collecting what we bill for and there is definitely an increase in Medicaid runs. The last couple of months you run a report, which are the previous 12 months and each time it has been \$650,000.00. This next report could jump to \$700,000.00. It adjusts, but the previous slide shows where we have been increasing and decreasing. It has kind of leveled off at \$650,000.00. Deputy Mayor Smith: So we are going to make a correction. Mr. Carpenter: That's another example of a decrease and I just wanted to highlight that because it is big. Mr. Denning: I guess if it is a decrease, I would like to see that in red.

Mr. Carpenter: Okay. This is just a different type of summary. In General Government, we primarily have the Operating, the Transfer/Advance number, and a total. Mr. Fullenkamp: Can I make a comment? Mr. Carpenter: Yes, sir. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think these comments would be better placed in a Word file or something rather than a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Carpenter: You would rather see them on the notes page that we have done. Mr. Fullenkamp: Dealing with PowerPoint slides, you can really compress things in a Word document or even associate it on a spreadsheet with an explanation or another tab on the spreadsheet. I understand for these purposes, in terms of presentation, this is okay. In terms of what is convenient for me to use, flipping through PowerPoint presentations to pull out explanations is pretty clumsy. Mr. Carpenter: So we have traditionally used that notes page and that's sufficient? Mr. Fullenkamp: I'd like that.

Mr. Carpenter: Okay. I don't think there is anything else that would be different than what you have seen. I'm just trying to get a feel for what you would like to see. I will email this to everyone. Mrs. Reynolds had that question and I wanted to kind of wait until the end. Did I answer your question? Okay. We will just advance to timing and getting the budget. I sent you an email. Would you possibly want to do a special meeting and I could have all of these changes made and I could get you the information. We could start going through line items and the budget notes. What do you think? Mayor Flaute: Could we just do it in a Work Session next time again? Mr. Carpenter: Next time is the 15th, so we are pushing up to the end of the year. Mr. Fullenkamp: I thought we had decided to extend the period to formulate this budget at the last meeting I was at and not have the deadline be in January. We would have a temporary budget. Mr. Denning: It is more important for this to be right and we have it in a format that we understand than to hurry up and get it done by December 31st. I don't know how. We are going to give you a continuing Resolution so that you can get the budget right. Mayor Flaute: We have done that in the past, but I don't know how much of an issue that is for whoever we have to get the budget to. The County needs the budget, is that right? Mr. Carpenter: I would have to refer to Mr. Garrett. I know he's been through this a long time ago. Tom do you have an idea? Mayor Flaute: In the past I think we have done it until March. We gave ourselves until March to get it done, but if we don't need that much time. Mrs. Lommatzsch: It's either March 1st or March 15th, I'm not sure. Mr. Carpenter: I can definitely find out in the next couple of days. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I don't know what they have to produce

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with that continuing Resolution. I don't know how much of a number and facts they had to produce then.

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Curp, you were involved in that more so I think than anyone else at that point. Do you remember what had to be done? Mr. Curp: There are a few things you have to look at here. One is, are you satisfied with the numbers that you see across all these accounts because if you are then we just move on with the budget. If there are things you want to see more or talk more about, then you set that for a Work Session whether it is a special meeting or the next meeting. If you are pretty well satisfied, you don't have to look at doing a temporary Resolution or Appropriation for the first quarter. That is what we did in the past in the few times that we did it. The previous City Manager had a special meeting at the end of the year to get all of the accounts in balance. I think we did two things. We had the Resolution adjusting the account balances so everything was in balance and also to approve the budget or the Appropriation for the next year. Mayor Flaute: So we could do that? Mr. Curp: We could do that. We did that in a special meeting. I think the 29th or the 30th so it didn't mess up people's New Year's Eve or whatever. It just depends on how satisfied you are with the numbers that you are seeing in the proposed budget for next year.

Mr. Fullenkamp: What I'm hearing is that these aren't the final numbers. Mr. Carpenter: No, but they are very close. I can submit those to you within the next week. Mayor Flaute: I say let's just do another Work Session on it and then see where we are at. We will draw up legislation for the special meeting that we are going to have on whatever day we are going to have that. That's what I'm proposing, is that okay? Mr. Denning: If we need a special budget discussion meeting, we can have that. Our next meeting is the 15th, so that should give you time to get everything together and if we feel at that point that we need a special meeting to discuss just the budget or do something different than we've got a half a month to get that taken care of and put a meeting in there. Then we are going to do the meeting probably on the 29th to do our final year end stuff. I think we've got enough time in this month. Mayor Flaute: I think so too. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think we ought to be prepared. Mr. Denning: If we can't. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think you need to do the research of what needs to be done if we need to do a continuance.

Mrs. Reynolds: Back to my original question, sir, when do you want our questions on this budget? Mr. Carpenter: I will get you the numbers and update this early, I think by Tuesday. Mrs. Reynolds: You are not comfortable with us working with these numbers? Mr. Carpenter: These numbers are pretty close. I want to do some final adjustments, but they are very close. Mr. Denning: We could work with this, but you may adjust them a little bit. Mr. Carpenter: Some of your questions, as you look at this. Mr. Fullenkamp: We have talked and I haven't looked very closely at this because I was told you weren't comfortable letting this out yet, but you did anyway about the Street Repairs and such that you had pulled. Is that still the case? Mr. Carpenter: Yes, I wanted to add some of that back in and then talk with staff about some of these projects that we are proposing. We may eliminate some of those projects and put more of that money back into the streets. Mr. Fullenkamp: So in this budget, what do you have? All three of those mill and fills, are they back in? Mr. Carpenter: Just one. Mr. Fullenkamp: Just one and which one? Mr. Carpenter: Pleasant Valley. We ballpark each one at about the same price of about \$200,000.00. Mr. Fullenkamp: So we have gone from three to one? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. Mrs. Reynolds: One residential street for next year. Mr. Carpenter: Then we have some additional funds for the cape sealing.

Deputy Mayor Smith: Are we doing Spaulding Road next year? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. There are some additional engineering for some of the other major thoroughfare projects that are going on that is included as well. Mr. Fullenkamp: So your notes will include what projects are included? Mr. Carpenter: Yes, that was in one of the slides and I will transfer it to those notes. Mr. Curp: One thing that might be good to have is a list of all capital items across all the departments because Council may have a different priority than staff requests. We may want to see a list of the capital items plus the dollar value of each one. Mr. Fullenkamp: Yes, because we are dedicated to spending that extra income tax on capital items. Mr. Curp: And in the non-capital

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area or the Operating Budget, the major projects are across all the departments that are causing the increase in the appropriation for those departments because again, this Council may have different priorities. Mr. Carpenter: Okay. Mayor Flaute: Alright, this has been good discussion.

Mr. Denning: We are going to go over the Budget on the 15th and then we will make a decision on whether we need more discussion or if we are ready to move forward. Mr. Carpenter: I can create a separate list of capital items. Would you like to see it by department? Mr. Denning: Sure. Mr. Carpenter: So it will be in the budget notes and then it will also be a whole separate list. Mr. Fullenkamp: Keep it in the spreadsheet, but pull it out and make a separate spreadsheet. Mrs. Reynolds: When you redo the revenue sheets, take out the beginning balances. That's going to change a lot of things. Mr. Carpenter: Okay. Mr. Denning: If you send answers back, send them to everybody so we all have the same information because that may actually cause more questions. Mr. Fullenkamp: So when are you going to have the updated budget to us? Mr. Carpenter: I expect to have it to you by Tuesday. Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay.

ITEM 7: RECESS: The Council took a recess at 6:50 p.m.

ITEM 8: RECONVENE: The meeting was reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Council Member, Shirley Reynolds, led the pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2016 regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. Six were in favor and Deputy Mayor Smith abstained; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 11: ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN CITIZENS PETITIONS: Mayor Flaute advised citizens to fill out a form if they wished to speak about agenda or non-agenda items.

ITEM 12: INTRODUCTION: Officer Matt Jackson and K-9, Tina

Mr. Carpenter turned the floor to Chief Robinson for introductions.

Chief Robinson: This is Officer Matt Jackson with our new K-9 Officer, Tina. They are still in school until I think tomorrow and that is when they will do the State qualifier. If you want to come on down and bring Tina around here. If everything goes well, which we think it will, they will be starting a new K-9 team on Sunday. Tina is a Belgium Malinois, but she is from Bosnia. Mrs. Lommatzsch: He did tell me she is an all-purpose dog. Officer Jackson: She is an all-purpose dog. Chief Robinson: I have to admit that I was very impressed with Tina because I asked her where the suspect was at and she said, "Roof, Roof." Officer Jackson, would you like to say a couple words?

Officer Jackson: I'd just like to thank the Chief, City Council and the City of Riverside for the opportunity to become a K-9 Officer and for letting me go through the school with OSP. It's been a learning experience and a whole lot of knowledge that I have obtained. A lot of studying, I don't remember studying that much even in college to pass the class. She's been a good dog, probably one of the best dogs in the class, if not the best dog in the class. I think she is going to serve the City well. She's really high-strung so she fits my personality well. That's about it. I just want to thank everybody for the opportunity. We won't let you down in Riverside.

Deputy Mayor Smith: What's the age of the dog? Officer Jackson: She's almost two. She was born in February. Deputy Mayor Smith: And you have a K-9 car. Officer Jackson: Yes. Deputy Mayor Smith: Is that the old car or a new car? Officer Jackson: A new Explorer for her. The old K-9 car was getting old. I think it was a

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2007. Mrs. Lommatzsch: How many are in the class with you and Tina? Officer Jackson: There are four dogs in the class and there are five trainers, so you have a trainer per person. Mrs. Lommatzsch: They trained all day for 10 weeks. Officer Jackson: Yes, all day. We usually leave my house by 6:45 in the morning and we drive to Lebanon, Mason, and we've been in Cincinnati. We go to different training sites each day to kind of conflict the dog that way they are not pattern trained to a certain area. Like a warehouse, we would go and train to do pain compliance which is the bite work for the dog. If we pattern trained them and we went to this warehouse they would know we are doing bite work, but one day we might go in there and do obedience training and go to the next place and do the pain compliance somewhere else. That's why we have so many different training sites. She's scheduled to be spade in December sometime, so she is obviously going to be off the road for about 10 days for that.

Deputy Mayor Smith: We spoke briefly out in the hallway about the safety equipment for the K-9 such as the protective vest. There was some question about cost. Mr. Manager, can you see that we have ample funds for the cost of a protective stab vest for the K-9. Mr. Carpenter: I will work with the Chief and see if we can't get that in the budget. Mrs. Lommatzsch: You can also look for some other sources. Let us know how much that cost is. Deputy Mayor Smith: We want to get that underway as soon as possible because the dog is going to go out on the road Sunday. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Thank you for your dedication. Mayor Flaute: You are doing a good job, thank you very much. We sure do appreciate all of your work. How long have you been on the force? Officer Jackson: Five years in January. Mayor Flaute: Well thank you for your service and for all of your hard work. Officer Jackson: Thank you.

ITEM 13: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Carpenter presented the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Carpenter: In your packet you have the City Manager's Report. If there are any questions, I would be glad to answer them. A few details on the Council Request spreadsheet, we had a meeting with staff and we talked about those things. I owe you some specifics on those.

Mayor Flaute: I see that the Wright Point Signage is on for tonight. Is that going to happen tonight? Mr. Carpenter: It has not been finalized. Mr. Murray will talk about that when he gives his report. Mayor Flaute: Very good.

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 - a. Finance Department

Mr. Carpenter turned the floor to Mr. Garrett for the update from the Finance Department.

Mr. Garrett: Things continue and of course today is the first day of December, so I was posting the last revenue transactions for the month of November. In a couple of days we will have the November Finance Statements available. Things are pretty much on track. I would point out that for annual income tax, like I usually say we are up to \$5.3 million received so far this year. That's about \$476,000.00 above where we thought we would be. Earlier I heard the comment about the reduced tax credit and by my calculation we are up to about \$862,000.00 received so far this year. When we get December received, we will go up a little bit higher. One interesting thing for us is we got a rebate check from DP&L for Energy Conservation

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Improvements for the HVAC Compressors that we put on the top of these Wright Point buildings. We received \$14,100.00 last week as a rebate toward that and we've got that posted into the books now. Mayor Flaute: Thank you for your service.

b. Economic Development Department

Mr. Carpenter turned the floor to Mr. Murray for the update from the Economic Development Department.

Mr. Murray: You should have a list in front of your there. I did submit the EPA grant and it's under review by those authorities, I know. There is one correction I have to make and I will get that done here shortly. I continue to work with Smiley's and I did meet with the listing broker and informed him about the possibility of TIFF legislation. He is working with me through that. Flight Line Coffee Shop at Airway's ribbon cutting is December 9th and I think that is at 10:00 a.m. I will skip Airway because I really don't have anything new there to report. Starting at Wright Point, I've almost got done with SPGlobal. One of the carpets was laid wrong, so we are having that redone. The lease is done and the first check was received, so we are on our way there. CDO Technologies, we finally got that done. That's 100% completed and we are talking about additional space for that tenant. Pratt & Whitney was also done recently. Price Systems is done and has been paying for a while. I will probably drop that off next time. The Corps of Engineers approved the amounts for the additional security to the recruiter's offices; however it does require a public bid. I am going to go out on a public bid on those and I've got 90 days to complete that work over there. I am following up there with the bidding company. I did have that meeting and I do like what I heard, so that might really expedite the bidding and public notice policies. I will probably using them for the first time on this.

Mayor Flaute: Do you want to explain briefly what that entails? Mr. Murray: I will get you more information, but as I sat through the process just like we did when we bought the roof top units here. We went to the Texas Group Buying Effort and that permitted us to buy directly because they have fulfilled a lot of the requirements in the public notice and public bidding process that exists in Ohio, so they were an allowable service to use. What Governor Kasich has done is go out and designated a firm as an entity by which we can use to speed up the public notice policy, the timeframe in bringing bids and specs to fruition to actually do the project. This is a service that up to a certain point is absolutely free. One of the things they do in the service is write the specs and that is one of the hardest things to do in what I do with the tenant build out here is to make sure I get proper bids, I need very good specs which increases the cost. These guys do that process for free. The other thing they allow us to do is to use our guys. It's not like this company is located in Columbus, but it's not like I have to use their guys. I can add my guys to their list, so if they have 90 and I've got 10 it goes out to 100 different companies now all at once. They control the bidding process. They come back to me with the list of the bids and the amounts. It greatly reduces the cost and it greatly reduces the timeframe. I was going through some things here, not only with the lights outside, but also for the parking lot here, as well as this increased safety for the recruiter's offices. I'm going to first try it out on the recruiter's office and the second one is to do this lot completely instead of the piecemeal that I was doing it. It looks good so far on paper. If we do use them, it is an 8.5% commission of what the total is, but I am paying an engineer at least that much to write specs. Overall I think it is a savings in time. I think they are better bids and it kind of takes out the personalities from the bid, which I greatly appreciate too, and again it speeds up the time. I will walk through this as soon as I get it re-read and bring this forward to you guys, but it looks like a service that I would like to use at least for Wright Point.

Mayor Flaute: I made a contact in the OML Conference, that's why we go to those things. Mr. Murray: They have given me a stack of legislation that shows that this is a completely acceptable process at the State level and that would be reviewed by our attorneys and given a go ahead. It's good stuff, I think. Again it's a huge hurdle; the amount of time I've spent trying to do this is enormous. That's changed my sheet a little bit, as I said because when I was looking at this parking lot it was a piecemeal. I don't want to do it that way. If this company will step forward and write me some

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good specs, get it out there to as many contractors as possible, I think this is the way to go. That will be coming forward.

I did have a Meeting of the Minds with one of our tenants on a lease renewal, so you will be seeing that next time as well. I will have an Executive Session to discuss the terms of that lease. The signage just to be right up front, I didn't get it done. I just didn't have enough time to summarize it the way I wanted to. I think I've got all the quotes there. I was off last week sick, but I just didn't get it put together in time. For sure I will have that next time. I've got a very good quote to redo the sign that is out front here, so that cost if we were to do a new one was about \$25,000.00. Just to repaint it and keep that sign there is a \$3,000.00 bill. I'm going to bring forth repainting that, improving the lettering a little bit, but also including doing the major address signs at the top of these buildings. Right now they are a faded lime green color and it kind of blends in with the bricks. I'd like to get those painted to the bronze that we have our front and again a couple of directional signs and a major sign identifying this place as Riverside Administration Building. That's what you are going to see and I'll have the numbers for that next time and show you the pretty pictures.

did sign the PO for 5200 on the ADA door and I know we've waited a long time for this. For both buildings it is \$8,998.00, so this would be a button that anyone can push and the doors would swing open. There would be one on the lobby door as well as the front door to this building, as well as one on 5100. I finally got that pretty close to getting done. Skipping down again, going to the public bid for the parking. I think that's the way to go and I think that would get me the cheapest price and I can get the most done for that dollar.

The Eintracht Project, I have a meeting with the Club December 6th at 6:00 p.m. to line out some of the issues that they've got as well as some of the issues we've had with them. This is again trying to get a Meeting of the Minds at that place and really identify duties and responsibilities on both party's part. It will be a gentle meeting; no fireworks here.

At 1178 Harshman, this is the white building across the street, we did just get the asbestos out of that building and Jergen's is ready to tear that down. As soon as they can fit it in, that project will get done. That will be parklike when we are done with it, which means flat and a lot of those secondary trees removed. We will be keeping the larger trees, anything that is over a foot in diameter, those will be kept. All that honeysuckle will be done away with so you can almost see all the way through. A caveat with that is the lot over there that is most overgrown is the REAP lot that you guys approved several months ago. That is going through the process now, but I can't of course touch that lot until we own it. It still won't look pristine over there, but at least the white house will be gone and all the underbrush that clogs that view so perfectly over there. On Phyllis, we are still looking to lease that out. 1101 Harshman, that's ready to be converted to parklike as well. That's that little convenience store all the way down to the end. We are redoing the TIFF legislation for Center of Flight, which will take up both sides of Harshman, not only the part that we had traditionally done, but also coming this way and the lots that we own across the street and are newly acquired. Any questions at all?

Mr. Denning: On 1178, are they taking the fence and everything out? Mr. Murray: Yes, we are going to get rid of all of that stuff. Mr. Denning: The honeysuckle is through the fence. Mr. Murray: I am really looking forward to see what that is going to look like after we have cleared that out and can see all the way across to the church. I think that will be something pretty nice. It will be that one lot there that has those scrubby little trees; we will get that as soon as we own it. We will turn those under as well.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: The door entrances to the other building, is that both doors or just one? Mr. Murray: That will just be one side. We've got two pairs over there in the front and just one side will be opened with ADA. One of the things that is taking so long is Sonitrol. Mrs. Lommatzsch: They have to adjust those pass things. Mr. Murray: Absolutely. We are trying to minimize things so we are using one bollard over there. We are trying to use their bollard and not purchase another one so

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everything is right there. That stuff has to come away from the door a little bit because of the swing and ADA accessibility. All that stuff needs to be moved down. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Maybe we need to sign that somehow so people that approach that building correctly, especially if they are in a wheelchair, that both doors are not handicap. Mr. Murray: That's a real good idea.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Have you not heard anything further about Tim Horton's on Airway? Mr. Murray: They keep saying it is going in. I know Woolpert was climbing all over that place today. They had surveyors out there putting down sticks and taking measurements. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Across from McDonald's? Mr. Murray: Yes, across from McDonald's. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Do they have to give us any plans? Mr. Murray: Yes, at some point. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We haven't heard anything from them? Mr. Murray: Have they submitted a lot split? Mr. Taylor: I talked to them about a lot split. They haven't officially submitted. We did get a permit from Airway Shopping to do a sign for the shopping center, like a large brown sign. Mrs. Lommatzsch: That has different names. Mr. Taylor: Yes, on that site plan they gave me they specifically mentioned they want this here next to Tim Horton's. I don't know, but it sounds like they are fully sure that is going to happen. We haven't seen anything from them. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Does the sign meet all the specs that they are proposing because I know she talked to me about the sign? Mr. Taylor: There is not a sign in Riverside that ever meets our specs or very rarely, so no. We are working with them on that. Mr. Murray: Again, the idea that we had for a while is to have them have their own sign package because of the distance between the stores and the road. It has to be bigger just to be seen. The idea was to do something special for them so they don't have to keep going back to BZA every time somebody wants a sign put up. Mrs. Lommatzsch: What do you mean their own sign package? You mean just a blanket kind of a thing? Mr. Murray: No, they would have their characteristics that would be applicable for that center would be in our Ordinance. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Okay. We will talk later.

Mr. Curp: How many Tim Horton's are going to come to Riverside because the article that was in the newspaper the other day said it was going someplace else? Mrs. Lommatzsch: It is going across from Stebbins too. Mr. Murray: They have submitted the plans. Mr. Taylor: Everything is approved across from Stebbins. Mr. Murray: That's done. Mr. Taylor: Every indication that we have from Page Manor is that there will be another Tim Horton's there. Whether that happens or not. Mr. Denning: Page Manor too? Mr. Taylor: I'm sorry. I always get Page Manor and Airway confused; it's Airway.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: The word on the new Ollie's occupant, nobody is talking about who that is? Mr. Murray: It's not Ollie's, I don't think. Mr. Taylor: Aldi's. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Aldi's, I'm sorry. Mr. Murray: I know what you were referring to though, but no it's not Ollie's. It's a discount store from what I understand. Mr. Denning: I heard it's a Dollar Tree or something. Mr. Murray: Yes. Mayor Flaute: Any other questions or comments? Seeing none; thank you Mr. Murray for your service.

c. Administration Department

Mr. Carpenter turned the floor to Mr. Lohr for the update from the Administration Department.

Mr. Lohr: Good evening. We just have a few updates for Council. The Zoning Administrator position, we interviewed an additional four applicants just here recently and we are going to do some follow-up interviews next week on three of those four applicants. From those, we are confident we are going to be able to get a finalist and hopefully have a January start date on that position. We had some difficulty initially with the type of applicants that we were getting at first. We did some interviews and we came back and reposted it in some different locations and we got some better applicants, I feel so that's looking good.

The Fire Chief position, we've got a total of seven applicants. All are very qualified with lots of experience. We are setting up interviews next week and the following

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week. The first round is going to be with the City Manager, I'll be involved in those and the Battalion Chiefs as well as the Union President. It is going to be more of a panel setting and right now I believe we have three interviews set up. We will see if we are going to interview any others beyond those three that we like out of the seven applicants.

Health insurance, we are hoping next week to get our final quotes on health insurance. Unfortunately our 10% estimate that we had in the budget initially looks like it is going to be a little low. We haven't gotten anything that is right around the 10%, so it is going to be a little bit higher than that. We are confident that it is not going to be exorbitant on top of that, so we are still looking at something that is a reasonable rate for health insurance, but a little bit more than we were anticipating initially. That's all I have for you this evening. Mayor Flaute: Thank you, Mr. Lohr. Are there any questions or comments?

Deputy Mayor Smith: On the health insurance, it looks like it may be more than a 10% increase. In years past we have been around 8, 8 ½, or 9% increase for that contract, have we had an increase in health care calls? Are we paying out more money than we have in the past? Mr. Lohr: Yes, as I understand it we had a large number of high cost claims. He had mentioned 16 very high cost claims, so I think the insurance companies are treating our pool of employees as more risk than has been expected in the past. In addition to that I think generally the market for health insurance is expected to go up quite a bit next year, so when you add those two things together that's why we are getting more than the 10% we had budgeted for. Deputy Mayor Smith: Has our Worker's Comp claims gone up? Mr. Lohr: I don't know about the total number and I only took that over about the middle of the year. I can tell you that our percentage that we are paying for Worker's Comp has gone down slightly, so we are about at 3% that we are paying. It was a tad higher than that for this year, so I think they are looking at us as a lower risk pool at least for Worker's Comp. Deputy Mayor Smith: Thank you. Mayor Flaute: Any other questions or comments? Thank you for your service, Mr. Lohr.

d. Planning and Program Management Department

Mr. Carpenter turned the floor to Mr. Taylor for the update from the Planning and Program Management Department.

Mr. Taylor: As we are wrapping up the year and as I go out and talk to people or get questions about the Department of Planning and Program Management, the most common question I get is what Program Management is? What is it that department does? Typical things that we do, as you know, are we facilitated the construction of this site and the move from the old site to this site for City Hall, and the ODNR Projects. Those are the high end projects that everyone can see that the Program Management has kind of a part of, but some of the other things we do like we worked on doing a CIP, which is the Capital Improvement Plan. We projected what projects we have and what the costs are going to be over the next five years and worked on larger projects. We talked about working with UD and Wright State, that's kind of in that Program Management aspect. What that means for the City is over the last 18 months, the department has been responsible for oversight of the design and/or construction of roughly \$10.5 million in projects.

It's also helped identify for future projects roughly \$1.7 million to help lower costs for Capital Improvement Projects that will happen in the future. In addition, this year we also applied and were successful in getting awarded \$3.3 million in projects and of that \$2.4 million of that is funded through grants. The City is almost a 2 to 1 ratio. For every \$1.00 City of Riverside tax payer dollar, we are getting \$2.00 in Federal/State funding on our roads on our major thoroughfares. We are also very instrumental in that the Senior Lofts Project that we have on Harshman, which is a \$12 million investment. We worked really closely with them to make sure they could get what they needed, help them locate and find the correct site, and then work with them to make sure they were going to get their tax credits. That's a \$12 million investment. So over the last 18 months the department has been responsible for nearly \$14.4 million in investment in the City and then you add the \$1.7 potential if

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those other awards and identified grants are awarded and funded over the next five years. That's what I think the Program Management means for the City and does is ensuring that those projects are happening in an orderly fashion and that the money is being managed responsibly.

Other than that, I also wanted to mention the UDO updates I know that wasn't on the agenda and I think we pushed that into January. If you have any questions or if you get a chance to look at that, please forward those questions. When we get through budget, we really need to work on getting those passed. Other than that we have been flooded and had great success, as Mr. Lohr said, with looking for a ZA. Our permits are trailing down and we are still a little behind, so we are looking forward to getting that position filled. Mayor Flaute: Thank you. Any questions or comments?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I was at the Affordable Housing Council meeting this morning. The young lady from Habitat for Humanity said she had a profitable meeting with you. Mr. Taylor: Oh, yes. Mrs. Lommatzsch: What would we be expecting? She didn't elaborate, but she said to ask you. Mr. Taylor: We had a great meeting. Mayor Flaute was there and the City Manager was there. It was a great discussion. They talked about their mission and I think the important part about Habitat's mission is they are not giving houses away. You have to meet a certain income to afford and then you pay a mortgage to Habitat, so it is not a free house. They put in a lot of hours working on other people's houses, it is 240 some odd hours of work that the family partner has to do on other people's houses and then they work on their own house. That's my Habitat plug. Basically what they were looking for is trying to keep their Land Bank of properties a good pocket of properties. They currently have 50 family partners in the pipeline and only 40 potential lot sites to build. They are clearly backwards in that, but they manage to make it.

They are trying to encourage cities to find property or give property. I think we have identified a few lots that we can REAP and then possibly turn over. After the NIP program, after we get some demos there will definitely be some potential there. One of the things she did ask for and she showed that other cities do, for example City of Dayton and by no means were they asking for this they were just examples of what other cities do for Habitat, is not only do they provide land for them, but they also provide a financial support. I think City of Dayton gives \$10,000.00, City of Kettering gives \$50,000.00 plus land, and another city was land plus \$20,000.00. Mayor Flaute: West Carrollton. Mr. Taylor: Yes, West Carrollton. There are also other grants available that we will be looking at. It's funny how money works, the money comes from one organization and has to come through us and then we can give it to Habitat, but Habitat can't go for it themselves. There are opportunities there where we can assist them in getting properties. I've been working with Mr. Miozzi, Norm, who is their construction guru, will be looking at those lots. Did I answer that?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's all positive. Mr. Taylor: It's fantastic. I was a little reluctant at first. I worked for Habitat for two years as a site supervisor and built houses for them, so I'm very passionate about the mission but we also want to make sure that we are putting families in the right neighborhoods and we are setting them up for success and that the houses they are building meet the characteristics of the neighborhood in which we provide for. It was about a decade that I worked there, but they were very staunch in this is what we build and this is what we are doing and if you don't like it we will go somewhere else. That message has changed dramatically over the last decade. Now it's what do you want to see? What does that façade need to look like? What size of house do you need? They are very amenable to working with the City to placate our needs as well as their needs, so it is mutually beneficial. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'd be very interested to following up in any further communication. Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: I just have one question, where are we with the chickens? Mr. Taylor: If I understood it from Council was that they wanted Planning Commission to recommend whether or not urban chickens should be something we should pursue. Planning Commission took that one step a little bit further and if they are going to recommend or not recommend something, they want actual Code language or Ordinance language. They have asked for staff to draft that and we are working on it.

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It is not the highest of priorities at this moment, but it is something we are working on. Mayor Flaute: Are we including bees in this? Mr. Denning: We've already got bees. Mr. Taylor: I don't know if bees and chickens work together. We didn't have the birds and the bees discussion. Mayor Flaute: I thought we had the chickens covered, but I found out there is acreage to them. There is not with the bees. Very good. Vandalia is starting it too, but they are the Bee City of the State of Ohio. Mr. Taylor: They are also bicycle friendly. I have to drive by that sign every day. Mayor Flaute: That is what they are working on is making themselves the Bee City.

Mr. Taylor: Since we are on chickens, on a more serious note some of the things Planning Commission had talked about it wanting to make sure if they recommend an Ordinance for urban or backyard chickens. We discussed things about making sure that chicken coops were regulated somehow, whether that's a design standard and having to go get a certain model or something. We discussed if people are going to have chickens, it is a responsibility and to be eligible to apply for a permit, you would have to go through an urban chicken class and we identified a couple of organizations. It's funny, but it's true and an important part, proper handling of the chickens and of the eggs. There are some safety issues. Some of the things people are worried about are salmonella and that contamination and how does that transfer happen. Unless you grew up on a farm, you don't know those things. You just read a book and say, "I'm going to have backyard chickens and I'm going to have eggs." The next thing you know your kid is in the hospital or the neighbor kid is in the hospital. Those are things we have talked about. I think they have looked at it from all aspects and whatever we provide to Council is going to be the best thing we could provide, then leave it up to you folks to say yes or no. Mayor Flaute: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Any other questions? Thank you for your service.

ITEM 14: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: There were no public comments on agenda items.

Kyle Winning of Trunk Drive requested to speak before Council regarding the Item 15 A, Ordinance No. 16-O-610.

Mr. Winning: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Council, and staff. I just had a question over the legal billing issue that went on last week. I'm kind of just looking for clarification. I keep hearing the term client/attorney privilege. Is the City not the client? Why is the City staff and Council Members not allowed to see that if the City is the client? Maybe I am just misunderstanding something. Mayor Flaute: We are allowed to see that. Ms. Arnold: If you are all in agreement or if there is a majority vote. That is how it was handled previously. Mr. Winning: I keep hearing we need to trust the billing and trust the billing. Historically there have been problems. If everybody is in agreement that we need to trust the billing, then are we ignoring the previous problems? When comments are made that the Finance Director doesn't necessarily know what he is paying, I think we have an issue when money is getting spent, we are trusting the billing, but yet in the history we have seen problems with the billing. I am citing on September 15th, there was an issue that Mrs. Reynolds brought up and I will quote her so I am correct, "I'm looking at telephone conversations and these have been redacted by Mrs. Grandjean's office on 1/21/16. There was a telephone conversation with blank for 12 hours for a total of \$1,380.00. You see ma'am what I am trying to say to you all? There are too many errors in here. \$1,380.00." We have identified one error. How many more are there and do we have a system to keep the errors from happening? Right now, Mr. Mayor might have a phone call. Ms. Arnold might have a phone call, but the Finance Director doesn't necessarily know about those. It's a system that I think might be broken. Can we work on doing something? Maybe if the Mayor has a phone call and when the bill comes the Mayor can sign off and say, "Yes, I had a phone call for an hour." Ms. Arnold can sign off and say, "I had a phone call for six hours over three days." Just so there is some accountability. Otherwise we are spending money and we don't know necessarily where it is going.

Mayor Flaute: Just one note on the \$1,300.00 or whatever it was. That was not a phone call. That was a day's meeting with myself and a whole bunch of other people. That was a mistake. The number wasn't wrong; it was just that it wasn't a phone call.

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Ms. Arnold: There were other things listed, but they were redacted. Mr. Curp: That's right. Two things, first of all the Law Director sent a note to Council explaining what that dollar amount represented. Secondly, what wasn't put forward into the public domain was that on that same invoice while it did say telephone call there were other entries underneath it where the names had been redacted of people who had been talked to either on the telephone or in the meeting. It just so happens that was the negotiating of severance benefits with the former City Manager and it took a lot of time because it was done at the very last minute. You make a good point. It might have been helpful if someone had provided you with a little more of the detailed information. Mr. Winning: I know we are going to have legal bills, every entity does, but it seems the system we have now has no checks and balance. Mr. Carpenter might be getting the legal bill and saying, "Yeah, I know the Mayor was going to make a phone call." Your phone call might have been an hour and a half when he was under the impression it was two and it got billed at two. It's a couple bucks over the course of a year, but we are in deficit spending right now. A couple bucks is going to add up next time we have to come do a budget. The money will run out at some point with the deficit.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Let's make one thing clear, Council has decided that Council is not allowed to see the un-redacted bills. That was a decision by Council. I did not support that decision, but Council has decided that we don't see the bills. Mr. Winning: If Council can't see the bills, is there some other check and balance you can come up with as a City? Mayor Flaute: We will work on that. Mr. Winning: There are no other questions. I will thank you for your time. Mayor Flaute: Thank you.

ITEM 15: NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

I) Ordinance No. 16-O-610 making supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2016.

Mr. Carpenter introduced Ordinance No. 16-O-610 making supplemental appropriations.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to take Ordinance No. 16-O-610 off the table. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to read Ordinance No. 16-O-610 for the first time in its entirety and approve its first reading. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 16-O-610 for the first time in its entirety.

All were in favor; Mrs. Reynolds opposed. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to suspend the rule that dictates the number of days between consecutive readings of ordinances. Mr. Curp seconded the motion.

Mrs. Reynolds: Why is this an emergency? Mr. Carpenter: Well I don't know if it is so much an emergency, but we have some bills that we need to pay. Mrs. Reynolds: And those bills being? Mr. Carpenter: Legal bills. Mrs. Reynolds: Legal bills. Legal bills for what? Mr. Carpenter: For a variety of things. It is for Altick & Corwin. Mrs. Reynolds: It's \$86,000.00 in legal fees for what period of time? Mr. Carpenter: I defer to Tom. What month does that cover? Mr. Garrett: We have unpaid bills for service for the months of September and October and of course will be getting the November bill any day now. Mrs. Reynolds: What firms are we paying? Mr. Garrett: This is all Altick & Corwin. Well that's quite true. Altick & Corwin and then we also had \$53,000.00 of the calculation was for the Bieser, Greer & Landis. Mrs. Reynolds:

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I'm sorry, Mr. Garrett, I didn't hear that. Mr. Garrett: The Bieser, Greer & Landis law firm. Mrs. Reynolds: And the total amount going to that firm? Mr. Garrett: It's \$53,000.00 additional above what we have already paid. Mrs. Reynolds: \$53,000.00? Mr. Garrett: Yes. Mrs. Reynolds: Plus the \$92,000.00 we paid previously? Mr. Garrett: We have paid Bieser Greer twice so far and it will be another \$53,000.00 we are anticipating.

Mrs. Reynolds: The supplemental can't wait until the next reading? Are we passed our due date for payment? Mr. Garrett: Altick & Corwin has been waiting, but like I said it was a September bill. They billed us the first part of October and it's been just held since then. Mrs. Reynolds: What was the date of the purchase order that we put through for Bieser Greer? Mr. Garrett: I don't know the date, but it would have been back in early August I think. Mrs. Reynolds: Early August and you put that purchase order through for what dollar amount, sir? Mr. Garrett: I put, I think it was \$30,000.00. Mrs. Reynolds: How much? Mr. Garrett: I think it was \$30,000.00. I don't know off the top of my head. Mrs. Reynolds: \$30,000.00. Did we have \$30,000.00 on the line at that time or did we need a supplemental then? I think you all know where I'm going on this, so I need that information please. I would like to have that information. Did we have the \$30,000.00 on the line when we encumbered and approved that purchase order? It's a simple question guys. Mr. Carpenter: Initially it was general contract. Does that sound right? Mrs. Reynolds: That is not an answer. Mr. Garrett: That particular purchase order was written against the General Fund rather than the legal department. Mrs. Reynolds: Pardon me. I can't hear you, Mr. Garrett. Mr. Garrett: The original purchase order for the Bieser Greer law firm was written out of the General Government Claims out of the General Government section rather than out of the Legal sub-department. Mrs. Reynolds: We chose to do that for what reason? Mr. Garrett: Funding. Mayor Flaute: Any other questions or comments?

All were in favor; Mr. Fullenkamp and Mrs. Reynolds opposed. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to read Ordinance No. 16-O-610 for the second time by title only and approve its final adoption. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 16-O-610 for the second time by title only.

A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, no; Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, no; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion carried.**

B. RESOLUTIONS

I) Resolution 16-R-2217 authorizing the Finance Director of the City of Riverside to seek advance payment of collected taxes for the tax year 2016.

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 16-R-2217 authorizing the Finance Director to seek advance payment of taxes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2217. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

II) Resolution 16-R-2218 authorizing the City Manager to reject all bids submitted for the City of Riverside Services Alteration Project.

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution 16-R-2218 authorizing a rejection of all bids for the Services Alteration Project.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2218. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Mrs. Reynolds: Why is this coming in so much higher? Mr. Carpenter: I will let Mr. Taylor speak to that. Mrs. Reynolds: Is there something we need to look at? Mr. Taylor: I think that's a really good question and I don't have my thumb exactly on the answer. We could stipulate on market conditions. I really think contractors are taking advantage of the bid process. The way most cities do this we don't have a lot of time or we don't have the resources to do a line item. We do it by division, so we ask construction workers to divide up into 16 different divisions and that's electrical, plumbing, and whatnot. We ask them to show us what they are doing by division and then their profit and overhead. Some of those numbers on these, the bids were over \$63,000.00 and \$58,300.00 which is almost double what we anticipated. In their division for profit and margin, they both had somewhere around \$20,000.00-25,000.00 just in overhead and profit. When I worked at Wright-Patt and we did contracting or base work like this, we would do individual line items. There is X amount of dry wall, X amount of studs, and it is quantities over a pre-described labor. Some of those estimates for a \$30,000.00 job are 7-8 pages of individual line items. It makes it a whole lot easier to say, "Wait a second. Why do you have 80,000 square feet of dry wall when I have 40,000?"

I've talked to Alt Architecture about maybe trying to do one that way, but you are talking about a huge upfront cost and doing a very detailed cost estimate. I think that would lower our estimates out there, if we asked for that. We could probably ask companies when we go to bid to give us a line by line item and then we could probably guesstimate quantities, but I'm afraid if we did that they are in the game to make money and estimating a job that way would be very time consuming. Mayor Flaute: Maybe get a free estimate from our guy. Mr. Denning: That's what I was going to say. Would this bidding situation that Mr. Murray has, would that be conducive to this project? Mr. Murray: I think it would be. Mr. Denning: You may try that. Mrs. Reynolds: He might even be able to work with you on the bid package you do need to get it broken down into the numbers where they are not those high cost overruns. Mr. Taylor: I don't know if Mr. Murray wants to back me up on this or if other people bids. These last few bids I've been disenfranchised by this bidding process because I don't think we are getting the best bids. I just don't think it is happening. That's kind of the constraints we need to work in. We are moving forward with stuff over there. We have divided that work into smaller chunks or smaller projects where we are able to do with a revised scope. We are working on the flooring. It will be going in over at the Service building next week. Once we get that flooring in the guys will be able to go over into the new locker room and in a few months we will be able to look at getting that area demoed out. We are working it that way. That's going to keep us under the \$25,000.00. We still get three bids for all that work, of course it makes more work for myself and other staff members, but when you are talking about saving \$35,000.00 that's a lot of my time.

Mrs. Reynolds: Also it's a worry when we reject bids. We know that what we all stand under when we look at rejected bids. I'm just asking this question and I don't know it says, "These bids were more than 10% of the architect's fee." Is that a sufficient reason to reject? Mr. Taylor: Typically we award a project if it is within 10% is the way the Ordinance reads. If it is within 10% over our bid, we can award that contract if we feel that it is within reason. When you are talking our estimate from the architect is \$35,000.00 for that work and you get a bid for \$63,000.00, I don't even know why they submitted one because they know that we can't accept that. Mrs. Reynolds: Right. Mr. Taylor: Like I said, their overhead and profit was almost the cost of the project. Mrs. Reynolds: I can't believe that. Mr. Taylor: I was floored. Mr. Denning: They didn't want the work. They were just bidding it. If you are willing to pay that, they will take the job. Mr. Taylor: The Service building as a whole, we had an estimate that was around \$135,000.00 or \$130,000.00. Those estimates were in the \$200,000.00's. The overhead and profit was still only \$30,000.00. Now I have cut the project in more than half and you are still asking for the same overhead and profit. It is not the same contractors, it is across the board. I think Bob and I and Mr. Miller are aware of those things. I think on a lot of projects we get the same contractors with good bidding, so we are aware that there are good contractors out

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there just not every time. Mayor Flaute: Thank you, sir. Any other questions or comments?

All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

- III) Resolution 16-R-2219 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Service Agreement with the Law Offices of the Montgomery County Public Defender to provide legal counsel to indigent persons charged with violations of Municipal Ordinances for the year 2017, under certain terms and conditions.**

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution 16-R-2219 authorizing a Service Agreement with the Montgomery County Public Defender.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2219. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

- IV) Resolution 16-R-2220 recognizing the United Rehabilitation Services' "Annual Telethon" as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the citizens of the City of Riverside.**

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution 16-R-2220 recognizing the United Rehabilitation Services' "Annual Telethon."

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2220 making a donation in the amount of Two-Hundred Fifty dollars (\$250.00). Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

- V) Resolution 16-R-2221 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Dayton regarding the protection of the Source Water Protection Areas within the City of Riverside, State of Ohio.**

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution 16-R-2221 authorizing an agreement with the City of Dayton regarding the protection of Source Water Protection Areas in the City of Riverside.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2221. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 17: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Judy Horn of Christy Avenue requested to speak before Council regarding the Riverside Historical Society Christmas party.

Ms. Horn: I'm Judy Horn. I live on Christy Avenue and I have been there for 60 years. It's amazing. Anyhow on December 13th, Tuesday, between 12:00 and 2:00, we are going to have our Christmas Party at the Historical Society and we would like for all of you to come and have lunch with us. We are going to have soup and sandwiches and fruit and regular holiday goodies. If you get there a little early, that's okay too and if you want to stay a little late we are having our meeting and you are welcome to attend. We hope to see you. Mayor Flaute: Thank you, Ms. Horn. We appreciate it.

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Frank Smith of Byesville Road requested to speak before Council regarding a camper at 4313 Byesville.

Mr. Smith: Council, Mayor, distinguished people. I've got some pictures I would like you to see. My issue is the same. You know my trailer was stolen. I got it back. This has been a constant since I got it back. Where I had it parked, Jeremy went over, knocked on the lady's door knowing the trailer is mine. I might be wrong, but she pretty much told me that Jeremy told her that if she didn't have me move the trailer she was going to be arrested. Mrs. Reynolds: What was that, sir? Mr. Smith: That if she didn't have me move my box trailer they were going to arrest her. Now that's what she told me. This lady is 82 years old. She has no reason to tell me something different, but this has been ongoing since I got it back. Brock came out and I told him it was on gravel. He came out and said it wasn't enough. He told me if I moved it forward 20 feet; that I could leave it there. I couldn't move it forward because the daughter-in-law comes and gets her, so the trailer where it was at was on gravel but it wasn't enough evidently. I've had to move the trailer again.

This picture is a camper sitting out on Byesville almost to Smithville. This trailer has been sitting there for over a year now. It's on grass and they are living in it. Mr. Massa had people come to his house to visit and they weren't allowed to plug their camper in for three days or whatever they were visiting, but this camper is being used here yet they have enough time to come and bug me and my neighbor about my box trailer. It's not a recreational vehicle. It's a car haul. It has nothing to do with recreation. I have no other place to put it. Now I'm paying storage because they won't leave me alone. They won't leave my neighbor alone. The trailer was on gravel. I put it on blocks, so it's not in the dirt. It was not hurting anyone. It was hurting Mr. Salmons. From my understanding he has called about it. I'm tired of being harassed because this is a pure example of being harassed. I can't park my trailer. Every time I bring it home, the City has something to say about it. I put it where I can keep an eye on it and keep it from getting stolen again. Now I am paying for storage. I'm inconveniencing a buddy to keep my trailer safe. Mayor Flaute: Make sure that you give us the address of where that trailer is. Mr. Smith: It's right on that picture. 4313 Byesville and the trailer is on grass. I have shown you the pictures of it. Mayor Flaute: We will have the Manager look into your issue and he will be getting back with you. Thank you, sir.

Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. Mayor, if I may. Mr. City Manager, will you please look into the accusations we have heard this evening that Jeremy told a resident she would be arrested if Mr. Smith's trailer was not removed? Please get that report to us tomorrow. Mr. Carpenter: Sure.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Sir, can I ask you a question? These pictures are pictures of your trailer or the trailer someone is living in? Mr. Smith: Someone is living in it. Mrs. Lommatzsch: The one behind? Mr. Smith: Yes. They are living in it. Mr. Carpenter: It is 4313?

Steve Massa of Planters Avenue requested to speak before Council regarding Nuisance.

Mr. Massa: I originally had one issue, but now I have two. First off, the shame of the amount of money that some of the people in this room have spent on this legal ordeal. That money could have been used for some many other useful things. It was my money too, just as much as it was yours and these people in the audience. That was my main point.

Procedure for Abatement of a Public Nuisance by Activity or Use.

Whenever the Zoning Administrator suspects the existence of a public nuisance in the City as defined in Section 1331.03 the Zoning Administrator or a designee shall, with the assistance of the Riverside Police Department, promptly inspect the premises on which the public nuisance is suspected to exist. Should the Zoning Administrator find that a public nuisance does exist; it shall be the duty of the

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Zoning Administrator or a designee to file with the City a written report of the findings along with any documented previous activity on file with the Riverside Police Department. The Zoning Administrator shall notify the owner pursuant to Section 1343.09(b)(2), (3), or (4) and the notice shall state the findings with respect to the existence of a public nuisance and order the owner to take such measures as are reasonably necessary to lessen the severity of the public nuisance.

Whenever the Zoning Administrator, with assistance from the Riverside Police Department, determines that the continued existence of a previously identified public nuisance as defined in Section 1331.03 remains, the Zoning Administrator or designee may serve a written notice on the owner and/or other responsible person, stating the findings with respect to the existence of a public nuisance and ordering the owner and/or other responsible person, to abate the public nuisance within 15 days. Whenever the issues raised by the written notice and order have been finally determined, the Zoning Administrator may recommend to the City Manager the abatement of the public nuisance in the manner provided in Chapter 3767 of the Ohio Revised Code. Upon the Zoning Administrator's recommendation, the City Manager shall determine if such assistance is warranted and may authorize the Law Director to pursue the same. If the owner and/or other responsible person fails or refuses to comply with the order to abate the public nuisance, the Zoning Administrator may, in addition to proceeding as provided hereinabove, proceed against the owner for any violations of the Riverside Building Code. (Ord. 11-O-467. Passed 3-17-11.)

"Exterior property areas" means the open space on the premises and on adjoining property under the control of owners or operators of such premises.

"Junk, inoperable machinery, or inoperable vehicle" means a vehicle, including, but not limited to cars, trucks, buses, trailers, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and boats.

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Massa, you have 10 seconds. Mr. Massa: Don't cut me off, I'm still reading. Mayor Flaute: I have to cut you off at three minutes. Mr. Fullenkamp: I make a motion to let him continue. Mayor Flaute: I don't know except that motion.

Mr. Massa: A vehicle shall be deemed a junk or inoperable vehicle whenever any of the following occur. Mayor Flaute: Mr. Massa, you need to sit down now. Thank you. Mr. Massa: I can't talk? Mayor Flaute: You have talked for three minutes. I gave you three minutes and your three minutes are up. Mr. Massa: You don't want to hear what I have to say? Does anybody in this room reject to me talking? Mayor Flaute: You had three minutes to say what you want to say. Mr. Massa: I know you would. Mayor Flaute: Mr. Massa, please sit down. Thank you. Mr. Massa: Okay. I will continue this at the next Council meeting. Mayor Flaute: That would be fine. Thank you. Mr. Massa: I don't appreciate what you are doing because you are doing it on purpose because you don't want to hear what I have to say. Mayor Flaute: Mr. Massa, please sit down. Thank you.

Jan Pitzer of Wake Forest Road requested to speak before Council regarding Shop with a Cop.

Ms. Pitzer: I have several, so I'm only going to do one because I want to be able to speak. I'm calling in regards to this Shop with a Cop situation. My 95 year old mother got a phone call regarding this soliciting for donations for this. I am very thorough in checking out any type of phone call. I asked for the person's name. I said, "Are you a Riverside cop?" He said, "Nope." I said, "But you are calling for the Riverside Police Department. Who's the Chief of Police of Riverside?" He had no clue. I did get to speak with a Steve Morris and I want the residents to know that when you are being solicited for this Shop with a Cop, they have contracted along with Huber to an outside source to get your donations. This outside source is OTMC, Ohio Telemarketing Communications. They get 40% of the donation. We in Riverside are sponsoring and helping 50 children. Huber is helping 100. From what I understand, they go to the schools to get a list of disadvantaged students. I'd like to know what schools they are going to. We have a City of Dayton school within the City

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of Riverside. We have St. Helen's. We have East Dayton Christian, as well as Mad River Schools. Is this going to a Riverside resident to Shop with a Cop?

The procedure for singling out these students, I object to big time. A police officer goes to the school, calls out the student and hands them a golden ticket. In today's society with so much bullying, so much name calling, so much being made fun of because of the way they look, they dress, or being at a disadvantage for whatever reason. I think this is totally wrong. This should be done in private. I'd like to hear your comments, Officer Robinson, regarding this. Mayor Flaute: Okay. You can talk to him after the meeting. Ms. Pitzer: I think it is important to let the residents know. Mayor Flaute: He can talk to you after the meeting and explain that to you and if anyone else wants to hear that after the meeting they can go over and talk. Thank you. Ms. Pitzer: Thank you.

There were no additional requests to speak.

ITEM 18: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Flaute: I would especially like to hear from the people that went to the National League of Cities. I'd like to hear some highlights of what you heard or saw.

Mr. Fullenkamp: It was an okay conference; a lot of politicians talking, so there wasn't too much value in many things. I did make some good contacts from the vendors. A talk I went to regarding opiate, heroin, discussion about that. That led me to call ADAMHS again and I'm attempting to be put on a Steering Committee for the City of Riverside to move forward for a more comprehensive approach for this. This is a terrible problem. They had a speaker from Huntington, West Virginia. I think the core story here was they tried heavy-handed law enforcement and found out that their death rates rose. It didn't matter, so it has to be treated as a health issue. It has to be treated as a risk-reduction issue. It has to be treated as to stop the demonization of these people. We've got to reach out to these people and include them into our community and try everything we can to help them. I listened to what was said at the last meeting regarding who we coordinate our, we will call it care. It didn't sound right all the stipulations involved with who could go to this place over on Linden Avenue. It sounded like more of a barrier than actually reaching out to these folks and trying to help them. If they are currently high or if they have recently used heroin, we can't help you. We can't use that approach. We've got to help people no matter what state they are in, so I am reaching out to the people at ADAMHS and it's going to be my pet project next year to try to figure out what we can do in our community. How can we customize with the County? The County has a lot of services available. We've got to figure out how we can bring those into our community to help minimize the impact of this surge that the whole country is experiencing. Since I am a Councilman for the City of Riverside, I want to work within my region and within my City. I did find some good vendors. That's going to be my pet project for 2017. There is nothing funny about what's going on here and we've got to stop this demonization of these people. More deaths is not a good thing.

The other part were the vendors and I saw quite a few good vendors in terms of software and services offered to cities to increase public engagement, increase how we work as a city, and I've been talking with the City Manager about some of these. We've attended a couple of these webinars already. I think these are pieces that will help us with our transparency, help us with our willingness of residents to help us do projects, and will help our staff more effectively and efficiently render the services that we need to provide to our residents. It was a pretty good meeting and a really good talk by Terry Bradshaw. Terry Bradshaw said one thing that rang true with me. He said, "You folks have one of the hardest jobs in the world, but you are never going to succeed unless you care about the residents that you work for and you get out there and shake their hands and you give them hugs and you give them kisses and you care about them. That's what it's about." That's the kind of person he is. I'm not a Steeler's fan, so don't get me wrong folks. He's a good speaker and his attitude about people and about the way he lives his life is pretty commendable, I think. It was a good experience. I met a lot of good people. I made some contacts and may be working with someone in Huber Heights on this heroin issue. Maybe we can bring

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our two cities together on an issue and do a combined effort versus just going it alone. Mayor Flaute: Thank you for going. We appreciate it. Mr. Smith, anything stand out?

Deputy Mayor Smith: I too attended the opioid class that they had. It was very informative. This opioid addiction that we have among us is different than what we experienced in the 70's. In the 60's and 70's when the drugs came about it was more of a recreational drug. Mayor Flaute: LSD was pretty bad. Deputy Mayor Smith: People used it for recreational purposes as an alternative to drinking, I guess. Now here we have the opioids. It's a lifestyle, but there has been a lot of talk about the reduction of the issuance of pain medication by the doctors. They have cut that back. These people are still in pain. They are suffering. They have turned to alternative drugs, such as heroin and methamphetamines. They became addicted to them, but they probably became addicted to the opioids that were prescribed through their doctors. It just continued on and now it has turned into a disease, more or less a manmade disease you might say. To characterize these people that we see strung out and overdosing, yes it might be a lifestyle change, but maybe too it might be somebody that really is suffering with pain and this is their alternative to seeking relief. We need to treat these people with respect and dignity and try to help them. You are always going to have those that abuse this or doing it just for the fun of it. It was a learning process learning about this considering it a disease and how do we treat it. Mr. Fullenkamp was at that meeting, as he has indicated. There were some good comments made and some good information presented as to how we can look into finding relief and help. That was a good one.

This year some of the classes were only 25 minutes long, as in the past they were at least 45 minutes to an hour. The information was kind of crammed in and if the instructor showed up late, you didn't get a full 25 minutes. The class was from 3:30-3:55, well at 3:55 there was another class starting so people would be leaving early from the class going to the next class. It was kind of disruptive. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I hope you put that in your critique. Deputy Mayor Smith: I did. To get all the information, it was kind of hard to get because so much was being thrown at you so quick and then the class ended and you moved on so I was unhappy with that. Overall, it is a big city. They have made a lot of changes to their city and have cleaned it up a lot; the rivers. It was quite interesting, but we had a good time and learned a little bit there. Mayor Flaute: Thank you, sir.

Mrs. Reynolds: Just to add to what you two had mentioned and the problem. Since 2010, drug deaths have increased by 226% in Ohio. Mr. City Manager, we have talked about that. We've got to be as proactive as we possibly can on that. Deputy Mayor Smith: I would add to that. In 2014 there were 28,000 deaths here in Ohio alone. That's quite a few. Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, I'd like for you to get some information for all of Council considering what Ms. Pitzer said to us tonight and the research she has done and found out. That 40% service fee for collections and there are many in our community that give to that Police Fund. If there is a way we can get that dollar where that 40% is not taken out and more dollars being able to go to the children in our community, we need to do that. I hope that you and the Chief can get something set up so that we can manage that.

Also if I may, Mr. City Manager, Mr. Taylor mentioned that he was going to be working with Wright State on a Community Engagement piece. I believe those are the charettes that we've been talking about. Those are great. That came from down south. Mrs. Lommatzsch and I know well about charrettes and how that has always been handled. Those are great things to have and if I can get any information you have on that, I would love to see what they might come up with. Thank you all for being here this evening.

Mr. City Manager, I am really upset over what Mr. Smith said tonight that a resident was threatened with jail time. That's not good guys. That's not good. We need to find out what happened there. Mr. Carpenter: We have had some discussion about that. That's not the way I heard the story, but we will check into it one more time. I would appreciate it just so we, as a Council, can feel that we have the information we need. Thank you all very much for being here tonight.

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Mrs. Lommatzsch: First of all, I think we all need to let Mitch Miller know that he has been in our thoughts and prayers this week on the loss of his father. Know that we care. I went to two meetings this morning. I don't mind at all and I enjoy MVRPC, however this Affordable Housing Council meets on the same morning in a different building. If next year I continue to do this for you guys, which I don't mind doing, I'm going to need relief in February, May, August, and December when this Council meets. One is at one building and one is in the County building. It was very interesting that you brought up the drug issue. There was a great presentation this morning on more stringent and applicable applications to the law about renting and who you rent to. They are cracking down on anybody who in Dayton and Montgomery County is using 13 reasons not to rent to somebody. I didn't know that there were that many specifics. It was great and if you go online there is a reference, if you are interested in that. I know we do have some people in our community that do participate in renting properties and the laws are getting stiffer about not holding things against people, i.e. drug rehabilitated people and jail rehabilitated people. It was a very interesting meeting.

I do have some information and I know you all received these long range plans and they asked that the City have some out for the public, so I brought a few. The VA is having a lot of activities with their 150th anniversary and I have information here if any of you are interested in their calendar of events. That came out at MVRPC. Like I said, I was in meetings all morning and I am getting all of my information mixed up. It was very interesting information at those meetings. I am learning a lot about Affordable Housing, I'm telling you. There is a lot to learn, but thank you for the opportunity of representing you. People are getting a little more open. I don't just go and sit there like a lump on a log. They do interact with me and I'm learning a lot. Thank you very much. Mayor Flaute: Thank you for doing that and all of your work.

Mrs. Reynolds: I just have one other thing and I'm just going to ask the Committee that was established back in August or September. I have not had any updates on anything and if you all could possibly give me an update on where we are at and what's going on, I would appreciate it. You can just send it to me by email. That would be fine. Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: I just have a couple of things. I only had three weddings this time because I spent a week away from the City and that slowed them down a little bit. We already talked about Habitat for Humanity meeting. I also went on your behalf for the Veteran's Homeless news conference. We have no more veterans in the Miami Valley that are chronically homeless. There are some that are a little homeless, but there are no more. We found one about a week ago and we got him housing in a day. It's a big deal. We are the only region in the State of Ohio that has that designation and we are only one of 26 in the United States of America that has that designation. If you know any homeless veterans, please contact us. We will get that taken care of very, very quickly. We have got a process that is unique to our area and a process that is working.

Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, I'm so proud of our city. We had Council Members there. We had School Board Members there. We had people from the Chamber there. We took about two or three tables. Wow! We were mentioned several times for the work that Mrs. Sara does on that committee. Thank you for all of your work. We are helping veterans out big time and you can be proud of all the efforts that folks in our city are doing. That's all I have.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I forgot one thing. Any of you who have not responded to the Chamber Christmas event, it's next Thursday night. Lynn is here, please let her know. Her reservation drop dead date is tomorrow. It's the 8th at Walnut Grove at 6:00 p.m. You can do a lot of hugging there.

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ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn. Mrs. Reynolds seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Brenna Arnold, Clerk of Council