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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: Deputy Mayor Curp, absent; Mr. Denning, present; Mr. Fullenkamp, present; Mrs. Lommatzsch, present; Mrs. Reynolds, absent; Mr. Smith, absent; 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; Frank Robinson, Police Chief; Daniel Stitzel, Fire Chief; Mitch Miller, Service Department; and Brenna Arnold, Clerk of Council.

**ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to excuse Deputy Mayor Curp, Mrs. Reynolds, and Mr. Smith. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Curp notified Mayor Flaute he would be late, but still attempt to attend via email. Mrs. Reynolds notified the Clerk she would not be in attendance via email. Mr. Smith notified the City Manager he was traveling back from the NLC Summit via telephone.

There was no further discussion on the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

**ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** The agenda was revised to correct the date of the meeting to March 16, 2017.

**ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the agenda as revised. Mrs. Lommatzsch 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) Presentation – Eintracht Update

Mr. Carpenter introduced Mr. Murray for an update on Eintracht.

Mr. Murray: As you know we have been looking at this since January and I've gone around to a lot of different organizations and what I am trying to do is get this up and operational. When I last came to you guys I was looking at Huber Heights and the music center they have up there, but the City Manager and myself and Mr. Fullenkamp visited Benham's Grove to see what they were doing because it is another venue and is much closer than the music thing they do up in Huber Heights. A little bit about Benham's Grove, they did purchase that in 1991 for \$1 million. It opened in 1992 and year to date they have invested about \$1 million out there. It was first profitable last year, so the whole time they have had that they have been operating at a deficit. Again, in 2015 it finally broke a profit. Benham's Grove is separate from the Service Department. It is under the Assistant to the City Manager. The Service Department really doesn't do any work out there at Benham's Grove they contract out all of that work. Last year they had 2.65 Full Time Equivalent jobs out there. Some of those were part-time. They had a full-time manager, and full-time assistant. It actually accounts for jobs in that area.

Mr. Denning: So Benham's Grove works similar in the way these buildings do in that it pays for all its own and nothing comes out of City funds. Mr. Carpenter: Just the last couple of years. Mr. Denning: They did have to subsidize up to this point. Mr. Murray: They did at one time, but last year they made about \$54,000.00. Mr.

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Fullenkamp: They do use some City services. Mr. Murray: If it is something very complicated, they will bring out a truck or something to cut trees down. Mr. Denning: Not that we wouldn't do that some here. It's a similar business model. Mr. Murray: Absolutely. That's what I'm trying to put forward is the same business model, not exactly the same. Mr. Denning: But a similar business model to the way these buildings are run. Mr. Murray: That's what I'm looking for. I'm looking for the Eintracht to operate that way. Mr. Denning: I get it.

Mr. Murray: So the ground maintenance subcontracted to an outside landscaping firm. The facility is also supported by a group called the "Friends of Benham's Grove." This is a non-profit organization that donates money and does things at Benham's Grove to raise money to contribute back to Benham's Grove for capital improvements. They have the ability to rent out four different sections of the facility. We have the ability to rent out four different sections of the Eintracht as well. I've looked over what the Eintracht offers as far as applications are concerned and these are some of Centerville's. I really feel that we are a little exposed for what we do at the Eintracht and so I would like to institute some of these things, the Renter's Rules, the Alcohol Permit, and especially the Benham's Grove Brick Order Form. This is where someone can have a brick in their name and it is contributed to the pavement out there. Those are some of the things I would like to address. I've got copies of them all.

Going forward and in your packet I have included some information which are a lot of the applications that you saw. I also included their general revenue page, which shows how much they have made, as well as their balance sheet and their costs. Again, they made \$211,000.00 last year and they spent about \$160,000.00. I just wanted to show you how they are doing it and these were things that were brought forward that I would like to do. Mayor Flaute: They gave us a grant, is that what you said? Mr. Murray: No, the "Friends of Benham's Grove" which is a non-profit organization helps Benham's Grove and do things during the year to raise funds to contribute back to Benham's Grove, so they a bunch of stuff like that. Mayor Flaute: You are going to put a request in for that grant. Mr. Murray: I think so, that is what this is trying to explain.

To the left up there, I've got sewer which is about \$35,000.00 and that's the high end cost. On the ramp, that is a high end cost to get the ramp done. I've looked at the gas meter and I've got an estimate from a plumber of about \$10,000.00, but I think it is going to be closer to \$15,000.00. There are some trees we need to remove just for safety's sake because they are too close to the road. We need to determine the parking lot capacity. That would take a parking lot guy to lay that out and establish the lines as well as establish the drive in there. There is a telephone pole right in the way and that thing has got to go and that looks like \$750.00 to remove that. I'm looking to do gates right now. We've got out these large blockades instead of using those and we will use park gates just like 5/3. I've got an estimate from a group of \$6,700.00. I would like the Service Department to look into that. I don't think they are complicated and I think it will be far less than that and that would be removed and put into theirs. I'm looking for some big rocks. I want big rocks that could be used as tables or places to sit down. Also blockades for cars so they can't be going all over the place there. I want a group of those to keep people off the grass. It still needs a general clean-up and I'm going to sit with Mitch's guys to do a lot of that and then the sign. Right now I have got an estimate for the sign of \$7,000.00. The total capital investment for this round looks like \$94,635.00 (*sic*). Some of these things I would like to do right now before the open house and that's going to amount to \$18,215.00 if I use the costs that I have up there. That means I've got \$76,420.00 deficit and 20% of that is \$15,000.00.

On the other side, we've budgeted \$42,000.00. If I take the outstanding PO from Jergen's, which has \$7,764.00 remaining on it, and subtract from the \$42,000.00 the \$18,000.00 that means I've got \$25,000.00 leftover. For the ribbon cutting and the open house I'm going through the Event Connection and that's estimated to be about \$5,000.00. Out of the 2017 Budget, I've got \$19,000.00 remaining. That means that if I use \$15,400.00 to cover the 20% equity projection for the ODNR grant, I would have \$3,600.00 remaining for 2017 and that would be positive for the year. We

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wouldn't be going over budget or anything more contributed to the line item for the Eintracht Club.

I gave you an example of the estimate for the ramp and the \$26,000.00 is the most expensive ramp we could find. This is what was recommended by Five Rivers and this is a roll out kind of ramp that matches the contour of the land underneath it, so these are big concrete blocks tied together with wire. It is anchored at the top and bottom and would be rolled down the hill. I used the higher estimate as well to give this ADA accessibility. The idea is to build this ramp and make it available to handicap people that would want to get on the river. I don't know of any other place in town that does that. I think it would be a star for the grant and a star for the community. Again, there would be a 1:12 pitch at the top of the hill and bottom of the hill and that's \$26,000.00 with this roll out ramp idea. I can do it a little cheaper if I just use concrete, but again this is something we are going to have forever so why not do it the best, especially if we get the grant money through here? The people I used to get that quote are the same ones that did the Miami Conservancy District. They just did one of these upriver from us and so they are used to doing this and they came highly recommended by Miami Conservancy District.

I also gave you a picture of the sign, so you also see what we are doing. This sign mirrors our welcoming signs. I took a picture of our sign on Airway and took it to KAP Signs and they brought up this. You can see right in the middle below the address, that's a sliding board and we can put in anything there that we want. It could say "Fish Fry" or "Tom and Sally's Wedding." You can do whatever you want and it slides in and slides out. It's \$350.00 for those and I think a good investment. We looked at LED, but that goes to \$18,000.00 so I just discounted that. Also I gave you a visual of how the sign would look on the road. One of the trees that I am looking to tear down sits right where this sign should go, so we would be doing away with that tree and putting the sign right there. I think that gets you up to speed.

Next on our list is the \$5,000.00 for the ribbon cutting and open house. We are looking at the ribbon cutting for June 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 p.m. This would be for dignitaries only. We estimate about 50 people and some of these people are those who helped us with all of this and gave us money or walked us through the process here. I want the Mayor to speak. I would like to ask Commissioner Foley to be there, he was one of the people that was instrumental in putting the idea together. I also want someone from the Great Miami Corridor that again would see what we are doing. I'm trying to create this as a regional draw. We need people from outside Riverside coming to this place as well as our citizens. Hopefully we can make this an asset up and down the Miami River Corridor, so everyone thinks well of us is the idea. That would involve a ribbon cutting and the other thing I have got on here is uncovering the rocks. I would like to make a monument with your names on it, so a rock monument would be something to show that we have done this in this year. So along with cutting the ribbon to the trail, we would also lift up a curtain over the rock that would be placed onsite.

The open house would be the following day. This would be more or less would turn into an Eintracht function. Their building would be open for people to walk through and they want to serve dinner as well as other foods. They are requested us to handle the invites as well as the music. We will do a second ribbon cutting and I wish Shirley was here because I put on there a kayak giveaway, if we can find one. For this, the whole city is invited. Mr. Fullenkamp: Just the city or the whole region? Mr. Murray: The whole region. Again, this would be geared more toward citizens than the one on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Some additional points, Eintracht itself is going to be spending \$20,000.00 on the building out there. They are going to be painting the exterior, replacing the stage floor, painting both bathrooms to match the rest of the flooring that is in the Ratskeller, as well as opening up the place by installing glass blocks. That will greatly change the appearance and the interior when those things are in place. They are spending \$20,000.00 before June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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This is an issue, I know, but this is one the things that I think we got some answers to. Eintracht, as you know, is currently selling alcohol using a club permit. The City has the ability to obtain a special event permit, but that would force the Club to suspend its license during the time of the event. That's what came from the Alcohol Commission today. If we are having an event 12:00-6:00, they would not be able to sell in the Club 12:00-6:00. That I think we can do. I see that as a way that we can raise funds for the City.

Along with that, as with all of our other parks, Eintracht needs to be rezoned Campus/Institutional from R-4. Every park we have is Campus/Institutional. It gives us a board leeway for what we can do on that property. In addition, I think we need in our Code a section which would permit the exclusive rental of our parks which would close our park or part of our park to the general public. We don't have anything in our Code like that. We've got the football team using Community all the time and charging to get in. We are going to be doing the same thing at Eintracht. I think we need to address that just so we stay legal. We want everybody to remain in place and we don't want this to carry on, but right now somebody could debate the way we are using these things. I think a change to the Code permitting rental to exclusive parties would help us stay out of trouble. Eintracht has a verbal agreement with us. Mr. Fullenkamp: Are there any models for that? That's not what Centerville does. Mr. Murray: That's not what Centerville does. They put it in a Resolution so when they acquired the park they said we are doing this and it will be closed to the public during rental periods. I've got that Resolution. It doesn't seem to be strong enough to me and I think we need to find a Code with an example of that. You are exactly right to put it in there. We will be looking around for that.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: So if there was an event going on there and I wanted to take my kayak and launch it, I couldn't do that? Mr. Murray: No, you can do that because they cannot have control over that part of the park. That's open all the time and must be open all the time to anybody. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Okay, but that's difficult to control being in other parts of it. Mr. Murray: They do have the ability to construct a temporary fence around their activities if somebody rents out the beer garden and in our documents we gave them the opportunity to do that, so they could put up the orange fence and keep everybody out that way. Mrs. Lommatzsch: The difference with Benham's Grove is that there is not already a resident group there. Mr. Murray: that's exactly right.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I want to understand this and I want Council to understand this, whose events are we talking about, Eintracht or our event? Mrs. Lommatzsch: It's a mutual event. Mr. Murray: Any event. If the Eintracht rents to us or if they rent to somebody else, they can close off that part of the park that they have the ability to rent to somebody. If you remember that red line that goes across the property, they have the ability to exclude that part but we can never close the ramp or close the access. Mr. Fullenkamp: We can't run a City event without renting their facility. Mr. Murray: They have offered us four free dates, but other than that we would have to get more permission. That's exactly right. They have different rental rates and we've got \$1,500.00 a date, if we say we are going to do a part of that for \$700.00 and not take the whole park and we think we are going to make more than \$700.00 maybe we might pay them for it anyway. We always have the ability to rent it. Let's say we have a Monte Carlo or if you think of St. Helen's festival, if we have something like that out there then I would say maybe we pay them. We get four free dates anyway and as I said currently we can do a day for \$1,500.00 and that's not quite a bargain, but that's what it is.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Is that inclusive of the two paid dates we already have in our contract? We have two paid dates that costs us \$3,000.00 a year. We have the right to use it twice. Is that in addition to that? Mr. Murray: Four additional times, right. We verbally agreed on dates, but I am thinking of date or maybe a week, intermittent where it is five day and not a day, so we are going to talk through that. We've got to get that in writing from them. In staff's opinion, these dates would be offered to non-profit organizations that service the community. If we got a free date, we go to MVMAA and do something to them or we go to RAVA and they have a fish fry, the Lions have a fish fry, the Jaycee's have a fish fry or Riverside Chamber of Commerce

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has something. It would be nice to use it once for just a community chest. Let's just make some mad money, so we have a St. Helen's Festival at the Eintracht with the idea we are going to make a few thousand dollars that can be used anywhere in that community. The Hilltoppers are meeting at the Eintracht March 21<sup>st</sup> with the idea of assisting in landscaping, possibly establishing a grove of trees, flower beds and grape arbor. These guys seem to be interested in doing just what the Friends of Benham's Grove are doing currently, so contributing in some way to the landscaping of the park.

Additional ideas and staff's suggestion is kayak kickoff. This is kind of what we are doing right now coming up on June 10<sup>th</sup> is to do that and another idea that I keep throwing around and some people think it is a good idea is a German Christmas Market. We have a German site and we set up booths like St. Helen's would do and have a week long German Christmas Market. We invite groups to sing out there on different days so their parents show up on different days of the week as an attraction. Are there any questions?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I know you've put a lot of confidence in the Event Connection. Why don't you see this as a direct competition for them? I don't understand why he's so interested in this when it is actually a direct competition for him. Mr. Murray: We had some early discussion about this and now I don't see that's possible that those guys are going to be able to work on this property. I think the Eintracht staff is going to do all the rentals and I don't think they are interested in using the Event Connection to do it anymore. The only thing I am using the Event Connection for is to do the ribbon cutting and open house. Mrs. Lommatzsch: You are talking about two and a half paid staff, so are you talking about Eintracht or another coordinator? Mr. Murray: Two and a half staff is what Benham's Grove is doing. We're not doing anything like that. I was just giving you an example that they are able to hire 2.65 people. We are not going to have anybody doing it. Right now it's just Rose and she thinks she can do the whole thing by herself and more power to her. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I've got a problem. Somebody's got to be in charge. Mr. Murray: Again they rent it from us for \$1.00 per year, so they are in charge.

Mayor Flaute: They cut the grass? Mr. Murray: They cut the grass on their section and we cut the grass on our section. If you remember we approved that line through the middle of the property, that's the facility and we are the park. They are responsible for the facility, which is all the ground around the barn, and we are responsible for everything else. Mayor Flaute: The parking lot and all of that. Mr. Murray: Yes, all the way out to the street.

Mr. Fullenkamp: When did the deal with Event Connection fall apart? Mr. Murray: When you and I were in with her, she said that she's going to try and do this for six months. Mr. Fullenkamp: I wasn't in that. Mr. Murray: That's what she told me. Not the ribbon cutting. Mr. Fullenkamp: So it's not the Event Connection that's lost interest. Mr. Murray: It's the Club because they want to do it themselves. That's exactly right. Mr. Fullenkamp: That's not what I read, but we will talk about it. Mr. Murray: I'm going to give you Rose's phone number. Mayor Flaute: I don't know what this conversation is all about. Mr. Murray: When we originally talked, we were trying to decide how to manage the place. The Club is not interested in that is my read on it. They want to try it themselves for a while, which is fine and that's their right. We don't have any rights to that. Mr. Fullenkamp: All I heard was they don't want to talk about it until May or June. Mr. Denning: If you always do what you've always done, you are going to get what you've already got. Mr. Murray: I'm with you and nobody agrees with the actions taken.

Mayor Flaute: Hopefully there will be more people coming out there because of the canoe rental and somebody will think this is a nice place to have an event. Mr. Murray: That's really how we are using those four free dates as well. That's free marketing, so the idea is to have the events from people in Riverside with the idea we get people seeing the place. It's a low cost marketing idea. Mayor Flaute: Other than just asking for the Event Connection's opinion, they are not involved in any other way right? Mr. Murray: At this point, yes. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Except we are paying them \$5,000.00 to put on the party. Mr. Murray: For the ribbon cutting and the open

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house. Mayor Flaute: Okay. Mr. Fullenkamp: We spend \$3,000.00-4,000.00 for the Volunteer Dinner. Mr. Murray: Right now it is just Mark and I planning this stuff and we need help. We don't have the people to do this. Mr. Carpenter: We want to make this really nice and professional. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'm not opposed to this, but I will say that for the ramp and I do have some experience with boating and it is smart to get away from a chunk of cement because floods come and cement floats and then the ramp is gone. This stuff I have seen used and it works. It will adjust and can be put back. Mr. Murray: Exactly. We are going to have this for 100 years, so let's do it as well as we can and it is 80% grant money. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'm all about this, Bob. Ms. Arnold: There is an event going on out there April 1<sup>st</sup>. We don't, but they do. My old dance school is holding an event out at the Eintracht. Mr. Murray: What did you rent it for? Ms. Arnold: How much? I didn't see the contract. Mr. Murray: \$1,200.00. They've rented it for \$1,200.00. That's what is possible. Mrs. Lommatzsch: They do have nice a fish fry.

There were no additional questions or comments.

#### B) Discussion – BAN Renewal

Mr. Carpenter: I printed out the attachments that were in some previous emails that I sent out from Mr. Brossart and as you see each time the email came out there was a little bit of an update or a little bit of change. There still could be another change once the bonds hit the market, but this was the latest information that we were provided. Staff recommends that we pursue the one year renewal. If there are any questions for myself or Mr. Garrett we could provide answers possibly.

Mr. Fullenkamp: The one year renewal with the lowest bidder and the lowest rate?  
Mr. Carpenter: Yes. I think at this time it was Key Bank. That was this last that was sent out. Mr. Garrett: Just to emphasize there, depending on which chart you look at it says Key Bank has a 1.6% yield on the note. What we have done every time on the note before is all the issuance cost, meaning the cost of the bond counsel, our investment advisor, recordings fees, and all of that, have been wrapped up in the note. From our point of view it is a pretty simple thing, when it comes new we pay back the amount borrowed plus the interest. All of those costs just go away and it raises the interest. That's why we are talking it's not a 1.6% from a vendor and of course, all of those are soft dates because the official pricing is not until the first week of April, so they might change a bit. With all of the costs rolled in, it looks like it is going to be a 2.1% interest rate on the note this year. The first two years we had 1.25, we had 1.5 last year, and now because the interest rates are starting to come up now we are somewhere in the 2% for the note renewal.

Mayor Flaute: So do we pay any of it off? I think we paid a little bit off last year. Mr. Garrett: If you recall, we originally borrowed \$4.6 million. We renewed it at \$4.6 million and then almost three years ago now we added \$860,000.00 to pay for the Wright Point renovations and also the Safety Services Building. That's how we got up to \$5.4 million. Last year we paid down \$60,000.00 and in this year's budget we programmed to pay down another \$100,000.00, so we are still working on that extra amount for renovations and we are still above the original amount of the note. Mr. Fullenkamp: Are we going to use that \$100,000.00 to pay on principal or are we going to keep it in the bank? Mr. Garrett: This is all planned in this. Mr. Fullenkamp: The \$5.3 million? Mr. Garrett: We borrowed \$5.4 last year and then we asked them to quote us \$5.3 this year. Mr. Fullenkamp: Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: We will have the option of which Ordinance we want to do, just bear in mind that the Clerk has to read the Ordinances and it is a very long Ordinance. If there is no first or second for whichever one we do, we would only have to read one. Mr. Fullenkamp: One Ordinance is along a 15 year bond, correct? Mr. Garrett: Yes, when we originally put the packets together a month ago we were going to give you two options because interest rates in general and the Fed just raised interest rates yesterday and are starting another step on the trend. Interest rates are slowly coming up, so that was just to investigate locking in an interest rate, but the longest term we could get from any of the people in the nibbles was 15 years. That would cause us to have \$400,000.00 payment every year versus just continuing the renewal of the note

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and all we have to do really is pay the interest and borrow the principle amount again next year. Of course, we recognize that the interest rate is probably going to be a little higher next year. Mr. Fullenkamp: So we know which one we are going to read tonight, correct? Mr. Denning: Which one is the one we want? Mr. Garrett: It's the first one, Ordinance 619. That's the renewal of the note. Mr. Denning: Okay.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Can I ask, is four votes going to be okay or does it take five? Mr. Garrett: It takes five. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We don't have five votes. Mr. Fullenkamp: We can do one vote tonight. We can't do the suspending of the rules, but we can do a vote tonight. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We have already delayed and it has cost us more money, so we need to move this along. Mr. Garrett: It's not costing us more. The note comes due April 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I understand that, but because we delayed before it's cost us money. Mayor Flaute: So if we do the second reading on April 6<sup>th</sup>, we won't lose any more money? Mr. Garrett: I didn't say lose money. I'm just saying we are going to really need to work to get all the paperwork done and get everything organized to get it done. Mayor Flaute: We may not have a choice, so you guys are just going to have to do the work and we appreciate that. Mr. Garrett: Unless somebody walks in the door. Mayor Flaute: Mr. Curp said he might be able to make it. Mr. Fullenkamp: The final interest rate is not going to be negotiated until April 1<sup>st</sup>, correct? Mr. Garrett: The original one was scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>, but the last I heard it was April 5<sup>th</sup> where they are going to have an official pricing day and that will lock in the rate. Mayor Flaute: So it could go up. Mr. Fullenkamp: Whether we approve and suspend the rules to do both readings tonight, it doesn't matter to the cost. Mr. Garrett: Right. That's what we were trying to say, we may show you a chart with 2.1% but it may vary a little bit by the time we get to the first week of April and actually have the pricing day. Mr. Fullenkamp: Right, but what you are showing us tonight would not be the official pricing anyway. Mr. Garrett: Right. Mayor Flaute: But if we wait until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Fullenkamp: It won't matter. Mr. Denning: They won't do the official pricing until April 15<sup>th</sup> or something anyway. The interest rates could raise to 15% by then and there's nothing we can do about it.

Ms. Arnold: Also in the Ordinance it states that at least five members are concurring. I know we need five members for the emergency, but the way I read this we need five members for the first reading and the second reading. Mr. Fullenkamp: If we suspend the rules we need five members. Ms. Arnold: The Ordinance itself states we need five members. Mr. Garrett: The way bond counsel wrote it five members present. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I was sure that anytime you borrow money it takes five votes. Mr. Fullenkamp: Is that the case? I don't know that's the case. It's in the Ordinance, but can we modify the Ordinance to just do the first reading tonight or do we just want to wait and do both readings? Mr. Denning: I think the fact that it doesn't really matter and we can do it as an emergency the next time when we have enough people here. Let me ask this question, so we are having this issue with having enough people here what happens to this note if we don't get this voted on in time? Mr. Garrett: We are just going to have to scramble. We have got a bill from the bank wanting their \$5.4 million. Mr. Denning: The answer is we would have to pay \$5.4 million is what you are telling me. If we don't get the loan, we would be on the hook for \$5.4 million. All I'm asking is what the ramifications are and the answer is we would have to pay it back.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I want to make sure the only reason we are doing five is because we are suspending the rules. I don't think we require five to vote on a bond. Is that in our Charter? Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think that's in the law. Mr. Fullenkamp: Is it? Ms. Arnold: I can definitely look it up, but typically we follow whatever the Ordinance states. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm not sure why that was put in the Ordinance. I just want to make sure because I don't want to get behind on this. Mr. Garrett: This was written by bond counsel and this is the exact agreement we had last year, so they just changed the dollar amount. I don't know for sure if five is the absolute requirement by law, but that's what the bond counsel told us. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I can't quote you numbers or anything, but I just know that borrowing money for the City takes a super majority. I can't quote it. I'm not like you; I don't have a computer and I don't have it all looked up in front of me, but that's why it came to my brain. Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay.

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Mr. Denning: Let me get this other piece out. If we went to the 15 year, the down side is the interest rate may be a little higher and we would have to pay \$400,000.00 a year, but we would have it paid off in 15 years. Mr. Garrett: True, but we would be locked in and committed to pay and it is more than \$400,000.00. It might be \$450,000.00 a year which we are trying to make this a self-supporting enterprise from Wright Point. Mr. Denning: What is the building bringing in right now per year? Mr. Garrett: The first two years we netted about \$300,000.00, but the year we put in the HVAC and then last year we lost a couple tenants. Mr. Denning: I'm okay with that. If we were netting \$750,000.00, then I would be pushing for the 15 year to get it paid off. Mr. Garrett: That's the main driver for why we think we are not at a position to commit ourselves to that in the future. Mr. Denning: You have answered my question I'm good. Mrs. Lommatzsch: You can always give the bank more money. They will always take more money. Mr. Denning: I'm concerned that the trend with interest rates going up that we are going to be paying 8% in 5 years. That's what my concern is. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I understand. Mr. Garrett: The preliminary guess was that it will be around 2% for a one year note and most of the quotes came in around 4% and one bank wanted to jump in too and gave us a lower rate, but next time who knows what it will be. Mr. Denning: Thank you.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: You don't need a motion to table that? We just take it off. Mayor Flaute: Hopefully Mr. Curp will get here and we can at least go ahead with the first reading or we can do both.

There were no additional questions or comments.

#### C) Discussion – Speed Study

Mr. Carpenter introduced Mr. Craig Eley from Choice One to discuss the Speed Study.

Mr. Eley: Good evening members of Council. I'm here tonight and I know in your packet you have a copy of the speed study that we did for you on Woodman and Harshman Road. I'm here to answer any questions. What we need is for Council to pass a Resolution so that the State can go ahead and move forward with reviewing the study and establishing the speed limits. Would you like me to go through the study? Mayor Flaute: Just briefly touch on it and then we will have questions.

Mr. Eley: Just a little bit of background, the roadway out here is considered an expressway or a controlled access highway, if you will, and it runs through the city. There were speed limits that were already established out here through the Department of Transportation and you can see the table here where it kind of shows you when they were established and what the limits were on those for the speed out there. We talked a little bit about procedure and where we ended up with it is we want to make it a 45 from the railroad tracks on the north side to 700 feet north of Airway. Currently it starts at Airway at 35, so the 35 will be at 300 feet north of Airway. I hope you all know that's kind of a high crash location and I think that's a good idea to lower the speed limit right before we get there. Then we also extended the 35 mph limit to approximately 400 feet south of Bayside where it ends at Bayside right now. In that whole section there where we have a lot of the congestion and where it's been identified, we've lowered that to 35. The section basically from Bayside all the way to 35 is actually journalized as 50. I know it has been posted as a 45, but we just need to straighten that out and make sure we get the 45 back in there and make sure the speed study shows that's what it is.

This is the section and this shows you what the ADT is along there. There are 27,000 vehicles that travel that road every day. There's a little bit of crash analysis and then this is what's in the Director's Journal for out there on Woodman and it shows the limits. This is just a drawing that I did that shows pictorially where the speed limits are and what they are. I guess it was 45 down to Burkhardt already. Then I put in here the revised Code and under 4511.21 it establishes the statutory speed limits, it says it is 50 mph on a controlled access highway or expressway within municipal corporations. That's the roadway that is out there. I also gave you what the definitions are of those. You do have a mix of controlled and uncontrolled access. I



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don't know if it is uncontrolled but it is limited control based on that the City has control of what goes in those sections.

Then this basically goes through the speed limit revision. It actually calculates a little higher, we are asking for lower speed limits. This is really data for the speed study. It looks at the crashes and we collect actual speeds out there on the roadway and this is all the speed data that's there. It's broken up into three sections and there are three little studies that you have to do for each section, so that's where these are at. That's really the speed study in a nutshell. Do you have any questions beyond that?

Mr. Fullenkamp: Let's go back to the ORC definitions here. It's clearly not an expressway. Mr. Eley: There would be pieces of it. Mr. Fullenkamp: Well the definition of an expressway means a divided ulterior highway for through traffic with full or partial control of access with an excess of 50% of all crossroads separated by grade. Clearly, to me, it's not an expressway. You can make an argument that it's a controlled access highway. Mr. Eley: Maybe an expressway on the north side from 4 for Airway. Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay, I'll buy that. Mr. Eley: You look for consistency in the study. Mr. Fullenkamp: I understand. The question becomes is it controlled access highway? We have many incoming driveways from businesses, schools, and churches. I don't know and you are saying that since that is controlled by the City that that's what makes any control. Mr. Eley: I think in the definition it says that. They don't have rights to the highway just from that property along many of those stretches. Mr. Fullenkamp: But during the development process they were given the rights by the City. Mr. Eley: Right and that's by the City. Mr. Fullenkamp: I just wanted to understand that.

On these sheets I guess a general question is, are the accident rates on these pieces of road unusually high? Mr. Eley: I think certainly at the intersections from Airway to Bayside seem to be fairly high. The intersection of Airway and the intersection at Burkhardt both are high. I think they were actually identified last year as high in Montgomery County. Mr. Fullenkamp: Is this going to do anything to address that? Mr. Eley: I don't know if you could really say. Even if you lower the speed limit, say to 25, you can't really expect a lower crash rate because the roadway is not made for that. I think we are just trying to set the speed limits for how the roadway is made and how they drive it now. Mr. Fullenkamp: What are effective ways to lower the accident rates on these stretches of road? Mr. Eley: If those two intersections are both signalized intersections, maybe you can work on the signalized intersection and make it run more efficiently and get the traffic through there a little bit better. That would be something to look at too. Mr. Fullenkamp: There are traffic calming solutions too that can be used along these roads to make the perception of speed higher and effectively slow people down. Are there any solutions like that or maybe you are not an expert? Mr. Eley: I don't have those off the top of my head what they might be. I think Woodman was always considered to be kind of an expressway around Dayton if you will. I don't know traffic calming wise exactly what you would put out there. You wouldn't want speed bumps for sure and that's a big traffic calming device. Mr. Fullenkamp: I know, but if we have people going through intersections we know that people don't always travel at the speed limit and going up to an Airway or Woodman Road intersection at 50 mph. We currently reduced the speed limit probably  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from that intersection going southbound. We've reduced it to 35 way back there. Mr. Eley: Say that again. Mr. Fullenkamp: If you go drive Woodman and if you leave this building and go south, you will notice that there is a 35 zone that starts probably  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  back from Airway Drive. Mr. Eley: On the north side. Mayor Flaute: We just put up a sign basically. Mr. Fullenkamp: I understand, but you are saying it shouldn't be placed that far back. Mr. Eley: I think we are proposing to put it back about 700 feet which really is the approach to the intersection. If we put it too far back, we won't get compliance. Mr. Fullenkamp: What is the effect if we are out of compliance? Mr. Eley: The driver has to feel like there is a reason to lower their speed. Mr. Fullenkamp: That's the question about the traffic calming techniques. Mr. Eley: There are all kinds of traffic calming techniques. You could narrow the lanes; we could do that kind of stuff.

Mr. Fullenkamp: On this sheet also there is a line about crashes and it says it only includes crashes within the section excluding animal and side street crashes. What is

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considered a side street crash? Mr. Eley: It would be the crashes that happen on Airway. They would have nothing to do with the speed on Woodman, so that would be the rear end crashes on Airway. Mr. Fullenkamp: Would crashes at intersections be considered crashes? Mr. Eley: Yes, crashes at the intersection are included and they are shown in there. Mr. Fullenkamp: Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: So we are talking about realigning Airway and Woodman intersection when we redo the road. Mr. Taylor: Yes, that's part of the Airway Project that is happening in 2020. We got those safety funds approved to add that intersection. That intersection at Airway and Woodman was, if you remember last year, a story in the Dayton Daily News and it was the #1 most dangerous intersection in the region. We had three intersections in the top 50 in the state and that was down in the teens somewhere. We are addressing that and that would be in that 35 mph zone that we are proposing. Burkhardt was also on that list. We currently don't have a project for that yet, but of course it is on our list. I got an email and I have been talking to some different engineers at Choice One too and I did get some information about traffic calming that I meant to send on to you, but I got it late this afternoon so I haven't. Those are things they have been working on to solve that whole process and this is just a step in that.

Mr. Denning: Aren't the curves that are on Harshman between here and Airway kind of calming? I think there is enough room there for that to be a straight line and people travel fast enough around there because as it curves they would feel like they could go faster if it was straight, so there is some calming effect. The wall slows you down. Mr. Taylor: In the speed study where we did the flow of traffic or the 80 percentile, that section where those curves are was actually higher than anywhere else. I think that's because it is divided so people think there's no cop that is going to be able to turn around and get them, so they just hammer down. There were some pretty high speeds there. Mr. Denning: What I'm saying is without the curves in it would probably be higher. Mr. Eley: Curves definitely slow the vehicles down in that section.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Other than not being effective lowering speed limits below what the State recommends, is there any impact? Mr. Eley: I think right now we are not proposing to change the speed limits, we are just trying to get them back on the books the way they were. We are extending the speed zones a little bit to make a little bit more sense instead of starting at Airway with 35 and ending at Bayside I wanted to make them a little bit longer. We want to get the 45 on the books from the Bayside area south and part of it is 50. Mr. Fullenkamp: The reason these complaints were stated is there is a perceived safety issue with the high speed limits and if all we are doing doesn't effectively slow people down and create safer roads this may not contribute to that. Mr. Eley: One of the things we try to do with speed limits is post them so that drivers are comfortable driving them or maybe not that much higher. Mr. Fullenkamp: So speed limits have very little to do with safety? Mr. Eley: Certainly speed limits have a lot to do with safety because the higher the speed the more severity of the crash. Mr. Denning: But the speed limit signs that we have up are a suggestion. Mr. Eley: They are your legal tool to enforce the speed limit.

There were no additional questions or comments.

#### D) Discussion – 2017 Goals and Objectives for Clerk of Council

Mr. Carpenter: These are Brenna's goals and objectives as established by Council. Mr. Fullenkamp: Have you given us your goals and objectives? Ms. Arnold: To start, I think it would be helpful to have a little more clarification on what responsibilities and duties you want me to be doing outside of what the job description stated when I applied because it has changed and evolved. I do now handle public records requests, but I don't handle Council requests really anymore which is fine but I just want some clarification on what exactly my job duties are so I can better give you goals for that. I feel that it is ever changing and some days I don't know what I should be doing and what I shouldn't be doing.

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Mr. Fullenkamp: Can I suggest what that you let us know and you don't have to do this right here, but what you perceive your current duties are? Ms. Arnold: Sure. Mr. Fullenkamp: Then we can expand upon those. Mr. Denning: Or subtract. Mr. Fullenkamp: I want you to understand what your job is. Ms. Arnold: Absolutely. Obviously, packets, minutes, attending meetings. Mr. Fullenkamp: Write it down. Ms. Arnold: You want me to just send it to you and we can do this next time. Mr. Denning: Make us a list of what you do and also give us what you signed up to do and what your job description was. Ms. Arnold: At one point you told me that one of the reasons that you all made the position full-time as opposed to part-time was because of the public records retention project and I really am not part of that. I helped sort through boxes on one occasion, but Chris has pretty much been handling that. I don't want there to be a perception that I am doing that because I am not. Mr. Denning: I'm okay with it not necessarily being you. I think it was assigned to you because it was perceived that it wasn't going to happen because the previous City Manager did not really give a crap one way or the other whether we did it, so we put it on you so we made sure it was moving forward. Now that that has changed, I'm okay with you not doing it. Mr. Fullenkamp: The issue I have is that you are the keeper of the records and I think maybe your involvement is important in the process. We can discuss that, but that may be a reason we want her involved in that process. Mr. Denning: Or at least as a checks and balances of some sort. Ms. Arnold: I think Chris and I switched projects because to my knowledge before I was here Emily handled public record requests, then in about June Jim stated that I would start handling those. It is in the minutes and there was a motion and you all agreed to it at the time, but I do that now instead of the Assistant City Manager so it is like we switched. They are both cumbersome projects. Mr. Fullenkamp: Let's just establish a baseline and then we can go from there.

Ms. Arnold: That is what I would like to do because other than that this is what I have for you, since May of last year the scanning project which was the other project that you all had me working on to make an electronic database of all of our legislation and minutes. I started with 94-96 for Resolutions and then as I get public records requests I just scan what I need because I haven't had a whole lot of time to just go to the scanner for a couple of hours since then. I have done 94-96, 2006, 2010, 2013-2017 on Resolutions. Ordinances 94-2002 and 2010-2017. Minutes, which there are a lot more of those than anything else, 2007-2009 and 2015-current. Another goal or objective would be, I don't know that I could complete all of that in the next year depending on my workload, but I would like to shoot for at least getting at least the Resolutions completed by the end of the year because those are what I typically need to research more so than anything. I think that would be the best place to start with that and see how it goes. If I find time to finish them all, that would be great, and if not stick with Resolutions. I will get you a list, I will try for Monday if that works. Do you just want me to put this on the Work Session for the next meeting then or do you just want to give me feedback? Mayor Flaute: Let's get the list first and see if we need time to do that. Ms. Arnold: That works and that's all I have.

There were no additional questions or comments.

**ITEM 7: RECESS:** The Council took a recess at 7:06 p.m.

**ITEM 8: RECONVENE:** The meeting was reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

**ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Service Director, Mitch Miller, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the February 16, 2017 regular Council Meeting.**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the February 16, 2017 minutes as written. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

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**ITEM 11: ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MONTH'S CITY FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to accept the February financial report. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**ITEM 12: BOARD INTERVIEW:** Dan Teaford for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Teaford: Almost everybody knows me, but I have been a citizen of Riverside for a little over 35 years. I have been volunteering most of that time for one thing or another. I have been on the CDC. I ran the soccer program here in Riverside for a long time. I have been on the Board of Zoning Appeals now for probably 15 years. I sort of forgot exactly when I started, but it has been a long time. I'm a senior member anyway and enjoy doing it. I enjoy helping Riverside out in any way that I can and that's about all I have to say.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you, Mr. Teaford. I do have something that I was asked to read and this comes from Chuck Childers, who is your Chairman. He asked me to say that Dan Teaford's BZA position is up for review and we need to keep him on the BZA. He is always present, always on time, and he takes his cases seriously and thoughtfully. As Chairman, I would definitely like to keep Mr. Teaford on the BZA.  
Mr. Denning: Do you want to do it again? Mr. Teaford: Why change now? Mrs. Lommatzsch: We need more folks like you, sir.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to bring forth legislation for the reappointment of Dan Teaford to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**ITEM 13: PRESENTATION:** Promotion of Police Major Matt Sturgeon

Mr. Carpenter introduced Chief Robinson for the promotion of Police Major Matt Sturgeon

Chief Robinson: Let me introduce Matt Sturgeon. Major Sturgeon has been with the Riverside Police Department for 23 years. He has served in the Patrol Division, as well as in the Detective's Division. He has held several special assignments that include Lead Fireman Instructor, CBSA Operator and Cell Phone Examiner. Major Sturgeon grew up in Riverside and attended Carroll High School. After high school, he attended the University of Dayton. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Psychology. Major Sturgeon will be assigned as the Patrol Commander. Please join me in congratulating Major Sturgeon on the next step in his career with the Riverside Police Department.

Major Sturgeon: I just want to say I appreciate Chief Robinson appointing me to this position. Thank you to my wife and my son and all of my family that is here. I've had a lot of support through the years, like I said 23 years. We've got the best officers on the planet here. They are great guys. I truly look forward to working with you guys. It's been a long time coming, so we are a team and I have a great vision from the Chief. We are going to move the City forward as far as patrol. We have a lot of great ideas going forward and they are ideas that come straight from the road patrol guys and our Sergeants. I just thank you and look forward to serving you guys.

Council congratulated Major Sturgeon. There were no additional questions or comments.

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**ITEM 14: PROCLAMATION: Fair Housing Month for April 2017**

Mayor Flaute read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, April 11, 2017 marks the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which enunciated a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the principle of fair housing is not only law, but basic human necessity, and an inalienable right inscribed in the Constitution of the State of Ohio as adopted in 1851; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc. is engaged in passionately pursuing its mission to eliminate housing discrimination in the Miami Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc. and the Dayton Area Board of Realtors are committed to continuing to address housing discrimination in our community; and

WHEREAS, April is traditionally designated as Fair Housing Month by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the theme this year is "Equal Housing Opportunity - #IntegratedLiving creates #VibrantHealthyCommunities" in order to highlight the Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio, that April 2017 does hereby urge all citizens to understand and exercise their right to equal housing opportunity and proclaim the month of April 2017 as Fair Housing Month.

Mayor Flaute: We have our favorite realtor here, and I know she understands fair housing and that we all have to be committed to that especially in these times. Mrs. Lommatzsch is on the Board. I should have had you read that. Thank you, Mrs. Lommatzsch, for serving on that.

There were no additional questions or comments.

**ITEM 15: 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 16: COMMUNICATIONS**

- A) Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 17-O-618 approving a change in text amendments to the Codified Ordinances of Riverside, Ohio, Part 11, Chapters 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111, 1113, 1115, and 1117.

Mayor Flaute opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. and asked for the staff report on the Ordinance.

Mr. Taylor: This is the second reading of the UDO updates that we presented. We had a Work Session on them and we are just looking forward to getting them passed tonight, I hope.

There were no requests by the public to comment in favor or in opposition of the proposal.

The public hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

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Mayor Flaute: We will open the floor for Council discussion and any action they might like to take. Are there any questions or comments from Council?

There was further comment from Council.

**ITEM 17: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Carpenter: In your packets is the City Manager Report. If there are any questions from Council, myself or staff will provide some answers. I do have a couple of updates. We had the bid openings today for the 2017 Paint Striping and the 2017 Crack Sealing. I am just happy to report they both came in lower than what was expected. The total is in the neighborhood of somewhere around \$54,000.00. The bad news is the State of Ohio has contacted us about doing some bridgework, so right now we are working with them to see how we can get that accomplished. Mayor Flaute: You don't want to share with us which bridges? Mr. Carpenter: It's along Route 4 and 35. The amount of work kind of varies.

Mayor Flaute: I'm just shocked at the amount of police dispatches and fire dispatches that we have had and the increase. I don't know if it is the drug overdose problems or why, but we have gone up 822 police calls in only three months. That's amazing. We appreciate our Police Department in doing their work because wow! The Fire Department is up 161 calls from last year. That's just amazing. I don't know how bad it is going to get, but gosh. That's busy, busy times. We appreciate the Chiefs for your work and your staff because this is pretty eye opening.

Mr. Fullenkamp: When will the Victim's Advocate Grant be submitted? Mr. Carpenter: I don't recall the date. Chief, do you remember when that takes place? I remember it is in the fall, but I'm not sure which month. Chief Robinson: It is in the fall, I think August or September. Mr. Fullenkamp: Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: The website redesign is happening and the sooner the better. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I understand City Hall is still the building on the website. Mr. Carpenter: It is one of the pictures, yes. It's the Safety Services Building. Ms. Arnold: It moves through different pictures. Mayor Flaute: Please be patient with us on our website. It has been there a long time and those who put it on there originally aren't around anymore. Mr. Fullenkamp: Since you brought it up, really what's going on? It's really not that difficult to upload files and I don't understand what the difficulty is. Mr. Carpenter: Chris, do you want to elaborate since you talked to them recently? Mr. Lohr: Sure, so yes it is typically should be very easy to upload files and make changes. As I understand it this is a number of years down the road, the contractor who built it originally did some of the backside coding that affects the way that certain pages display and how you have to upload things and whether you can remove them or not. That has caused difficulty not only with our staff in making edits, but also with our current website contractor to be able to make the changes we want. Mr. Fullenkamp: My only suggestion would be to employ an offsite thing to upload things to and then our site would just provide the link, like use Google or Google Space and just put the documents out there. Mr. Lohr: Like a file sharing service, Google Drive, or something like that. That might be a possibility.

Mr. Fullenkamp: The other thing that I wanted to speak to the Clerk about was when I got the big document online the other day, I was able to reduce its size from 70 MB down to about 11 MB using compression in Adobe Pro. We can talk about that, but there are ways to make files small. Ms. Arnold: That would be great because trying to send that and then it would say the file is too large. I split it in half and it was still too big. I ended up with seven emails and I was a tad frustrated by the time we got to seven. Mr. Fullenkamp: I understand, but there are ways to do this. I will work with you on that. Ms. Arnold: That would be great. Thanks.

Mr. Denning: I know it is not in our jurisdiction, Mitch, but do we know how far ahead that bridge is right now? Are they on schedule? Are they not on schedule? Do they keep us informed at all? Mr. Miller: Not in detail. They are ahead of schedule though, I can tell you that. Mr. Denning: It looks great and I drive it every day, so I know they are working on it regularly and I know the winter has been very good to

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them. It looks like they are getting ready to pour concrete again. The original date was September of this year to be done. It would be nice to get a ballpark when they think they are going to be done and if they are going to do some sort of ribbon cutting, we would like to be part of that. I would say the majority of our residents use it more than Dayton residents. Mr. Miller: That's a great idea.

There were no additional questions or comments.

(1) FYI Items

- a. Council Request Sheets
- b. Council Agenda Calendar
- c. City Manager's Project and Activities Report
- d. Income Tax Scorecard

(2) Monthly Verbal Reports

- a. Police Department

Mr. Carpenter introduced Chief Robinson for the monthly update for the Police Department.

Chief Robinson: As the Mayor said earlier, we have been really busy. On the personnel side, last time I talked about us going through interviews for the lateral transfer and we did make a conditional offer to a young man. Hopefully he will pass and then we will be able to be at full staff. The Detective's Section I also mentioned to you about moving a fourth Detective and that has been done. Kyle Sewert is now in the Detective's Section, so hopefully we will be able to move forward with some of the property crimes that we have got that is stacking up. Training this past week, we are all State qualified in firearms and that includes hand guns, rifles, and shot guns. We did some defensive tactic stuff as well for training.

I guess the one thing I want to talk about today is the Taser contract that is on the agenda for tonight. In reference to the way we went about that, we had talked about this briefly in another Council meeting. I think Major Close was here and talked about it a little bit. The price on these Tasers is \$43,000.00 over five years. There is really only one company that actually does the Taser, which is Taser International. The State Bid is through Vance Outdoor, which we deal with on a weekly basis. We went through Taser were able to get a better price on the Tasers. The plan that they have that we are asking you to look at tonight is that five year plan that breaks it down to a certain amount every year as opposed to paying \$52,000.00 which is what it is going to cost. If we do it this way we are proposing tonight, it actually saves us \$9,000.00 doing it this way. We have already budgeted for this year and we already have the money there to do this. It will save us \$9,000.00 and it will give us everything that we need as opposed to if we had gone through Vance's Outdoor that does not give us all the equipment that we actually need and it would be more money. It doesn't make any sense, if you know what I'm saying. So later when we go through this, if you have any questions about it I have quite a few answers to some stuff if you have any questions about the Tasers that we currently have or why we are trying to get rid of them and change to these. Just to break it down, the Tasers that we do have are 10 years old. They are not serviceable anymore. We have at least five that do not work any longer and they will not even repair them. The batteries are going bad and trying to get an aftermarket battery because Taser doesn't even have those anymore because those are 10 years old. We have to do something to continue to have our folks with these Tasers because if you look at statistics, there has been a 76% drop in any kind of injuries across the country when Tasers are deployed. The officers are reaping the benefits of that because we are not really fighting people anymore. If you have ever seen a Taser in action, when you pull that out and tell somebody I am going to Taser you if I have to it usually stops them a lot. There's been a big percentage of injuries that are not currently happening because of the Taser. It is a

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program that we really desperately need to continue to have and this is the best way financially for us to go about doing that is going through this contract from Taser International.

Mayor Flaute: Will they fix them? Chief Robinson: They will fix them and they have a five year warranty on them. After five years we own them, so if we kept them another five years like we had these last ones the only thing we will have to do is to maintain some kind of warranty on them so that would be a minimal cost in comparison to what it would cost for us. It pays for itself.

The last thing I want to talk about today is I went to the Montgomery County Drug Coalition meeting today. I know I have mentioned this to you before about the Open Door Policy that Montgomery County is currently having where we can actually refer people to Cornerstone. There is another project now that we took down information down today about which is called GROW. Please don't ask me what the acronym is because I don't have the paperwork right in front of me, but the gist is that we are going to make an effort to contact the folks that are having these drug overdoses the next day or the day after. We are going to make contact with them and try to give them assistance and offer it to them the day after or the day after that and see if we can't get them into some kind of programs that are being offered in the County. I think I have mentioned this before, but the County is pledging \$3.5 million towards this effort and this is another thing that they are doing. The County is doing it, Dayton is doing it, Miami Township is doing it, but we just haven't gotten into it yet. Today we spoke with the folks from Montgomery County and we got the information to call the lady who can help turn us on to this GROW project and we are going to try to make some contacts afterwards and see if we can't get these people some help with their addiction. That's a whole other thing that we haven't done yet, but it's another step in the process of trying to get a handle on this.

I don't like to tell you the doom and gloom all the time, but I will tell you in January we had more overdoses than we had days in the month. We had five people pass away from overdoses in just January. Thank God, we did not have any in February and I haven't seen any in March so far. You can tell the pattern of the drugs that are coming through this area by the potency of them and what they are being cut with by exactly the overdoses and the deaths that we are having. My understanding is there have been 95 deaths in Montgomery County due to drug overdoses this year already. I heard that this morning and that is a staggering number, so we are going to try to reach out and do some different things to reach out to these folks and get them some help if we can with that new program that we are talking about. That's all I've got tonight.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm familiar with the GROW program and I'm currently working with an organization called Families of Addiction. They have a member that goes along with the Dayton Police Department that is a civilian and goes house to house after there is an overdose. There is sometimes a problem with people receiving police officers versus civilians. If you would like, I could send you and I know the name of the gentleman that goes along with the police officer in City of Dayton. I don't know what his qualifications are, but that is what he does. The door seems to open more quickly when there is a civilian there, especially in situations like what we are speaking about here. I can put you in contact with some people and maybe you want to talk to the people at the City of Dayton and the people that are involved in that program there to get a little bit more information. Chief Robinson: Yes, sir. I spoke with the Major today at the meeting and they are involved. Of course, Bruce Lane goes from the County and he sends all the information about that. He gave us the number for the lady that does the group program, but sure if you have any information you want to share with me I appreciate that. Mr. Fullenkamp: I can share with you the name of the organization and some people in the organization. They have a meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30. What they do is bring in families of addicted people and the addicts and they provide a support group for those folks. Last night there were probably 60-80 people there and the week before they handed out Narcan to families and handed out 95 kits and there were over 120 people at the meeting. I'll be continuing to participate in that program and I would like to encourage them to



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bring some of their services into our City to see if we can help stem the tide a little bit.  
Chief Robinson: I agree with you.

There were no additional questions or comments.

b. Fire Department

Mr. Carpenter introduced Chief Stitzel for the monthly update for the Fire Department.

Chief Stitzel: Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Council. Just to tag onto what the Chief was talking about on the EMS side of things for the same issue, we are also looking at some cooperative efforts and have just gotten in touch with the Dayton/Montgomery County Health Department and I am getting involved with them and getting on their email list. I'm looking to approach it from that aspect also. There is an effort in the state right now for EMS units to be permitted to leave doses of Narcan at the scene if a patient becomes responsive, but refuses transport, we can leave some Narcan with the family. We have to teach them how to use it and get them to sign a waiver type thing, but that's one of the other things that has come along on the EMS side of things. Working with Chief Robinson, I'm sure I will be able to come up with some good plans in the near future to start rolling out to help our citizens. Last night we believe we had our first fentanyl. A young man took six doses of Narcan and it didn't affect him and did not help him at all. That was probably one of the worst ones we have had so far, so I just wanted to throw that in there also.

Some of the 2017 Budget Projects that you were given a while back, I just want to give an update. We purchased all the new fire hose for both front line engines; it is being placed in service. The computer upgrades and the SCBA radio upgrades that are on that project list, we are looking at merging the SCBA and the IT projects into one big project and sharing resources between the two different elements of the Department so they can both get the maximum benefit and it won't cost us as much to handle all of these things. We are looking at combining all of those together.

The Engine 5 Push-In Ceremony and the Firefighter Awards Ceremony, we have tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and we are looking at possibly doing a carry-in for City Staff and Fire Department members to come together before, have a luncheon, and then have a public ceremony to push the engine in and present the awards to the firefighters that won those. That's all I have for this evening. Mrs. Lommatzsch: What time is your event? Chief Stitzel: We are looking at 1:00 p.m. right now. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Okay because the U-Haul Open House and Ribbon Cutting is at 10:00 a.m. Chief Stitzel: This will be at least 1:00 p.m. if not later.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Since we are on the top of the opioid issue here a little bit, I want everybody to understand that Project DAWN provides Narcan and Naloxone as a free service out of the old Saint Elizabeth Hospital. I think we need the community to know where they can get this drug if they need it for a family member. It's not only just about heroin and fentanyl, but it's about prescription drug use in many cases because sometimes the overdose is due to the use of pain medications. The other thing I would like to see our city do and I have mentioned this to the City Manager, I would like to see how many runs we are doing for opioid overdoses and how many people we are giving Narcan or Naloxone to. I'd like those reports to show separately what the Police Department and what the EMS crews are doing, so that we can see the immensity of this problem. I'm going to continue to bring some more information that will go out on the front desk and I don't know what you folks have to hand out to people, but we need to distribute as much information as we can. It's not widely known and the County doesn't like to talk about it, but there is also a needle exchange program that is available through the County for the harm reduction piece of this. For those we can't help, we don't want them to have other secondary diseases associated with this. I don't know what you are handing out. I don't know if you are handing anything out in terms of information to families, but there is a lot of good information in terms of pamphlet form. If there is something you need, I've got some connections at Montgomery County Health and the ADAMHS program. I can work with them to get what you need. Thanks.

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Mayor Flaute: The City Manager can work on that together with you guys and see what you want to do with that. Maybe we just want to add it to our City Manager's Report. I don't know what you are thinking, but you need to see the City Manager on that. Mr. Fullenkamp: We've seen kind of separate reports sparsely and I have talked to you about this. I think if we have the EMS giving Narcan to people so many times a month and we are also seeing the Police Department giving people Narcan so many times a month. I think seeing those numbers together. I'm not saying combine the numbers, I'm saying the PD did it this many times and EMS did it this many times. I think it would be helpful maybe if nothing else to show how big this problem is and to get the information out to the community that this drug is available to families. I'm not sure how well this is being distributed throughout the community. There's lots of education and there's lots of pieces. This is a really multi-faceted program and I'm continuing to try to stretch out throughout the region. My primary purpose is to help the residents of Riverside that are dealing with this, that's my primary purpose, but if we can help solve the regional problem and be a part of that solution that's my goal too. Mayor Flaute: Please see the City Manager about that.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I don't know who saw the news tonight, but there were children who found their parents in warm and wonderful Centerville this morning and fentanyl was the cause and they were dead. It has no economic barriers and it is everywhere. Mr. Fullenkamp: And we have to do something. We can't just sit by the sidelines. Mrs. Lommatzsch: You are absolutely right. Mr. Fullenkamp: We've got to become active. This is important.

Chief Robinson: Can I say one more thing on that? I agree with you in the fact that this is an epidemic in proportions at this point, but I think we have to focus on all the worst ones that we have going. The heroin is bad, I get it and I'm with you, but here's what happens sometimes and we have to be conscious of this too. There are programs that say when we arrest somebody for a crime that we can actually put them in jail for 10 days. Ten days is the magic number for the folks to get that Vivitrol shot. Vivitrol, once you take that you can't get high on heroin. It's impossible. You can shoot right up and it will not do anything to you. The problem with it is that the people that you are dealing with and this is why they need the help that they need and the resources that we need to help them is not just for heroin it is for the addiction of all drugs. What happens is the Vivitrol kicks in and it takes the heroin out of their body, so it does nothing to them. What do they do? Go to another drug and we have been seeing a big hit on meth that is being used now. In fact, I saw a lady the other day and I saw the picture of her arm, it's got to be killing this woman. She took meth and shot it straight into her hand and it blew up like a balloon. It looked like she had elephantiasis, that's how bad it looked. It was a big open sore in the back and as we talked to her she said I don't think I'm going to be around much longer anyway, so it doesn't really matter. This is not just people who have addiction. This is a mental sickness to this that people are addicted to these things. They are not just addicted to heroin; they are addicted to all those things. When we look at it, I think we have to look at the overall picture and that we are actually fighting all the drugs that are addictive that we have. It's so much that we have to be able to help them get rid of that addictive behavior. I'm hoping that's what we can do.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I think during this emergency, the primary problem is the opioid crisis. That's what's killing everybody. Chief Robinson: I agree with you. The meth isn't going to kill you like the heroin does; it will give you mush mouth, but it's not going to kill you. Mr. Fullenkamp: You just stop breathing and when you stop breathing you die. The primary problem is the opioid issue and the other issues are important, but the focus I think right now at the County level is on the opioid epidemic. Chief Robinson: I think you are right, but the conversations I had today at the meeting is they were concerned a lot with the other drugs too that are actually going on with this too. It's the addictive behavior and about trying to get them help. Mr. Fullenkamp: You are talking to Jody Long. Chief Robinson: It's about getting them help, that's all. Mayor Flaute: Both of your departments, I want to say the City Manager needs to see what's the best way to go about letting the community know and maybe working with Mr. Fullenkamp. Chief Robinson: I will take any information you will give me.

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There were no additional questions or comments.

c. Service Department

Mr. Carpenter introduced Mr. Miller for the monthly update for the Service Department.

Mr. Miller: Thank you, Mayor, Council, and Mr. City Manager. First, I am going to go into some professional development. We have been having several of the guys take pesticide and arborist courses. We have daily briefings about safety and we are also working with Dawn. She is transitioning from a custodian to secretary and she seems to be coming along very well. We had a great presentation by Detective Cooper which entailed the drug use problems. What he went over for my crew were the safety dos and don'ts when you are out picking up debris. It was a very good presentation on his part.

Valley Street, this is a project that ODOT has delayed some of the review comments for at least a week. We are at Stage II right now with this project. East Springfield Street, we have submitted Stage I plans for the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. At Woodman, we had the speed study and Craig Eley presented that this evening. We are working on the 2017 Pavement Program and as the City Manager stated, we had a couple bid openings. The Crack Sealing was \$20,000.00 under the engineer's estimate and the other was \$44,000.00 under the engineer's estimate and this was for the Pavement Marking Project. We are getting good quotes and of course, we are getting in early in the year which helps a little bit. The Burkhardt Road and Woodman Drive safety study is being delayed until 2018. The Woodman sign relocation, I guess we need to get some AutoCAD and computer files from LJB on this to be able to complete this out. We have again, the 20-year Street Improvement Plan. Right now, based on Council's request, Choice One is working on revisions for it.

We have been doing a lot of right of way inspections. The guys have been doing a lot of asphalt patching and we have had pretty good weather. Sign maintenance and assisting with the renovations at 1791. We did some building maintenance and remodeling in the shop area. They painted over graffiti at Rohrer Park. They have been street sweeping and we just got about \$6,000.00 in parts because the street sweeper went down, so we will be fixing that and it will be out there street sweeping again. I did inspections on playgrounds. That's another area where we need people that are certified to be able to do playground inspections. There is a whole lot more to that than what you would ever think and by not doing that, you are opening yourself up to a considerable liability. It's important that we do that on a very regular basis. We've had quite a few roadkill and the guys have been working on pesticides. There were 35 bags of trash removed from City streets. We moved and rearranged furniture for the remodelization. We repaired catch basins and manholes. They worked on removing a bunch of old tires on Bushnell; I don't know how many hundred tires there were there, but there were a bunch.

We also did something sort of unique. We had a quad-cab pick-up truck and the back bucket rusted off, so the guys got creative and went to the steelyard and they manufactured a flatbed for that so they can do concrete work on it and redesigned the whole thing. The material is about \$300.00, but if you had it custom made like they did it would be about a couple thousand dollars to do the same thing.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: What about the garden? Mr. Miller: Thank you for mentioning that. Within the next two weeks, we are working on getting materials and we will be coordinating with Marilyn Stava and making sure that it will be installed in the next two weeks. I want to make sure that is done before lawn mowing starts because they will be kind of preoccupied with that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Thank you. Mr. Miller: You are most welcome.

There were no additional questions or comments.

**ITEM 18: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no requests to speak before Council on agenda items.

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**ITEM 19: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCES**

- I) **Ordinance No. 17-O-618 approving a change in text amendments to the Codified Ordinances of Riverside, Ohio, Part 11, Chapters 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111, 1113, 1115, and 1117.**

Mr. Carpenter introduced Ordinance No. 17-O-618 approving changes to the Codified Ordinances.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to read Ordinance No. 17-O-618 for the second time by title only and approve its final adoption. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 17-O-618 for the second time by title only.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**ITEM 20: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCES**

- I) **Ordinance No. 17-O-619 providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$5,300,000 building acquisition and improvements special obligation bond anticipation notes, series 2013, fourth (2017) renewal, by the City of Riverside, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, providing of such notes, and declaring an emergency.**
- II) **Ordinance No. 17-O-620 providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$5,300,000 of special obligation bonds by the City of Riverside, Ohio, for the purpose of building acquisition and improvements, and providing for the pledge of revenues for the payment of such bonds and declaring an emergency.**

Mayor Flaute: We obviously can't vote on at this time, so you will have to move them to the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting unless there is going to be a financial issue doing that. We can call a special meeting and hopefully we can get at least five members here. Mr. Garrett and Mr. Manager, if you guys need anything like that to happen. Mr. Carpenter: We will reach out to Mr. Brossart. Mr. Denning: We only need to move 17-O-619. Mayor Flaute: I think you got your direction tonight for which one we want, so we will just put that one on the agenda.

There was no additional comments or questions.

**B. RESOLUTIONS**

- I) **Resolution No. 17-R-246 requesting the State of Ohio Director of Transportation to modify the speed limits on State Route 835 (AKA Woodman Dr. & Harshman Rd.) beginning at U.S. 35 and ending at the Dayton Corporation Limit south of Eastwood MetroPark.**

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2246 requesting the modification of speed limits.

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A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2246. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**II) Resolution No. 17-R-2247 authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application for funding under the Montgomery County Solid Waste District's Recycling Incentive Grant Program, and authorizing the expenditure of matching funds.**

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2247 authorizing the submission of a grant application.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2247. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Ms. Arnold: It appears I did not put in my updated version of this Resolution, so the cost which is stated in the memo that Jeremy added states that they will be splitting the cost. Some of it will be out of the Nuisance Abatement Fund and the other part will be coming out of the Ground Maintenance Fund. He has it broken down in the memo, but we added the Service Department to the grant after this was already written. I updated the legislation, but the first draft got in here and not the real one. I will need to make that update. Mayor Flaute: So the number we see here in the Resolution. Ms. Arnold: The number is correct, but the only thing that needs to be changed is the account number it is coming from. We need to add the other one because part of the funds will be coming from the Service Department and part of them will be coming from Planning and Program Management. Mayor Flaute: It will still be \$1,800.00. Ms. Arnold: That will be our portion.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I called the manufacturer and it's quite an interesting little product we have here. This really just takes photographs, it doesn't take videos. It's a device that triggers when it sees motion and it has an IR on it so it can see about 60 feet away at night. Really, I like the idea. I'm thinking this is a better idea for Rohrer Park than spending thousands of dollars for internet access and everything else. What we are currently doing is a continual cost, where these things are one-time expenditures. Mr. Carpenter: That's exactly what we were thinking too. We are going down that route. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think there is just too much annual expenses to those video cameras and we don't need video, we just need snap shots and that's what this does. These products, the batteries are all lithium and they last about a year under normal usage. You probably want to buy another set of batteries for it so when that time comes because each one takes a set of 12 batteries. It's a good idea. I like the idea and let's do it at Rohrer Park or wherever else we need surveillance.

There was no further discussion on the motion.

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

**III) Resolution No. 17-R-2248 strongly supporting the proposed Local Government Funding Section of the State of Ohio Governor's proposed 2018-2019 budget which proposes modifying the Local Government Funding Formula. This proposed Local Government Funding Formula increase the amount of State funding that the City of Riverside will receive substantially from the current funding formula.**

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Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2248 supporting the proposed Local Government Funding Section of the State of Ohio Governor's proposed 2018-2019 budget.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2248. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Mr. Denning: Thank you, Mr. Fullenkamp, for bringing this up. Mr. Fullenkamp: You're welcome. Mayor Flaute: The only thing I got from the Ohio Municipal League when we were talking about this is they do not support it, but only because it is a fairness issue. Some cities aren't going to be able to do as well as we are doing, but that aside I'm still in favor of it. I'm glad that we will be getting that much money and thank you.

There was no further discussion on the motion.

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

**IV) Resolution No. 17-R-2249 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Taser International, Inc. for the purchase of Taser equipment for use by the Riverside Police Department.**

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2249 authorizing a contract with Taser International, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2249. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**ITEM 21: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

John Ziegler of Lynnhaven Drive requested to speak before Council regarding aquafer control springs and Wicker Place.

Mr. Ziegler: Hello everybody. I haven't seen you guys in a while. Thank you for all the great work on Lynnhaven Drive. I'm a school bus driver, so sometimes I have to call you guys for help and that street's been great.

My first concern is the aquafer. I live on Lynnhaven Drive which is right next to Fenwick Court. We have the artisan pond that is connected to the aquafer. I have lived there for 22 years and my in-laws lived on the corner before that since the 60's. We've always had trouble with the pond and the springs popping up underneath people's houses and the EPA has to come out and help fix their houses. We have a sinkhole up on Meyer at the Armstrong House. On Thanksgiving we had that sinkhole up there because the underground caved, so we have got a lot of problems with this and I'm really worried about that. I may be one of the only people in Riverside who has sinkhole insurance on my house and earthquake insurance, but I am really seriously worried about this. I think you really have to consider anything you can do that can affect it. Right now there is no dry creek that leaves the pond. Usually when they build the neighborhood, they have a dry creek for it to overflow into and somehow they got away with not doing that in the 50's. I don't know how, but if flows in everybody's yards. The City has been out and made it great and fixed a lot of that and it's a nice band aid, but it's not really fixed. I think there needs to be detention or a retention system in. I know they can't really do that and there is no room for it.

I just think before you guys do anything or if they are going to do anything to the property on Wicker, they should consider that. They don't know where sinkholes are

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going to be or if that could cause a spring to pop up somewhere different if they change the flow of the underground water. If they are going to do any heavy construction in there, I think that place should be left alone. It's been like that probably since the buildings were built there in the 50's. I don't think they should mess with anything, especially with the walkout basement and they are right next to the pond. I've had meetings with all the neighbors and nobody disagreed with me. Everybody was in agreement that they shouldn't do anything up there. On Fenwick Court, most of the residents there and there are a couple rental houses there and I didn't get to talk to those people and one of those houses is currently for sale. I don't know what they are going to think, whoever moves there, but they may not like when they see the foot of water flowing through their backyard like it does occasionally during the big storms.

Part of our underground problem is water is getting into the sewers at 2424 Bonnieview and those sewers can't take the water anymore because artisan springs are popping up there after the pond gets high. This has been going on forever. My family has lived there since the 60's and they have been watching this for years. Also now there is a breakdown in the storm sewers up there by Wicker where the water can't even flow down to the normal way to escape, so now none of the catch basins are working and all the water is flowing into the pond and overflowing into these people's yards when we have these storms.

My second one is the property they call Wicker. On Wicker we have a lady who has fixed up the property and beautified it. That house is beautiful. They painted it all blue and spent a lot of money. I talk to them all the time. They fixed it up and they thought it was all their property. It doesn't make sense, you walk out your backdoor into your backyard and it's only five feet. They always thought that was theirs. They are trying to buy it now. They already thought it was theirs and the woman has got like four or five kids out there she's raising. She doesn't have time to come down here tonight and all of us are in agreement with that also in backing her up.

Mayor Flaute: Alright, talk to the City Manager about those issues. He can get back with you tomorrow unless he's got time tonight to talk to you about those issues. We do appreciate you bringing that up because that is a property we are demolishing that house. Mr. Fullenkamp: The City is trying to acquire that property, but your neighborhood can acquire that property also. It's a foreclosure. That's something you all need to think about. So your neighborhood seemed to be in opposition to any development on that property? Mr. Ziegler: They love what they did when they cleared all the brush and they checked for mosquitoes and found there were no problems with the pond. It's been great what Jeremy and them have done. It's awesome. We are just concerned about any development of it and we like it the way it is. Our hearts go out to her because she always thought that was her yard. There's three strikes against any development there. She doesn't want it, the neighbors don't want it and probably the person in charge of the aquifers around here won't like that. Mayor Flaute: See the City Manager after this meeting or he can get in contact with you tomorrow about that, but we appreciate you bringing those things up. I learned something. Mr. Ziegler: It's really beautiful over there.

There were no additional requests to speak before Council.

**ITEM 22: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Fullenkamp: Last week a resident died by the name of George Miller. George was quite a fella. A friendship kind of sprung up with us over the last 3-4 years. George used to be Rugs the Clown and used to be in the parades and contributed a lot of time and money to organizations that help children. Unknown to most of you, George actually about a year ago and you have to understand George had some real issues in terms of back problems. In fact, he had an electrical stimulator in his back.

Last summer, she wasn't a Sergeant then but she is a Sergeant now, Sergeant Jackson was on a call to one of his neighbors and he knew the neighbor and knew the situation. George put his body between this fella they were having the trouble with and Officer Jackson and probably helped prevent any injury to her at his own

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peril. We never heard about his and George probably wouldn't want me to even be talking about this, but George was a very giving and very good person. I mourn his passing.

At some point, and I can't make this recommendation, but I think he should be recognized after his passing for his service protecting one of our police officers under a situation where he had no business. He wasn't a touch guy, but he interceded and probably helped a situation and maybe prevented some injury to one of our employees to the City. Anyway, I want to recognize George. I'm going to miss him.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I understand that everyone hasn't RSVP'd for the event next Wednesday night at Walnut Grove Country Club. We worked really hard to get that to Riverside, so I'm hoping that are going to have a nice show of folks at 5:30. Please the deadline for reservations is 12:00 tomorrow, so please let the Clerk know that and also RSVP for the Volunteer Dinner on Thursday. The next IN Crowd dinner is going to be the 27<sup>th</sup> at China Buffett. The golf tournament is May 12<sup>th</sup>. The City has always supported the golf tournament. This is basically for the Fisher/Nightingale House. I have flyers and City Manager I hope that some of you golfers can show up. I will be selling Mulligans. I hope you can show up. The dinner plans are going great. It's a 6:00 gathering and 7:00 dinner. I hope you all will be there.

Mr. Denning: I went to Hope 4 Riverside today. I think that group is hitting critical mass and it is going to start moving the community forward. I think that is a very positive thing that they are doing. Mayor Flaute: One of the things that Hope 4 Riverside is doing is a mentoring program that they have started. They are really involved in the schools and there are bunch of other folks that are in Hope 4 Riverside that are involved in doing mentoring. The stories they tell are really great. If you want to get involved in mentoring of a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, it is very rewarding. Mr. Denning: If you can give up one hour a week during the school day, and that's my issue with my work hours I can't do it, but if you know anybody that can they can mentor a child that the school recommends. From the stories I have heard and what I've seen it is kind of like Big Brother, but it's just to Mad River Schools right now. I think it is something that would be very beneficial to you as well as the young person that it helps.

Mayor Flaute: I just have a couple of things. I did five weddings in the last two weeks and I don't have anything for tomorrow, so I don't know if basketball got in the way and St. Patrick's Day. The Dayton Development Coalition had two meetings this week. One of them was the 20/20 Wright-Patt Base Realignment Discussion. There is really no new news with that, but we are concerned. There may be some closing of bases again and we want to make sure that Wright-Patt is on the list to grow. We are hopeful with the new Presidential Administration that wants to build up the military and we are hoping that will help Wright-Patt. I also went to a Dayton Development Coalition Site Selection Consultant's today. It was very interesting and I've got all kinds of good notes, if anyone wants to read them. One of the things we said and we talked about earlier, we need a new website. We really need a new website. The trend throughout the whole thing was that is very, very important. The big thing they did talk about is the Tax Reform that the Trump Administration may be doing. It is don't tax American manufacturing's profits, but do tax whatever is made outside our country. That is supposedly a very big deal for the Trump Administration and a big deal for the Miami Valley and our cities.

Hope 4 Riverside is sponsoring the Community Prayer Breakfast. It's known as the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, but it is really a Community Prayer Breakfast. We are having it on March 31<sup>st</sup> and the doors open at 7:30 and breakfast is at 7:50, so please come if you can Friday morning March 31<sup>st</sup>. We do a lot of praying and we have our Superintendent, Chad Wyen, as our speaker. The Women's Choir will be coming for entertainment. I promise you will be out of there no later than 9:30. It's our Community Prayer Breakfast and Hope 4 Riverside always does a good job putting that on. We talked about the IN Crowd and the Lions Club is having a Fish Fry March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Milton Club. The Milton Club is on Cosler just outside our City, but it is a good thing and the Lions Club does so much in our community. Please if you



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can get to the Milton Club on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, you would be doing a service to them and to our City. That's all I have.

There were no additional comments from Council.

**ITEM 23: ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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William R. Flaute, Mayor

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Brenna Arnold, Clerk of Council