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

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

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

ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: A motion was made by Mr. Denning to excuse Deputy Mayor Smith. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

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

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

A) Discussion – 2017 Budget

Chief Carpenter: This is a very rough draft. I went to staff and asked them what they would need for the year 2017. I did add that what they ask for, they may not get all of that depending on what the end result was when we compare to our revenues. What I included in the packet, since then we have been continually working on this document, is the “ask” by staff. One other item in there that is traditionally not carried is the retirement payout for each department. Last year with a few retirements that was included. According to our personnel policies, when someone informs us that they are going to retire, we would include that amount there. As I was talking with Mr. Garrett, I thought you all should know the people who are age and/or service years eligible to retire. That dollar amount, if everybody on December 31st said they would be retiring next year, shows what that payout would be. If you tally all of those up it is around \$165,000.00, so that is traditionally not in the budget but I wanted to include it in this draft.

In the “ask”, I have more detail of what the capital items are and some of the major operations. Also, there have been requests for more personnel. I did not include those additional personnel numbers or dollar amounts in this budget. I just wanted to show you the positions that are being requested and that will be in the presentation as we get going. Mayor Flaute: You didn't include them because we don't know. Chief Carpenter: We don't know. We still have concerns of what our insurance rates are going to be. We got a very preliminary number with a 34% increase. From my understanding it is usually a high number right out of the gate. We have asked staff to fill out forms so our agent can possibly shop around for some better rates.

Also, there is a document here that just shows the adopted budget amounts. The first one is through September for where we are. It also has 2015, 2014 and 2013 for your information. Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, I'd like to see the line by line items for those years if at all possible so we can get a trending of where we have been spending the dollars and where we need to look more closely. Chief Carpenter: I think we have those. Mr. Garrett: I have the standard monthly reports that we have done in the past which is, of course, where all of the line items are. That is just the end of year report and then I guess we have the budget for the beginning of the year, but they are not combined into one document. Is that what you need? Mrs. Reynolds: If we could get a line by line expenditure for those years, take the

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appropriated amount and the actual for each line that was spent, so we can get a trending look of where we have been spending each year. Mr. Garrett: The end of year finance report has that because the left column has the adjusted appropriation as we go through the year. The middle column would be the expenses that we had. Mrs. Reynolds: If we look at the document we are working from right now. Chief Carpenter: You are looking to put it in this format. Mrs. Reynolds: Yes, to put it in that format would be nice. Thank you. I appreciate that.

Just to reiterate, I did the "ask" by departments and that is what you have here in the spreadsheet. We want to talk about some additional projects, then 2016 versus 2017, some recommendations that I have made, talk about what I'd like to share in the next meeting and possibly get your feedback and see what questions you may have to provide some answers.

The Fire Department "ask" for the Table of Organization is to add three full-time positions and only fund one in 2017. The reason for that is that we were allotted nine slots per day, 24/7, and right now 46% of those shifts have gone unfilled. That is because we don't have the part-timers and what makes it much worse is that some of the part-timers are not paramedics. We are really struggling having enough paramedics to staff our ambulances and therefore we are working more overtime. Operations, really the one thing were you really may see an increase is to provide more incident command training for all of our staff. We are not asking for a lot of capital. Over the last few years, Council has been very generous to the Fire Department. There is an SCBA maintenance program. We bought these new air packs and they are great, but there is also a nice maintenance program that goes along with it that we did not purchase this year, but would like to purchase next year. The EMS software that we currently have, but the tech support is not very good. When the software goes down for a day or two, our reports stack up and they are not very responsive, the outfit that we are using. We have been looking around and have found some other software. We have talked to other departments who use it and they are more satisfied and also the statistics and things you can pull from that is much greater than what we have. Those are the primary capital items. There are also some other tools and equipment.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't see the software in the capital budget. Chief Carpenter: The number that I submitted has \$8,200.00 and it should be \$35,000.00. That is my mistake. I sent it out and started going through and asking the firefighters what I had left out, then they mentioned the software. It is currently \$35,000.00. That's not just the software. That's the SCBA maintenance, EMS software and then some other tools. Mr. Fullenkamp: Maintenance wouldn't be a capital item. Chief Carpenter: That's fair. We could put the program into operations. Mrs. Reynolds: So the software cost is \$35,000.00? Chief Carpenter: That is all combined; all capital for the Fire Department is \$35,000.00. Mr. Fullenkamp: Will you line these out? One of the things I like to see for these, especially the capital items, are what we are buying. Chief Carpenter: That's one thing as we go through here, for some of the other departments I have the prices. I was hoping after today's meeting, I could get your feedback. If you want a menu list of things you want to consider, we could provide you that. Mr. Fullenkamp: And priority. There is a priority associated with these things. Chief Carpenter: Exactly and we are going to come to that.

Mayor Flaute: I have a question on the education and training, we went up \$10,000.00. Chief Carpenter: That's for the incident command training for all of the staff. Mayor Flaute: Okay. That's why for the increase from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00? Chief Carpenter: It is just because we want to get all the staff and focus on incident command. Mayor Flaute: So this is an "ask", but might not happen? Chief Carpenter: That's correct. This is what the Fire Department has asked for. Mayor Flaute: The equipment maintenance outsource went up to \$21,000.00 versus \$12,000.00. Chief Carpenter: That is based on some of the numbers that we are currently experiencing this year and we want to try to make it more in line for next year. Mayor Flaute: Okay. Is that an "ask" and that might go down? Chief Carpenter: Yes, this is what I'm sharing. This is what the Department asked for and this is what I wanted to provide to you. As we go through and you see the end numbers, we may say we need to tighten the belt a little bit more.

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Mrs. Reynolds: I'm trying to think of a way it would be easier, could you color code or be able to relate that to what's been asked for, the additional cost and the benefit. I don't know, maybe some way, because it is difficult to look at this as always. It's not anything new, but just to try to figure out what is new and by department. If there is some way you can indicate. Chief Carpenter: I thought about that and maybe if we can just add another column for the second, revised draft. Mr. Fullenkamp: A little more description would be helpful for some of these items. Mr. Denning: I would be perfectly content with a memo that explains some of these, like for the Fire Department, these are some of the things we are adding and this is the amount that it is going to be and it is going \$15,000.00 for software and this much for this and it is X number of dollars over last year's budget. Just so there is an explanation to go with it so I can take the Fire Department explanation and what they want, then go to the budget and see that and understand. Adding columns of numbers doesn't do me any good without an explanation of what that means. Mr. Fullenkamp: You already have it in a spreadsheet so it would be easy to add those as a link to a description too. It's almost like a drill down process, so you could make this a link, not for people who want to use paper. Mr. Denning: That's fine, but I need an explanation from each department of what I'm looking at and why we went to \$250,000.00 or whatever.

Mrs. Reynolds: You all work with this every day, but we see this in packet and we have no idea what the conversation has been and why there is a need. You can say this is what they asked for and that's great, but if I know the basis for the asking and the cost that helps to make a decision of whether it is beneficial. Mr. Denning: Like your explanation about the software, the software we've got we aren't getting support, it's old and the new software will cost us \$15,000.00, but we will have support so we will be saving in time because we won't have people sitting down and having to type for two days or three days' worth of reports. Chief Carpenter: Would you like that for each line item or just the ones that are increased? Mayor Flaute: I want to see the ones that are increased. Mr. Denning: Just the ones that are increased. Mr. Fullenkamp: Unless something changes. Something may come up to be the same both years, but be erratically different. Chief Carpenter: I know historically we also used those budget notes, do you find those helpful? Mr. Fullenkamp: That's the minimum I would like to see, what we did last year.

Mrs. Reynolds: To get the FTEs on the budget would be a big help. Chief Carpenter: The reason we didn't initially is because now there is the "ask." Mayor Flaute: If we would hire an IT person, would that save us any money in this \$35,000.00 or is that completely and totally different? Chief Carpenter: It's really not related. It's more the fee for the software, not the support. Mayor Flaute: Next year would it be not for the support, so we won't see this number? Mrs. Lommatzsch: You've already bought it. Mayor Flaute: Well if you already bought it, how much is it to keep? Mrs. Reynolds: There is a maintenance fee, I'm sure. Chief Carpenter: Are you talking about the difference between our current maintenance fee and this maintenance fee? Mayor Flaute: Right, so we have \$35,000.00 this year, what do you think it is going to be next year? Chief Carpenter: That specific software is around \$12,000.00. The \$35,000.00 once again is the Fire capital. Mrs. Reynolds: But there is a maintenance fee ongoing. Chief Carpenter: It's around \$12,000.00. Mr. Denning: Then next year, I would guess, it is \$4,000.00 or usually 30% or something like that.

Chief Carpenter: The Service Department is considering adding five seasonal employees and this would allow staff more time to do more major maintenance such as replacing catch basins and other major projects. Mr. Miller: We do pothole patch, dura-patch, crack seal and a lot of other things. In some areas, the streets are deteriorating pretty badly. It would free up manpower to do that instead of mowing. Mr. Fullenkamp: So seasonal employees would be mowing? Mr. Miller: They would be mowing, yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: Would they be supervised? Mr. Miller: Yes, they would. We have a former, retired employee that may be the supervisor. He knows the City and knows what needs to be done, why it needs to be done. He knows our policies and procedures. He can very adequately provide a frame of reference for anyone that we might hire seasonally. Mr. Fullenkamp: I guess I would like to know what's not getting done, but I'm not sure. Mr. Miller: That's a good question. We have a lot of catch basins and we have been systematically going through the neighborhoods and cleaning them out. We are also doing repairs on them. Some of

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them are in failure. We have areas that we could dura-patch that would prolong the life of the roadway and where we are having issues. We could do a lot of preservation work throughout the City, so it would be a good investment in our resources. Mr. Fullenkamp: Have you estimated what the cost of twelve part-time employees during the four or five months is? Mr. Miller: It would be a maximum \$12.00/hour and we are looking at maybe 1,200 hours for seasonal, so it's not the much compared to what a full-timer would be. Mr. Fullenkamp: So about \$15,000.00.

Mrs. Reynolds: Did you look at a cost/benefit, sir, on hiring for the catch basin work versus hiring? Mr. Miller: It is quite expensive. Every time we call Roto Rooter, I get a several thousand dollar bill. It's quite expensive. Mr. Fullenkamp: What does it cost for our hours? Mr. Miller: Ours is significantly less. We have skill sets in-house that can do concrete work. You name it they can do it pretty efficiently because they have done it for quite a while. It is less in house. I can do a cost/benefit analysis, if it would help. Mrs. Reynolds: The time of the employee versus hiring the new people or adding onto that and still outsourcing is more expensive? Mr. Miller: Yes. Mrs. Reynolds: Can you get us some figures on that? Is that alright, Mr. City Manager? Chief Carpenter: Yes, absolutely.

Mayor Flaute: Two years ago we added a position to the Service Department and I was hoping that might help you during the seasonal time. Like Mr. Fullenkamp said, what's getting behind or changing here? We already gave you a full-time employee and now you need more seasonal, where you haven't needed them in the past. Mr. Miller: Brad Brush is a new employee. He's got really excellent carpenter skills and other skills. The shed down at Community Park would be a good example. They have just about rebuilt it. It was in sad shape. We have people with some skill sets that can do things in a manner that is pretty effective. He worked not only in the garage, but also on construction. He's kind of a go to guy also for repairs. He will a lot of times troubleshoot the vehicles and equipment and let us know when we need to get it into a shop as opposed to us being able to repair it ourselves. Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, I think we need to look at thinking about the Roto Rooter situation. An annual contract sometimes is more cost effective than calling out for one time service and you may be able to save some dollars that way.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: How many years has it been since we have had seasonals? We used to have seasonals regularly. Mr. Miller: It was before my time and I've been here ten years. I'll be here ten years in January. Mayor Flaute: That's why we gave you that extra employee, I'm thinking. Mr. Miller: Realize our streets and infrastructure age; they don't get better by themselves. It's important to do preventative maintenance and also do repairs in a timely manner. We also have several areas that are still flooding pretty badly and it is due to the infrastructure of the storm water. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I know we've gone through Montgomery County Youth Employment in years past and found good help. I didn't realize it had been that long, but that's a source that we should probably share because they are vetted somewhat before you hire them. Mr. Miller: We did have some issues, if I recall with the youth employments. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I thought you said we hadn't had them since you have been here. Mr. Miller: I didn't realize you were asking about that. I thought you were asking about regular, part-time. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Well, what are you talking about? Mr. Miller: We had them for one season, my mistake. Mayor Flaute: While you were here they were here one season? Mr. Miller: Yes.

Mayor Flaute: I remember the issues. Correct me if I'm wrong, but they weren't allowed to get on the mowers because they were too young. Mr. Miller: Correct. Mayor Flaute: Then supervising them was very difficult. Mr. Miller: Correct. I'm talking about hiring part-timers that need to be of legal age. Mayor Flaute: We weren't getting them of legal age, if I remember right. Mr. Miller: Correct. Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's why I was confused because I thought we had them in the past. You aren't talking about hiring any of our local youth for summer jobs. Is that going to require other expenses? Are they going to come to work for just an hourly wage? Mr. Miller: If you work part-time and keep the hours down to 28 hours a week you don't pay benefits and some of those things. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I know. I am one of those people.

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Chief Carpenter: When we were having this discussion, we were talking about maybe some college students or teachers that are looking for summer jobs. That's what we had in mind. Mr. Miller: I have had several retired Air Force approach the City about working outdoors. They worked in offices their entire career and they want to do something that is going to be different. Mr. Fullenkamp: I would like it to be people who live in the City. Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's why I was thinking about the youth. Mr. Miller: I would like to get people of legal age just because of the responsibility and accountability. Think about our insurance liability. That youth program, I don't think we even paid them. I think it was paid by the County, but I could be wrong. I would have to go back and research that to be honest with you. That's why I said we didn't really hire them; it was paid by the County through a youth program.

Chief Carpenter: Moving on to operations, some of the increase in costs would be contributed to signal box repairs and catch basins. Some of the trucks, I think we have three of the exhaust manifolds need to be serviced. As far as street paving, we were looking at doing Pleasant Valley Road and Prince Albert. Mr. Fullenkamp: I know this is an issue, these dumping fees. Have we negotiated anything with Republic and talked to them about this? Mr. Miller: I've researched some other areas and I'm trying to get some quotes from other places. Mr. Fullenkamp: Has Republic not been willing to work with us? Mr. Miller: Dumping fees were free when we were with Dayton. Mr. Fullenkamp: I understand, but has Republic not been willing to work with us? Mr. Miller: Not real well, but I'm going to see if I can't find alternative places to possibly do that. Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay. Why are signal fees going up? I thought we did a lot of replacements with the Honeywell Project. Mr. Miller: Are you talking about traffic signals? We had some cabinets that have been hit so many times by lightning that they are at the point of failure. Part of the reason for the bump and jump there has to do with the condition of some of the cabinets that house all the computers and everything else.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Internal engineering, that's a big jump up to seven (7). What's going on? Mr. Miller: We are looking at some of the projects that are in the future that we possibly will be awarded by MVRPC and by the State, as a result we need to do preliminary engineering to have everything at the ready so that we can act on it if the Council so decides. Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay because what I'm seeing here is \$1.2 million increase at the bottom of your budget of all of your "asks." Chief Carpenter: A lot of that was all the capital was put in there and not spaced out. Mr. Fullenkamp: We do have a list, but the list is not clear. Mr. Miller: We could have provided a lease for some of the equipment and stuff like that, but it's all in there without a lease. Mr. Fullenkamp: I understand. We just got done purchasing three dump trucks and now we have an "ask" for three more. Mr. Miller: That's correct. We have one with a bed we are going to have to replace, if our capital isn't awarded. Because of the salt environment, it gets extreme condition problems the longer we keep them. We end up spending more and more in repairs and maintenance. It gets to the point where if you keep the truck long enough, you are going to pay twice to three times what you would pay if you were renting it. Long term, I would prefer rather than outright buy to have a rollover program where every four years we can get new trucks and turn in the old ones or sell them. Long term, that's what I would like to be able to do with Council's permission. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'd like to see those numbers that say every four years it costs more to own than lease. I think that's a difficult thing for me to comprehend because I would think they may be hard service hours, but they are not a ton of miles put on these. Mr. Miller: That is absolutely correct.

Mr. Denning: How many trucks do we actually have? Mr. Miller: We have five big dumps and then I would have to think how many pick-up trucks we have. I can send you an inventory of what's there. Mr. Denning: I'm more concerned about the big trucks. We just replaced three of those? Mr. Miller: We did. Mr. Denning: So, there will be two more that need to be replaced and you would basically have three that are one year old and two would be brand new. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm seeing three new dump trucks and in another place I'm seeing two new dump trucks. I'm not sure what's what in your list. Mr. Miller: We are going to replace the bed on one truck. Mr. Fullenkamp: After the big space in the first paragraph, it says three new dump trucks. Then the bottom line, it says two dump trucks. Mr. Miller: That must be a

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typo, it is two dump trucks. My apologies. Mr. Fullenkamp: Your "ask" is for two dump trucks or for three? Mr. Miller: Two and replace the bed on one truck. Mr. Denning: So we are replacing the bed on a new truck? Mr. Miller: No, it's truck 30. It's an older truck, but mechanically it is in good shape and structurally it is in good shape. They just last week welded in the bottom of the bed temporarily.

Mrs. Reynolds: So you can take the three dump trucks off the list, Mr. City Manager? We have three dump trucks and then two dump trucks. Chief Carpenter: That shouldn't have been in there. I'm sorry. Two is the "ask." Mr. Fullenkamp: Let's get this out there now, I'd like this PowerPoint sent to all of us. Chief Carpenter: Sure.

Mr. Curp: When we talk about the three streets for mill and fill, are we looking at any cape seal for other streets? Is this all we plan on doing? Chief Carpenter: No, we also have using the permissive tax which was I think \$143,000.00. That's what we have for crack seal and paint striping. Mr. Curp: What about the neighborhood streets, the residential streets in the plats, because the permissive can't be used in the plats from what I understand? Mr. Miller: That is correct. Chief Carpenter: There's \$600,000.00 on the line item for the streets. Mr. Curp: For the mill and fill. Mr. Fullenkamp: It's under Contracted Services – Other. Mr. Curp: My question is what else are we going to be doing because we have other streets? For the last couple of years we have been doing cape seal in order to extend the life because those are deteriorating quickly. If we let another year go by because we have a lot of other streets that need some attention also and I'm not against the repaving of these streets, I'm just asking what else are we doing to preserve some of these other streets until we can get to them? That's all. Chief Carpenter: There's just not a lot of money for doing that, but that's something we can rearrange and look at. We do have some of our major thoroughfare projects as well, just not in the Service budget.

Mrs. Reynolds: So the \$600,000.00 is the street dollar. Chief Carpenter: Out of the Service budget, yes. Mrs. Reynolds: That's not just for Rohrer, Pleasant Valley and Prince Albert. Mr. Miller: It is purely for those streets and those are the estimates. Chief Carpenter: Pleasant Valley is a complete rebuild. Mrs. Reynolds: Pleasant Valley there were two patches done last year close to Brandt and one midway on the street where it was so bad. It was just two patches done. Mr. Fullenkamp: Again, this goes back to that priority thing. Suddenly we are talking to people from Wright State trying to figure out how to get the community together to build a Service Building and we need to step back and figure out how to get the community behind a road levy. We've got to start that discussion quickly. Chief Carpenter: We have Choice One working on a plan for doing all of our streets that should be completed sometime by January. I'm hoping to bring them in December to explain what they are doing and some of their early findings. We want to paint the picture, the condition of all roads and the approximate cost of all of it.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's good, but we are moving ahead quickly on the Service Building it looks like and this has drug behind us for several years now. I think our focus has to be on infrastructure. Chief Carpenter: I agree. My intent is to take the entire package out to the community and get the word out. Mr. Fullenkamp: The entire package out for residential and thoroughfares? Chief Carpenter: Yes, residential, thoroughfares and Safety Services Buildings to paint a picture of the entire community. Mr. Miller: The selling point for any street program is that the condition of the street can be a motivating factor for increasing the value of the properties. It's critical. In some areas we have let things go to the point that we are close to failure. We are trying to prevent that by sealing it with crack sealant. My crew go out and dura-patch. We have a hotbox that they have been using to patch, particularly in the wintertime. The material stays in place as opposed to popping out because it is cold patched. They appreciate you guys providing some of the resources for the equipment for them to be more effective. We get a lot of calls from people, especially in the wintertime when we are using the cold patch. They will say that we haven't done it, but we might have done it three or four times. I'm going to start keeping records on it when we patch a hole. Mr. Fullenkamp: My concern is that I think you are bringing too much to the community at once. I think you are taking too big a bite out of the apple.

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Mayor Flaute: Going back to Mr. Curp, do we have a list of streets that are that close? Mrs. Lommatzsch: We've gotten the list. Mayor Flaute: From what you said though, these are the ones we are going to mill and fill and then the rest of them... Mr. Miller: A lot of the streets are in failure. You either rework the whole street or you just keep on patching it. I've gone to several pavement classes and they all say that once a street is in failure, all you can do is maintenance so it is safe. If the street is not in failure, you can do many other things. If it's in much better condition, you can seal it to prolong the life of it for 7-10 years. Normal mill and fill will last 15 years depending on the condition and traffic. Mayor Flaute: So what you are saying is if we do these, the rest of them you can take care of next year? Mr. Miller: We can temporarily until we have the resources to deal with these situations that need to be dealt with. Mr. Fullenkamp: So Choice One is going to give us this information. I want a gut feeling for what percentage of our streets are at failure for residential. Mr. Miller: Did I email you all a list? Mr. Fullenkamp: You did, but not in those terms. Mr. Miller: It had in there the condition of all the streets on that list. It gives you an idea. That's a good question. Mrs. Lommatzsch: One road was a complete rebuild, not a mill and fill. Mayor Flaute: Is that on here? Chief Carpenter: It's part of the \$600,000.00. We intend on bidding that out right after the first of the year, so we can get the best prices we can and Choice One is well aware.

Mrs. Reynolds: All the connected streets, Mr. Miller, from Valley to Brandt will be repaired, rebuild, or mill and fills next year? Rohrer, Prince Albert and Pleasant Valley. Mr. Miller: Some of those are going to be sealed. The money we have, we may only be able to do a cape seal. I will have to go look at that information again. It's been awhile since I have looked at it. They are not going to be complete rebuilds. For \$600,000.00 with the length of these streets, they are not going to be rebuilds. That's a good question. They are going to be preventative maintenance. We are looking at prolonging the life of the street until we can do something different.

Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, Reimbursable Repairs for \$60,000.00, would you explain that for me? Chief Carpenter: We implemented it this year and it is for the guardrails. They take a lot of hits all over the City and we are obligated to replace them. We hope to get insurance to reimburse for them. Mrs. Reynolds: Do we know how much we have received this year as reimbursement? Chief Carpenter: Do you have any idea, Tom? Mr. Garrett: We've billed some, but we really haven't received much yet. Some of the insurance companies are still reviewing them. Mrs. Reynolds: What is our plan of action in billing? How aggressive are we? Chief Carpenter: Very. We want to try to collect as much as we can collect. We are not going to forget about it. Mrs. Reynolds: We are looking at doubling what we spent last year, \$60,000.00. When we call it reimbursable, you would think you are going to get your \$60,000.00 back. Do we bill the insurance companies? How does that work? Mr. Miller: We bill the insurance companies and believe it or not only about 50% of the police reports that we get are hit and runs and about 50% don't have insurance. Mrs. Reynolds: That can be handled in other ways, can't it? If the person that hits the guardrail and damages it doesn't have insurance, there are financial responsibility bonds and things like that. Chief Carpenter: That's if we know who they are. Mrs. Reynolds: He's saying that 50% don't have insurance. I understand the hit and runs. Mr. Miller: If we had the staffing time and resources to do that it would be a good thing. We also have potentially court costs. If you got a police report, it would be pretty extensive to recover. The reason a lot of people don't have insurance is because they don't have any financial resources for insurance. You'd spend a lot of time trying. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Legal fees. Mrs. Reynolds: We have a legal firm that takes care of our things, so I guess because I just went through this and I know how easy it was for me to get my money back under a financial responsibility bond. We've got to look for every way we can generate funds. Chief Carpenter: We kicked around the idea and the reasons we haven't gone further with it is maybe the areas that are hit the most, maybe put some type of camera there and help us collect some of those fees. Mrs. Reynolds: I think we just need to do what we can to recoup as many dollars as we can.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: In working with trying to fund the 35 project and in discussions I have been a part of, did we ever determine what our fees are that we get of our license plates for Riverside? Chief Carpenter: The estimate for next year is around

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\$800,000.00. Mrs. Lommatzsch: What is that per license plate? Mr. Garrett: I read the ORC just yesterday which says it is capped at \$5.00 per license. Mr. Miller: We get \$75,000.00-80,000.00 a year for permissive tax fees for license plates. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Last year we had the discussion in that meeting where other municipalities were getting more per license. You were in that meeting. Chief Carpenter: I thought they were referencing the gas tax. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Okay, then the gas tax. Chief Carpenter: I was talking about the ODOT meeting, not the MVRPC. Two meetings, same subject. Mrs. Lommatzsch: There was indication that other municipalities got more than \$5.00 for their license plate fees. We are getting \$5.00 and that's the max? Mr. Garrett: The paragraph in the ORC that I read says that we can. Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's not my question. My question is what are we getting? \$5.00? It says that's that cap, but is that what we are getting? Mr. Garrett: I will have to look that up. We passed the legislation 20 years ago. Chief Carpenter: Confirm. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I remember when we did the research about not getting it and making sure people were saying Riverside versus Dayton. Chief Carpenter: We will confirm that.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: See if we are getting what we should on gas tax. Chief Carpenter: That's the one I was referencing. Mrs. Lommatzsch: It says right here we currently get \$57,000.00 and you are projecting \$59,000.00. So are we getting as much as we can? Mr. Garrett: I think that's an automatic thing, it all goes back to vehicle registration. They base it on the registrations that they know about and all of the money that gets collected statewide by gas tax and they look back to see how many cars we have registered and we get the right proportion. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Alright, I just needed it explained to me how that works. Mr. Garrett: There are two things, you've got the motor vehicle registration at \$5.00 per plate and the gas tax which is set by the State, but they again compare that to the number of cars known to be registered in Riverside. Mr. Denning: So because of the way we are seven islands or however many it is and if people happen to say Dayton instead of Riverside, we don't get that \$5.00 and we also lose a percentage of our gas tax. Is that a true statement? Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's what I'm questioning and I have an opportunity to see a lot of people's driver's license and I recognize addresses. I'll look at the driver's license and they live in my plat and it says Dayton. I know we've been fighting that for years.

Mayor Flaute: I thought there was a way of checking that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: When you walk in, you have to say Riverside every time, but if it's never been changed. We paid to have an inquiry done. Mr. Garrett: We had a consultant come in and do an audit of the registrations. Mayor Flaute: Did we get money from them? Mr. Garrett: Oh yes. I don't recall exactly how much, but we did. Mr. Taylor: I think on the gas tax it's based on the lane mileage. Chief Carpenter: I had a conversation with ODOT and they confirmed it was registrations. Mr. Taylor: Okay because I thought we had a conversation with Randy and he was saying if we added the lane on 35 we would gain extra gas tax. That's incorrect then. Chief Carpenter: I spoke to him after that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: It's very confusing in those meetings. I just want to be sure we are getting everything we can. Mayor Flaute: I'm very glad to know we got that consultant. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I don't know that we cannot do that every year. Mayor Flaute: I think we need to do that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's what I'm saying. It's amazing how often I see a disparity. Mayor Flaute: A lot of people say 454, it is Dayton for your zip code. Mrs. Lommatzsch: No, it's not Dayton's money. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think Mr. Garrett is right, 4504.171 says it \$5.00 for license fees. Mayor Flaute: That's the Ohio Revised Code, so everybody should be getting that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: So somebody must be adding some other kind of thing on their licenses. We will have to find out. Handling fees maybe. Thank you very much.

Chief Carpenter: The Police Department is looking to add four part-time Officers and a part-time Records Clerk. To speak to the Clerk part of it, we have Renee, who is the admin person over there, and Shelby out of the property room. Every time Renee is off, Shelby has to cover so the property work isn't completed. If she wants to go on break or anything like that and if Shelby is not available, an officer would have to cover. That's the situation we are in over there. Mr. Fullenkamp: What's the estimated cost? Chief Carpenter: Honestly, I didn't factor all those up yet because we have so many unknowns on personnel. I don't know how realistic that is, frankly.

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Mrs. Reynolds: None of the new hires have been factored into the budget. Chief Carpenter: That is correct. I thought next meeting I could come back with numbers, depending on your feedback. Mayor Flaute: I don't see a lot of increases in the Police Department. I'm pleased about that. You must be getting what you want.

Chief Carpenter: Some of the operations increases are for weapons training, a five year Taser lease, and some new vests. On the capital side, we leased some cars this year and we are looking at using that program to get more cars next year; the two this year, plus five additional cars. Also, three radios and CMI reporting software, which would allow them a lot more statistics than are currently available with the software they have. The current software is just not capable and over three years it would be \$18,000.00 per year for three years to cover that. Then some radar units; out of those seven leased cars, two of them are already being leased and of the five additional with three of those being cruisers, that's where the radar units would be going into.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I see an increase of \$25,000.00 on overtime from \$100,000.00. Is there a reason? Chief Carpenter: I would have to refer to the Chief. Mrs. Reynolds: I notice, Mr. City Manager, there is no retirement payout for the Police Department. Are we stable all around there? Chief Carpenter: They have no one that is age or eligible, so that wasn't added in. Last year they had Sergeant Trego and Sergeant Jones. Chief Robinson: We used I think \$30,000.00 last year, but we didn't use nearly that amount when they retired. We put some of that money back in the general fund. Mayor Flaute: You budgeted \$59,000.00. Chief Robinson: No, it was about \$30,000.00 in the budget and we didn't use that much. Mrs. Reynolds: Sir, do you keep a running total of those anticipated retirees by year. Chief Carpenter: Yes, Mr. Garrett has a chart and that's why I wanted to include those numbers for awareness. Mrs. Reynolds: We need to look at upcoming years too to see where we are going to be because we will probably get hit hard in one year. Chief Carpenter: That is a major concern. It's \$165,000.00 worth. I know that not all of those folks are going to retire, but we just need to be aware.

Chief Carpenter: I broke out a couple of the general Administration Departments, one would be Economic Development. We added Mr. Lease to the staff in 2016, that's why you can see an increase in the personnel. Some of the "asks" in the operations area is for a Springfield/Smithville entry project, then Springfield/Harshman and also a CIC and a farmer's market. The capital would be property acquisition. Mayor Flaute: Who are we talking about for the retirement? Chief Carpenter: He's over there. He didn't say anything. I don't think he is going anywhere. Mayor Flaute: Okay. That number scares me.

Chief Carpenter: Program and Planning Management is a newer department and their budget was not very large last year and Mr. Taylor has got a lot of ideas, so we wanted to put all of those in there knowing that he would not be able to fund all of those. There are a lot of things he wants to do. On the personnel side, he wants to add a part-time Code Enforcement Officer and then add a GIS Data Administrator to the staff. On the operations and I guess it is debatable whether you put this in operations or capital, but these are some community projects. A UDO re-write, a parks plan and I put that on the radar for Choice One and we are trying to find some grants to proceed with that, and then the rest listed there is a Springfield Conception Plan, a Corridor Plan, Complete Streets, Springfield beautification, and a Property Maintenance Ordinance. Mr. Fullenkamp: Even on the paper we have here, I am seeing a doubling in Planning and Program Management. Chief Carpenter: I might have left a couple of those off, but the dollar amount is correct. I just might have left some of the projects off. I can give you the full menu. Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't want them now, but as you fill these things in and you describe these particular line items you can get them to us before the next meeting. Chief Carpenter: Yes, right. As we get through here, I can explain to you why because I did my slashing already because it is not realistic to fund all of these projects.

Mayor Flaute: You want a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. I know Jeremy does a good job. Chief Carpenter: He's overwhelmed. He's got a full plate every day and to get more timely responses, that's part of it. Do you want to add anything Brock?

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Mr. Taylor: We would utilize a part-time Code Enforcement Officer mostly during our active Code Enforcement during grass and weeds. Jeremy spends an ungodly amount of time on that. Each grass violation requires at least two and sometimes three inspections, so you are going to the same property multiple times in a day. He sends out anywhere from 10-20 properties to the contractor to mow. He is continually doing that and it takes a lot of paperwork. The documenting which ones have been mowed and which ones haven't been mowed and then sending them to the contractor and then working through those violations and making sure that after it is mowed we get pictures. Sometimes he's got to go out again. That's what a part-time person would take care of; most of those weed and grass violations and maybe some of those smaller, less time consuming violations that on the surface don't take a lot of time. There is just so many of them, it consumes a lot of time. That would leave Jeremy open to do larger things like working with property owners who have multiple large issues like their house needs painted or they need a roof or gutters and downspouts. A lot of houses in those conditions comes with trash and debris, so part of our Cooperative Code Enforcement Program that we have been trying to utilize requires Jeremy to do a lot of calling, talking with those and working with people to try and get the small ones like trash cleaned up and then let's get the downspouts. That's a very time consuming process to address the larger issues and we don't really have the time to do that now. It would be making Jeremy more of a Community Code Enforcement Officer instead of just dropping tags on people. That would be the point behind that.

Mayor Flaute: Historically, we used to have a part-time Code Enforcement Officer and now we have a full-time Code Enforcement Officer and now we need another part-time Code Enforcement Officer. History tells me, do we really? Mr. Denning: Would this be part-time seasonal or part-time year around? Mr. Taylor: The way I envision it is part-time seasonal and again just focusing on March to October to try and get through the cutting season. Mr. Fullenkamp: How do you get quality people for part-time seasonal? Mr. Taylor: I'm not sure. What would be great is if we could utilize someone who is retired from Code Enforcement from another city somewhere that has experience and is looking to fill some time in the summer. Another option would be working with either Wright State or Sinclair to get someone who is in one of those degree programs and looking for experience in government Code Enforcement. Hopefully we would have a repetitive person yearly. Probably our best bet would be a retired person. Mr. Fullenkamp: It sounds like some of the tasks that you spoke about could be taken care of by the administrative staff and it already is in terms of entering information into ZonePro and some other things. Mr. Taylor: Jeremy puts all of his own stuff into ZonePro mostly. He writes most of his own letters and we like it that way because what's happened in the past you will have a violation and his notes that he sees and he's put in are more of value than handing someone else his notes to put in. You get some errors there.

Mr. Fullenkamp: How is a part-time Code Enforcement Officer going to help that? How are they going to be simpatico if they only work together 4-5 months per year? Mr. Taylor: I think with new a Code Enforcement the things with putting in and doing grass violations are easy enough that a person who has any experience in Code Enforcement would be able to catch on to that. Is that what you are asking? Mr. Fullenkamp: No, because what you are saying is Jeremy likes to stay on top of particular cases and so how do we bring a part-time person in that is not as experienced to know what the appropriate thing is? How do you train a person and have them for 3-4 months and then he is gone? Mr. Taylor: Again, I think when you are talking about training it would be is the grass 8 inches or is the grass 7 inches? Chief Carpenter: If you had more of an experienced person, I think that would be ideal. Mr. Fullenkamp: I would be concerned about a greenhorn. Chief Robinson: When we hired for that position, I think we had a couple of retired Police Officers actually put in for the job. They obviously didn't get the job, however those types of people who are retired would be well versed in those types of things as well. Something to think about.

Chief Carpenter: The rest of this is just some other things that we are looking at doing in 2017. Another Finance person and then this year we added a full-time Clerk under personnel. As far as some operational items, some financial software, Safe

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Routes to School is still in effect for 2017, an increase in budget for more training for the Clerk, we need to hire a Fire Chief, and then address the Storm Water Project. Some of the capital items are the debt service. The CDBG Project at Community Park, \$15,000.00 would be the City's portion. Spaulding Road is scheduled to begin in the spring and the City's portion is about \$34,000.00 with OPWC and some design fees that we have already paid for. Airway East, Springfield Street East, and then Springfield Street West/Union Schoolhouse Road, in that budget we just put a placeholder of about \$3,000.00 depending on if they were approved or not. If we got the project for both of them it would be another \$100,000.00. I think recently Mr. Taylor went to a meeting and the Schoolhouse Road Project did not score very well, so that may be off the table. The Eintracht is \$35,000.00 and some of that is the additional money to get it the way that we want it. As we touched on earlier, the permissive tax is for roadway stripping and crack seal.

Mrs. Reynolds: So you have not committed to dollars? Chief Carpenter: None of this is committed. This is the amounts. I probably should have adjusted Spaulding Road. Our dollar amount would be around \$30,000.00-35,000.00, so it's not that amount. That shows the grants and total cost of the project. Mayor Flaute: If we get one, we will see our portion. Chief Carpenter: Our out of pocket is around \$30,000.00-35,000.00. Mr. Garrett: Keep in mind we have to budget the entire project amount and then we will show a reimbursement for the grant money. Chief Carpenter: Right, thank you. Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's not shovel ready is it on Spaulding? Chief Carpenter: It is. Mrs. Lommatzsch: It will happen in the spring? Cool. Chief Carpenter: I think Choice One is talking about going out to bid by the end of the year. Mr. Taylor: LJB is working on that and they have the drawings, all we need to do is finish the specs and we can put it out to bid.

Mayor Flaute: I know I don't use a lot of my travel and training money mostly, but I would like a little bit. There's nothing in there for me on line 53. I would like to have the same as last year. Mrs. Reynolds: I think maybe they transferred yours to the Clerk. Chief Carpenter: I got it. I want to show you some of the comparisons. I have done some hack and slash, but here is the revised for 2016. This is what we did in January and we have added to it in 2016, so after I have done some elimination it is pretty close to the same to what we are right now. That means a lot of the "ask" is not going to happen. This shows by department and it is pretty similar to the revised that has taken place. There's not much difference to where we are right now.

For 2017, this is my recommendations today and we will talk more at the next meeting. I believe we should proceed with improving our streets and utilizing these grant opportunities that come available in federal grants and OPWC or whatever grants we can find to work on our streets. We need to implement the Comprehensive Street Program that we are expecting from Choice One, but we won't be able to begin on that until 2018 so we have to make sure that we are aware to have some funds available to address that. Mr. Fullenkamp referred to earlier that we need to reach out to the community and see what they want to do and how we are going to fund these things. Once we know what that's going to be. I think we should pursue neighborhood improvements to improve appearances. We have some areas that have problems with trash and we should encourage some beautification to properties and really address the nuisance properties. We've got some major issues with that and we need to address that. We are working on it right now, but we need to really make sure that we have something that is effective and that we can use in 2017.

For the staffing issues, I have creative scheduling whether we are talking about some part-timers. One thing that I kicked around was a part-timer with benefits as in the Finance Department. I mentioned adding a person and maybe it's a 32 hour work week with benefits so we can get someone a little more experienced and qualified. Mr. Garrett is on that list for retirement payout, so somebody that could be his backup. Also alternative work force, to maybe get some retirees to volunteer or utilize some students through work employment programs because we have some challenges with our staffing. The next meeting there will be more focus on the revenue side. We were pretty conservative on the numbers we put in here and we need to dig a little deeper and get more firmed up numbers on the revenue side. The seek and find means the people who are delinquent on taxes or contracts that you

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referred to earlier. Are we really getting the best deals like for Roto-Rooter? Where can we save some money? I will get you the updated spreadsheet and the budget notes with a little more detail.

Mr. Fullenkamp: What I get in paper, I always want to see in a spreadsheet. If you could please keep that in mind when you submit the next budget proposal? I don't need this one in that format, but for future reference I always like to see the Excel spreadsheet that I can work with it and the rest of Council may like it too. The other thing, before you take the hatchet to this I would really like to see what is on the wish list and understand the priority of what's on that wish list to understand why maybe you want to take the hatchet to it. Chief Carpenter: The main reason is because it isn't realistic. Even taking the hatchet to it, it's still like a \$1.4 million deficit. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think it would be important to understand what you are thinking, what the staff is thinking, and why these things are on their wish list. Thank you.

Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, I need to know your plan to increase revenues and reduce expenditures. I know you all have probably been working on that and figuring that out. We need a plan from you. I would like to have it so I can see where you all are at in this process because right now we are looking at a \$2.7 figure and you are saying with all of this cut out it is a \$1.4, but we are still running a deficit and we've got to look at a way to not run in a deficit mode. Chief Carpenter: I agree and that's part of addressing the revenues next meeting. Mrs. Reynolds: You can increase revenues, but unless we have a General Motors plant come in here next month and start operation by January 1 it's going to be hard to grow revenues to the \$2.7. We need to look at where we can start making some basic decisions on what we need to do and have a plan and work towards that.

Mayor Flaute: I would like to see how these buildings are transferring money over and how we are putting them in the budget for 5100 and 5200. I couldn't find that in here exactly how that is going to happen. I saw it in here, but the numbers didn't make sense to me. We will talk about that next time. I want to be clear on how much we are really getting from these buildings because it is millions of dollars and I didn't quite understand that.

Mr. Curp: When staff takes this back to work on the next iteration, I hope we take a look at some of the softer areas and see how we can pare those back a little bit and look at how to add more money to residential street maintenance. I understand we are not going to do a lot of mill and fill, but I think we need to do something more than just three streets. I think we can find some way to do that. Mayor Flaute: Mr. Manager, thank you for all of your hard work and we will be looking forward to next time.

ITEM 7: RECESS: The Council took a recess at 7:20 p.m.

ITEM 8: RECONVENE: The meeting was reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:
Councilmember Ken Curp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the October 6, 2016 regular Council meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 11: ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MONTH'S CITY FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to accept the September 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: PRESENTATION: Miami Conservancy District – Sarah Hippensteel

Mr. Murray: Sarah is a long-time advocate from the Miami Conservancy District. She deals with all of the communities up and down the river in bringing primarily grant

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dollars, especially to us. She was instrumental in thinking through the Eintracht Project and supported us all along the way which was a big factor in receiving the grants in the first place. She's here with some more good news, so news that will contribute to the Eintracht and grow the whole region with economic development based on the designation that the Great Miami River has received.

Ms. Hippensteel: Miami Conservancy District which is a regional government, just so we are all on the same page. We were formed after the Great Flood of 1913 to help the region stay safe from flooding thereafter and we have done that over 1,800 times preventing some kind of flooding since the dams and levies were completed in 1922. That's our main mission and that's why we were formed, but we have always had broad interest in all water issues and the health of our riverfront communities. We need them to stay vibrant and healthy and active, so we have for many years invested in making sure that our aquifer stays plentiful and healthy. We have one of the world's largest, freshest, and most accessible aquifers underneath our feet. That's not what I'm here to talk about tonight.

We also have for many years provided recreational opportunities along our rivers because our Founding Fathers felt that it was not just about creating this public protection from flooding, but to then open those public lands to all different kinds of recreation. We built the first part of our regional bikeway in the 70's, those levies were nice and flat, so we began to build bike trails. We've helped many communities up and down our region put those bike trails in, as well as provide access to our river. The Great Miami River, also the Mad and Stillwater River, are the healthiest rivers in the state and provide some of the highest quality recreation, both fishing and boating and wildlife watching and rowing. That's what I want to talk about tonight.

I'm here to deliver some great news and I won't take up too much of your time. At the request of these riverfront cities and all of the counties from Piqua all the way down to Hamilton, have asked the Conservancy District to facilitate a regional partnership of those river communities and you may remember that Riverside was a critical partner in an Army Corps of Engineer's Study that we did in 2013. Without Riverside's involvement, we would not have been able to attract that regional study. It was the largest study that the Army Corps had ever taken on in regards to river recreation and it was funded in half by the cities and then the Corps matched the cities and provided us with about \$250,000.00 in planning and inventory of our river and riverfront recreation.

As a reminder because it has been a couple of years, I do have the whole report if anyone would like it. It is about 80 pages, but I have a single fact sheet that summarizes the great things that were in that study. The study said that of all of the river corridors in the country, the Great Miami River has some of the most significant set of recreation, cultural, arts, and historical assets in that corridor. So, it's not just about what touches the river; it's about all the communities that are adjacent, basically. It says all sorts of great things about us, but it did have some recommendations. While it said that we have all these great parks and river access and trails, what we don't have is people knowing about us as a regional asset. They might know about one park or another, they might come to the Air Force Museum, or go on the bike trail, but they didn't know that was connected to a 99 mile corridor of amazing assets. So, we have been working with the communities to begin to draw attention to the region using all these amazing assets that are in this inventory.

One of the things that happened is very exciting and is definitely due, in part, to Riverside's partnership. This year is the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service and in order to celebrate that anniversary, they decided to begin to designate only the most special rivers with the most special national water trail designation. We applied and they said that we exemplified their criteria and were basically the best of the best. I couldn't get that part in writing, but they said it. You might recognize the water trail signs that go up in our riverfront parks, but know we have this very special national designation. It's so special that we are only one of 22 in the whole country and there are none other in Ohio. So we are going to modify the sign, possibly with the new logo so that everybody knows who special these rivers are as a thank you. Without your involvement in this partnership for the last few years and making that

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study happen, we wouldn't have been able to attract the national designation. I'm here to thank you.

I have a fact sheet on what national designation means to us too. It's about what does that get us, right? We put a list together of all the things that it gets us. Interestingly enough not just one, but four economic studies have been done on these national designation rivers and have shown a positive economic benefit. Not just an increase in visitors, but an actual increase in economic dollars. I'm positive that will happen here too.

In closing, this is just the next step in the partnership that we have had for the last few years on these riverfront cities. This is about taking those amenities and branding them and marketing them in a way that increase both visitors from our local communities and visitors from far away to our communities so they are not just coming for one thing. They are coming to enjoy many of the other things because we are going to be telling them how many things are here and how special it is. You will be hearing more about this place making initiative. Last year, we have been working together and Riverside is a financial partner in creating a branding for these 99 miles and we are about to reveal the brand. We are going to reveal it at the Miami Valley Planning Conference, but you will get a sneak preview in about a day. I sent it to everyone and you can pass it out, but the brand is about to be revealed. It's not just about creating the brand; it's then using that to market the region. The communities are committed to working together to find a way to actually get the word out, to get those stories out, to tell people how special we are, and to drive economic development. Riverfront recreation investment in these 99 miles is about over \$100 million in just the last decade. That has already translated into about \$400 million in economic development. New residential, new commercial, new retail and businesses have been coming to be close to these parks.

The last thing I will say is the reason we need these parks is about workforce attraction and retention. When college students are polled, and there are a 165,000 college students in our region, the second most important thing to them is that they choose somewhere to live is active, exciting, and fun. For a long time, those 165,000 college students graduated and moved away. We have begun to turn the tide on that and they are staying because the river has places to play and there are bike trails and fun restaurants and breweries popping up everywhere, so these communities are capitalizing on that. We are just going to make it happen more and more.

Mayor Flaute: I just want to remind everyone that when we are talking about the river along this great river way, I say we are the only city that has river in our name. We need to capitalize on Riverside. The second comment I wanted to make is that I saw what was happening in North Carolina with the flooding. To know that just happened about 11 years ago and it was almost the same thing. Those floods were just as bad, if not worse, than the 1913 flood. They are not able to do anything about it. We are so lucky.

Ms. Hippensteel: We are protected from flooding. We have an amazing access to fresh drinking water underneath us and we have all these recreational assets that make people want to live in cities. We are like a trifecta. Mayor Flaute: Now we will use the river even more. Ms. Hippensteel: I will remind you too that just in case you are interested in putting a bikeway to Eintracht, Miami Conservancy District owns all the land along the river from Island Metro Park to Eintracht and would be interested in discussing it if you ever wanted a bike trail to Eintracht. Keep that in mind and we will write a grant. Thank you so much for your time.

ITEM 13: 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 14: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Chief Carpenter: If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them or if I can't I will ask staff do so. Mr. Fullenkamp: The IT Administrator position, we are

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supposed to discuss it tonight. Chief Carpenter: I am going to postpone that for next time because after working through the budget, the reality of that and the “asks” by everyone else.

Mr. Fullenkamp: What about the median sign relocation? What is taking so long? It's been down for over a year. Chief Carpenter: I don't have a good answer, but I will find out and we will get that resolved. Mr. Fullenkamp: Have we discussed what we are going to do on the north side of town with that sign yet? Is that being addressed or something? Chief Carpenter: I mentioned a few weeks at a meeting. I wasn't sure of Council's pleasure. I guess let me ask now to get a clear understanding if this Council prefers to just put it right back there as opposed to making any changes. Mayor Flaute: The one on Valley? Chief Carpenter: The one on Harshman. Mr. Fullenkamp: I wouldn't put the same design there. I wouldn't put a brick wall up there.

Mrs. Reynolds: It is a very dangerous situation, especially in the late evening. I travel that street almost daily in the morning and afternoon. We need to either remove it or place it to the side of the road as we are doing on Woodman, which is my recommendation because of the increased traffic along Harshman Road now it is very dangerous. You cannot see and have no idea that you are coming up on that because there's almost a blackout from Greater Galilee to the Dollar Tree. There are no street lights that reflect enough to be able to see the former sign in the middle of the road. I would like to see it moved to the side and I would like a different design. That's me. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think it is a bad idea to put concrete structures in the median in a 50-55 mph zone. We have a lawsuit against us for the one down on Woodman right now and if a motorcyclist crashes into something that is not a breakaway sign in a high speed area like that, we will have another lawsuit against us. That's my concern is the safety of the motorists and we can make a nice looking sign to the side of the road just as well as in the median.

Mr. Denning: We have nice looking signs that aren't the concrete brick walls. The ones that have the gingerbread across the top that looks really nice that say “Welcome to Riverside.” I would be perfectly content with that, but the down side is those aren't lighted. If there's a way to up light them or something like that, so at least then it would be a wooden 4 x 4 that would break off and it wouldn't be a concrete wall. The other suggestion is that it says “Home of the National Museum of the Air Force” not “Pride, Progress and Possibilities.” Mayor Flaute: I don't know about that. Mr. Denning: We are the home of the National Museum of the Air Force. Mayor Flaute: That's a whole big discussion. If that's going to be an issue, we need to talk about changing that. Mr. Denning: We aren't changing it. We have two signs that we need to change that were very large signs and we are going to spend a lot of money to do that. If this is the time to discuss that, then we need to discuss that. I'm not saying change it, but on those signs that's what we need to say because that's what we are.

Mrs. Reynolds: I think we have to be concerned with the safety first of the driver and those persons along that strip. The community is our first obligation to make sure it is safe. It's been hit several times. Mr. Denning: Those were put in with grant money is my understanding. Mrs. Lommatzsch: They were and I was opposed. Mr. Denning: We have to put them back. What's the time limit on that? Mrs. Lommatzsch: I was opposed to removing the one on Woodman. I don't know why other cities can have median décor and it's not an issue, but suddenly it's an issue in Riverside. I'm opposed to removing any more of our statements. It's been there for a long time and I think it's strange that other cities can have those kinds of things introducing their cities, but we can't. Mayor Flaute: The one on Woodman had some understanding of people trying to get out of the streets somewhere and there were some good reasons for it. Other than negligence on the driver's part. Mr. Fullenkamp: Not necessarily.

Mrs. Reynolds: There's the same problem on Harshman because there are two homes there and the church building across the street. That's the problem that you have. The one property is vacant right now, but that can be the same problem. The way it is right now, there is no lighted sign there for people to know there is a median

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there that has structures on it. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think that's what headlights on cars are for. Mayor Flaute: Doesn't it light up? Mr. Denning: When it is up. She is saying right now there is no light there. Mr. Fullenkamp: Again, safety has to be foremost. Mayor Flaute: That's got to be some negligence. Mr. Fullenkamp: Not necessarily. You've got liability if you put something that is not breakaway in a median. I bet you do. That's what happened with the one on Woodman now. Mayor Flaute: You've got roundabouts these days. Mr. Fullenkamp: Those are low speed. You've got a 50 mph there at least. People drive through there pretty fast. I drive through there quite often and people are going 50-60 mph coming around that curve. Mr. Denning: My thought would be we've got an engineering company. What's their opinion? Is it a safety issue or not a safety issue? It's been there for 5-7 years. Mayor Flaute: How many times has it been hit? Mr. Denning: Once. Mrs. Reynolds: No, it's been hit more than that, sir. Chief Carpenter: Let staff do a little research and come back with some statistics and maybe what other folks are doing in other communities with similar situations and talk to the engineering firm.

Mrs. Reynolds: I know for what we were looking at on Woodman were more flat signs. Do we have any more designs or mock ups of anything yet? Chief Carpenter: Not anything that I am aware of. I don't know if the rest of staff has seen anything. I haven't yet. Mr. Miller: In the original proposal, there were multiple mock ups as far as pictorials when that was up for contract 8-9 years ago. Mrs. Reynolds: Do we still have those, sir? Mr. Miller: Yes, I have them. Mrs. Reynolds: Maybe we should look at those again. Mayor Flaute: What are we putting back at Woodman? Are we putting in a lighted sign like was there? Mr. Fullenkamp: On the side of the road. Chief Carpenter: It will be in the right of way on the side of the road. Mayor Flaute: So it will be on the side of the road, but it will be the same sign? Mr. Miller: We are running electric and it will be lighted. We did that when we took out the island, we also had electric run out there. There is a toolbox and it's got wiring in it all we need to do is activate it after we get the sign up. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Why hasn't that happened? Mr. Miller: We have multiple projects that we are working with Choice One with and we were having them review the basic proposal; however in light of what your concern is let me get you some of the mock ups. If I can, I will scan and email them to you. Then you can provide input on what you want to do. Mr. Denning: I think the first issue was that it came in over budget, so they had to put it back out again for rebid. Mr. Miller: Then we had the second sign down and the thought was to do them together so it would be less costly. Mayor Flaute: Get back with us on that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: If you want to change the sign, that would be fine, but I don't think we have to remove the median. Mayor Flaute: I think there is some responsibility on the drivers.

Mayor Flaute: On the new Service facility, I guess I'm a little confused on what you are talking about there. You are creating a Committee Engagement Plan that would assist in participation in town hall meetings, focus groups, and public meetings. What does that have to do with the new Service facility? Chief Carpenter: I'm going to let Mr. Taylor speak to that. Mr. Taylor: I think in the work session when we talked about that building and how we were going to make sure that we got the needs of the people that would be using it, so Police, Fire and Service. The needs would be based on standardizations of their professional organization. In addition, we talked about that building as just not the Police and Fire building, but also as the community's building. It's the City of Riverside's Police and Fire Service Building. What we talked about was getting citizens to come and making it either a community committee or doing some focus groups or town hall meetings where we would get citizens together and we would be looking at the design of that building and how that design would work for them. What would they like to see? Would they like to see the Police and Fire working together with a Community Center? Would they like to see a small clinic in there? Do they think it is hogwash and we shouldn't be doing this at all? So getting that engagement and working with the citizens in talking about that.

Once we got a basic design of what it looks like and people are excited about it, then we could talk about how we can fund this building and getting engagement on that. Is it something where we need to see how much it is? Is that something that the community really wants to fund? Do we have more important things like infrastructure that they would prefer to fund? Those meetings are what we would be talking about

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there. I had a meeting with Wright State last week or the week before. They have a degree program called Organizational Leadership and that's what they do. They work on putting together meetings like that and getting engagement and then managing those meetings. That's what that would be based on. Wright State is really looking forward to working with us. If we were to switch gears, I know some thoughts have been brought up about streets and how we fund those streets. Do we need a street levy? Do we want to do an assessment? Whatever we want to do doesn't matter as much as what the community thinks and I think we could tailor it for that.

Mayor Flaute: I think I understand. We don't even have a site to put down yet, so is this premature? Does Wright State think this was a little premature to be talking about a new Service facility when we have absolutely no idea where we would put it? Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's all part of that. Mr. Taylor: We have five sites and we have talked about that too in previous parts. If we were to move forward, we would want to have an executive session to talk about what those five or six sites that staff has looked at as potential sites would be. There's a lot of planning to go along with this and it is not something that is a done deal for the City to do a building like this. Getting in place an organization that can help us facilitate those meetings so that when the time comes, it's ready. That's what we are looking at. Mr. Denning: So you are looking at five years out for the actual building it and all of that. Mr. Taylor: I'm at least thinking 5-15 years out. Mr. Denning: We are working on the existing building and trying to make it sufficient to last another 10 years and then we are setting up this plan and putting this committee in place to see what the community would like to have. Mr. Taylor: We are talking about planning to do actual planning.

Mr. Fullenkamp: A question about the building, so was any thought put into modifying that building so that some of the CALEA standards or some of these other standards are tossed out there and we can comply with them? Mr. Taylor: We talked about that with staff and some of the constraints of that building, particularly the Police and Fire building; it is mostly a cinder block. There is a lot of small rooms and to make that building useable and make rooms bigger, I think some of the standards CALEA had were having proper sizing of interview rooms and having a standardized amount of space for Police Officers and desks. I think there were a lot of things about the safety of officers for how they come in and how they bring in detainees or whatever the correct term is. Retrofitting that building would be very difficult. We also talked about this in several work sessions, but the plumbing and whatnot in that building. We've had several people look at that and there is a concrete floor and the plumbing is like spaghetti underneath. You don't know where everything is running and stuff has been cobbled together. That building has been added onto two or three times, so there would be a lot of investigative work involved. There would be a lot of possible design work and I think the cost would be really high. I think we also talked about that site not being big enough for the operations that we do. We talked about that intersection being dangerous. I think there are more negatives to that building than positives. Mr. Fullenkamp: Thanks.

Mayor Flaute: So we are still moving forward in making it workable for the next 10 years or whatever? Mr. Taylor: I will just give a quick update on that. The specs and bid documents are done and posted for the back building, just for Service. We will do the bid opening November 2nd. We have done the air quality test and we are just waiting on the samples to come back. They should be back somewhere in the last week of October for the Police and Fire Station. We will get those back and know what kind of air quality issues there are if any before we start a new project. We did some asbestos and VOC sampling, so if there are some issues there we were going to modify the scope to address those. We are looking to probably bid the front portion in mid-November and then the back Service building, once we have a contract we will have a schedule on that. That's where we are on that. Mayor Flaute: Moving forward and you don't need any more from us. Mr. Taylor: Not at this point.

Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, you will get those air quality standards to us so we will know if everything is alright? Chief Carpenter: Yes. Mrs. Reynolds: The NIP opportunity we have. I know you submitted that according to the City Manager's Report on the 18th the list of documents went in for the homes we want to demo. Will

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you get us a copy of that list? Mr. Taylor: I was having Jeremy put that into a spreadsheet. I don't know where he is at on that. Those were submitted and they kicked back some things that we needed to change. Once we get everything completely finalized and know exactly which buildings. I can get you a list now, but it may change by two or three properties. Again, I have still promised that map that will show those. I don't do GIS only Mr. Lohr, so that will come but it is going to take time. I think that will be a very helpful tool. Mrs. Reynolds: It would give us an idea of where we are at.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I just want to remind everybody that investing a whole lot of money into that building. I'm not opposed to upgrading, but long range there is going to be a day. Ohio has it planned and ready to go, they are just looking for funding. When they are ready to go, they are going to come in and say that we need to find another house. Mr. Fullenkamp: They are going to ask us. They are not going to tell us. Mayor Flaute: We have been hearing that for a long time and they don't have any money. Mr. Fullenkamp: It is our choice. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I am just making you aware and they will pay you what the value of the property is. It is a very unsafe intersection.

Chief Carpenter: I have one other thing I want to mention and I think I sent a note. The tow contract is due to expire at the end of the year. We did send it out to bid. We got the bids back and we had one bidder. We did have another company inquire about it, but they didn't submit a bid. We did receive a call from another company after the fact, so that's where we are. Mayor Flaute: May I ask who? Was it Sandy's? Chief Carpenter: The successful bidder was Sandy's. I believe it was no change. Is that correct, Chief? No changes to what our existing contract is. Chief Robinson: That's right.

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

Chief Robinson: I don't want to start out with some doom and gloom, but I'm going to. I haven't talked about Narcan in a long time. I was trying to get away from it a little bit because we talked about it a lot. I just want to go over a little bit with you. If you recall I get these updates from Montgomery County and they give you what the numbers are in the County. I wanted to go over the numbers that we have for the Police Department. I want to work with the Fire Department so I can get some of their numbers and put them with ours, but I had one of my Sergeants go back to January to go through all that we had up until two days ago. We have one 101 cases of overdoses in Riverside. Narcan was used 34 times. The average age was 37. Only 8 of the 101 were not heroin. Of the 8, I think 6 were pills and 2 were meth. The staggering number within that number is that we had 10 folks die. Mayor Flaute: In the last year? Chief Robinson: Yes, sir. I just want to let you know that I get these reports every week from the Montgomery County Sheriff and the numbers are staggering if you think about it. We average over 100 a month in Montgomery County

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by itself. If you can imagine, over 100 are overdosing on some kind of drugs in Montgomery County. We are doing what we can. I have to admit to you that I don't like losing, but I feel sometimes we are losing in that war and we don't have the manpower that I think we need to have to go out there and do anything about it. When we ask about four part-time people or a little overtime, I will be honest with you I probably used more overtime this year than I have in the last two years. I think every year I have given back \$160,000.00 in overtime because I've been holding it down. This year I spent a little bit more because we have to do something about some of the struggles we have going on in the streets.

We have formed a little bit of a drug unit within the Department and we are trying to do some stuff street by street. We haven't seen really good results yet and it's only been a few weeks, but I promise you I will come back to tell you what we have accomplished because it is important and we are in dire straits in getting a handle on this. The Narcan thing is a great thing, but sometimes I don't like it that much. I think it gives people a little bit of a crutch and they send people out of the hospital now with Narcan in their hands as they are leaving, so that makes it okay for them. I don't know if that justifies it or not, but I'm not crazy about Narcan.

Have we used it many times? Yes. Have we saved some folks with it? Yes. Am I happy about that? Yes. Are my guys and gals that work for me happy about that? Sure they are because they know they hit somebody with that and they come out of it. That's a great thing. Every person that passed away in Riverside this year, not one of them according to my records got any Narcan given to them. They were either gone before we got there or they passed away in route. Some of the numbers may be off a bit because we don't know the end results when they go to the hospital. When they get to the hospital and something else happens to them, we don't know. They may have passed away in the hospital, so my 10 might be low. We know for a fact that we had 15 last year. If we are below that, maybe we are doing better. I can't say that, but 10 people passed away because of some crap they got off the streets and I'd love to get rid of it. It's a struggle. I just want people to be aware of that.

I want to look passed that and give some accolades to some Police Officers in my Department because you may have heard just the other day about the Air Force mom who had the kids and estranged husband who was talking about coming and killing her and the kids. Through some great police work by George Stamped, he was able to stay on top of that and the investigation within that and actually foiled that crime. If you could have seen the instruments that we consider to be of death in this guy's possession before going to these people's house, it would scare you. I will just tell you one thing he had in his possession; we didn't even know what it was that's how strange it was. It turned out to be this tall and made out of solid metal. We aren't sure exactly what he was going to do with it, but I'm sure it wasn't anything good. It is used for breaking up skids. What does one do with that, I have no idea? That was one of the things he had. Through great investigation from George Stamper and then even followed by Detective Krueger, we were able to put this man in prison for 20 years. I just wanted to give that accolade to my officers to a fantastic job.

Also, you may have seen or heard through social media of the threats against some students and teachers from Stebbins. I would say that Officer Reardon went above and beyond to investigate that thoroughly and ended up having the SWAT team at a house in Missouri that ended up arresting three people, two of which got domestic terrorism and one with obstruction. One of the guys was a known sex offender and there were two loaded automatic weapons there and to top it all off he had one of those stupid clown masks in his house. These are the people you are dealing with. These stories about these clowns, some of those stories are not real. Some of them are and this is one right here. We foiled those folks from doing whatever they were going to do, but they sent this all over the country to different schools making threats that they were going to kidnap students and murder the teachers. One of them happened to be Stebbins. They made a mistake when they messed with Riverside PD because we tracked them down, so great job for Officer Reardon.

Officer Decker went to Stebbins High School for the STEM Night. There was a great turnout over there. I'm sure the Fire Department was there as well. We also went to

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the Jaycee's Haunted House. Officer Vance was over there handing out goodie bags. We also made some inquiries to the Army recruiter and they showed up with a rock wall and some inflatable toys for the kids. Unfortunately Tina is not out of training yet, but we did get the Montgomery K9 out there and Officer Vance did take a bite for the team. Good job, Officer Vance. He didn't get bit really. Tomorrow, Officer Anderson will be at the Early Childhood Preschool for Mad River Middle to speak with the parents and kids about some general safety rules and safety for the kids and for the parents to adhere to as well. I talked about Officer Cooper, who is our resident training officer with ALICE, and he is doing some training again with Carroll High School this past Wednesday. We will be doing some training with East Dayton Christian in the morning. Don't forget that tomorrow is the Pumpkin Chuck thing at the Air Force. It is hilarious to watch if you have never seen it.

The last thing I will tell you about is earlier we were talking about a new reporting software and some of the things that can do is crime mapping. We will really be able to nail down where we are having our biggest issues. If there are car thefts in this area, we will be able to really nail that down. The people in the City will be able to get on our website and pull it up and look for themselves where it is happening. If they are hearing about car break in's they can go on there and look. It will tell them what's happening in their neighborhood and make sure their vehicles are locked or whatever. If you really want to get a look at something similar but not nearly as advanced as what we are looking at, go to LexisNexis for crime mapping. You can get a general idea of what that is going to be capable of doing. The problem with LexisNexis is that it's free, but it lags about 45 days. It doesn't really have all of the information that you want, but if you get on there you can print your City or street and it will show you pictures to show you what happened. It will show you thefts and sex offenders. It will show you a picture of them and what they have done. For example, if you go to my street where I live there are very few, but if you go 4.2 miles away from my house you will see a blob and they are all theft. The area that is in, the drug issues are out of control. Anyway, if you want to get an idea on what crime mapping will look like check that out.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Has anyone on staff talked to the people at ADAMHS regarding this heroin issue and overdose problem? There's a lady down there by the name of Jodi Long that I spoke with a couple of months ago. She's a key player in that department and they offer all kinds of services and are looking to work with communities and with staff members and police departments to establish how we handle this. Their view is mostly that this is a mental health problem to a large degree and they kind of attack it from that point of view. They are willing to work with staff to mentor them on how to handle situations and how to notice when the problems exist. They are willing to work with police departments to show them how to deal with these situations. They have resources and work through Samaritan Hospital. Rather than using a law enforcement approach, maybe we can do a more comprehensive approach to not solving this problem but reducing the level. This is a serious problem when you are saying we have 10 a month at least in this City and last I looked we were #2 in Montgomery County in terms of overdose deaths and that was two years ago. We have a serious problem and I think we have to use whatever resources we can bring to the table to address this and I will do whatever I can. I've talked to Jodi and she is a very nice person. She is willing to work with the City, in fact I told her to get a table up at the Christmas party at Airway Shopping Center and gave her contact information so she can be there and hand stuff out to reach out to our community. I think we have regional resources available to us, I think we need to bring those to the table. Thanks.

Chief Carpenter: I want to comment and follow up on that. Troy has a comprehensive with Troy Fire Department, Police, and Social Services. That program and the format for that has come to Montgomery County and so they are beginning to have some meetings now with Fire and Police in this region to better handle those problems. Mr. Fullenkamp: It goes community wide versus talking about municipal type people. It talks about community organizations and families. How do we get them to be aware and know what services are available to them to help their brother, their sister, their mom, their dad or whatever. We know this isn't young kids. When the average age is 37, you know we've got people in their 50's

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and 60's that are engaging in this activity. I will send you her phone number and contact information.

Mayor Flaute: Last night at First Suburbs, we talked about this and there was a presentation by ADAMHS Board of Montgomery County. Dan Foley is working hard on this, so I will give that to the City Manager. There is a lot of stuff they are doing there. I heard last night that the City of Kettering doesn't have their officers carrying Narcan and the reason was because whenever there was a call that goes out their EMS folks get there first and they are finding that their Police were never using it. Do our Police use the Narcan that we give them? Chief Robinson: They do use them. I can't say that we use a lot, but I've probably given out 8-10 refills. My problem with Narcan is this, you get somebody in there and they have 2 doses in a kit. You hit them with those two, if EMS is not there and the person dies what liability do we have? Mr. Fullenkamp: None. Chief Robinson: That's what you say, but somebody is eventually going to sue somebody over it. That's my opinion. You can give somebody up to 8 shots of that and they either come out of it or they don't. What's to say someone says you only had two and that person passed away? That's the part that worries me about it. Don't get me wrong, it is a great tool. Two shots will usually bring somebody out of it. They are not very happy about it. They want to fight and then they get angry because you took their high, which is really strange. Mayor Flaute: What made me interested is that they call 911 and they say that the EMS gets there before Police do, is that right? Chief Robinson: That's not always the case. We did a study on it before we got it and I think we figured we were there a minute and a half before sometimes. The problem with it too is they don't always dispatch it out as being an overdose. They say it is somebody that is sick. They don't say they've overdosed on drugs, they say they are lethargic. It doesn't always come out as an overdose, so sometimes we don't even go.

Mayor Flaute: The other comment was that the worst city in the Miami Valley is Springboro. They have the most overdoses in the Miami Valley. That is unbelievable. It just shows you that it is everywhere. Mrs. Lommatzsch: You need money to buy that. Mr. Denning: The numbers that you gave us, were they combined or just Police numbers? Chief Robinson: I am going to work with the Fire Department to get their numbers and put ours together. These were just my numbers over the past year. We are going to have them go back to dispatch and pull the call records. Chief Carpenter: I haven't checked the records recently, but I want to say it has been a couple of months and we were in the 90's on Narcan. It is one of the things that we do track. Mr. Denning: Repeat addresses would be an interesting number to have.

b. Fire Department

Chief Carpenter: The guys are working hard on the new engine and getting it in service. They are mounting equipment. We have done some training with the sales rep on operations. We are looking to have a ceremony on November 12th at 10:00 a.m. Details to follow, but that is the date and one of our firefighters is putting together the schedule. Also, we have been informed that the second engine will be ready approximately the week of November 7th. The guys will be making a road trip to pick that up as well.

We have made a conditional firefighter to fill our vacant full-time position and we are just waiting on the physical and background check to come back. It should happen very soon. Also the Chief posting, we are putting a lot of information together but haven't posted it yet. We are just looking for some additional information and fine tuning it. We looked to post it and have it out there for 30 days. After 30 days of posting, a couple weeks of applications and then interviews. If we get it done before the first of the year that would be great, but we will see.

Other than that, I know we worked with the schools. At Saville Elementary, there was a teacher that lost a bet so he had to sleep in his pajamas on the roof and the next morning the Fire Department put up the ladder and made a big deal of bringing him down. It was a fun event. At the not so haunted Halloween, we did an extrication demonstration.

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c. Service Department

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

Mr. Miller: I will start with professional development. Jay's got multiple certifications in areas. He is a certified playground inspector, certified arborist and pesticide. Part of the reason for our expanded training is that I want to get more in-depth in the organization because Jay only has a few years left and once he is gone some of this we will have to contract out. It would save us an immense amount of money not having to contract out a pesticide application. We treat probably 4 miles of guardrail, to give your perspective. We treat other areas and it is a very effective control measure.

We are working with Dayton on standard operating procedures. They brought to our attention and showed us a picture of their dura-patcher compared to our dura-patcher. They want to know how we kept it so clean, so we are doing some training with them. They help us all the time with salt storage and a lot of other things. We trade off routes, where it makes common sense. We are working with the City of Huber Heights on how to go about evaluating employees for the Public Works Department.

We had a Snow Plow Rodeo and Brad Brush, who is a new employee, participates in that event. What they do is find a huge parking lot and put up barrels. The snow plow trucks, which are fully loaded, negotiate through that. They keep a scoreboard. Brad did pretty well. He wasn't at the bottom.

We had some really great training the first two days of this week with the American Public Works down at the Dayton Convention Center. They had some tremendous safety training, ODOT updates, all kinds of equipment guidance and maintenance. You name it, they had it down there. Almost 400 vendors and classes the whole time. It was very beneficial considering all of the changes that have occurred in the last year. A lot of them predicated on federal law that has changed, so the state ends up picking up things.

Work accomplishments. Asphalt patching. We have had several rebuilds of catch basins. They have been tree trimming with the new school buses, we have to trim higher. The new school buses are higher than they used to be. We also have been clearing away branches. The light's not real effective if the light doesn't make it to the ground. We have done tree trimming in the Bayside Plat, Beverly Gardens Plat, and Wagon Wheel Plat. What we are trying to do is get the school buses through, but also when we start plowing we take limbs off which costs us time and resources to repair that. The catch basin cleaning in Forest Ridge has been completed. There have been quite a few other catch basins that need to be repaired. They have been mowing weekly and unfortunately, the weather forecast and the rain unless we get a cold snap or a freeze the guys are going to be mowing a little while longer. We have been doing a lot of trash pick-up. We have a lot of deer and dead animals. One thing I want to caution everyone. Please be careful driving especially at dawn or dusk that seems to be the high intensity time when you end up hitting deer. You can get injured and end up having a lot of repair damages. We picked up a deer that was almost 300 lbs. A lot of sign maintenance and oddles of driveway inspections. Street sweeping because we went outside our budget with dump fees and had to move around some money for dumping fees, so we had to stop as a result. We are prepping for snow and ice. We are going to have our salt hauled back into the salt bin on October 28th from the City of Dayton where it is being stored right now.

The last project we have this year that is not complete yet is the scrub seal. It's complete except for where we had a water main break at Eden Lane. They are going to have to come back next year and do a permanent patch on it to seal that. The tractor is very easy to operate and we appreciate getting that new piece of equipment. It is helping out quite a bit. They were using a rental that was open and getting wood chips in their head and getting stung by bees. That climate control cab

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makes it nice for them. Mr. Denning: So we already have the new tractor? Mr. Miller: Yes, sir. It's got a loader on it. We are also going to have it sealed. A company puts a salt neutralizer as a coating and we will be doing that with any piece of equipment we get to protect from the salt. It is very effective. I haven't seen rust on the equipment like we used to see.

Mayor Flaute: Are we doing Spirits again? Mr. Miller: Yes. We are setting the tank for Spirits. Mayor Flaute: I think you should advertise that in our newsletter that we use Spirits instead of salt. I think that would be a very interesting article. I tell people about that and nobody knows about it. Mr. Miller: You can go to their website icebegone.com. It will tell you the whole process. Mayor Flaute: I hope you can get that in the newsletter because I think we are pretty unique in that or does everybody do that? Mr. Miller: More and more people are using liquids to augment and it can be used in several different ways. You can spray it straight. You can spray it on the salt. You can spray it on the snow plow. You can spray it as protection on the truck. Very effective and the temperature is -25 degrees. Mayor Flaute: Just so the audience knows the Spirits come from the leftover fluids when they make whiskey. We are getting their leftovers and putting them on the road. It works so much better than salt.

ITEM 15: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: There were no comments on agenda items.

ITEM 16: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

- I) Resolution No. 16-R-2208 setting forth the appointment of Anthony Kraus to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the remainder of the term ending August 2, 2018.**

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 16-R-2208 appointing Anthony Kraus to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2208. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

- II) Resolution No. 16-R-2209 recognizing the Riverside Historical Society's Fundraiser for Signage as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the citizens of the City of Riverside.**

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 16-R-2209 authorizing a donation to the Riverside Historical Society for signage.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2209 with an amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Judy Horn: I just want to thank you for all the support that you did give to the Historical Society. I wasn't sure when we moved into the Shopping Center, but now I think it is the best thing that ever happened with all the traffic we get. The sign that we are promoting to have, we have added "Museum" to it because we think it will draw people in and they won't think it is just the Historical Society. Some people walk by and see us sitting around the table and they think we are just having a meeting, so we have to encourage them to come inside. It's growing. I never thought we would fill it and now we are busting at the seams, which is wonderful.

- III) Resolution No. 16-R-2210 recognizing the Riverside Area Chamber of Commerce's "Hometown Holiday**

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in Riverside, Ohio” as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the citizens of the City of Riverside.

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 16-R-2210 authorizing a donation to the Riverside Area Chamber of Commerce for “Hometown Holiday.”

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2210 with an amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Mayor Flaute: Lynn Domesick couldn't be here tonight, but she was hoping you would approve this.

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

III) Resolution No. 16-R-2211 declaring certain property owned by the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, to be surplus and no longer needed for City purposes and authorizing its disposition.

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 16-R-2211 declaring a surplus.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2211. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Mayor Flaute: It says here the Resolution refers to Exhibit A, but then I see Exhibit B & C. Chief Carpenter: It should say A-C. Mayor Flaute: All these things here are just stuff that we have? Chief Carpenter: The extrication equipment that we replaced and the SCBAs.

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

III) Resolution No. 16-R-2212 declaring Engine 105 to be surplus and no longer needed for City purposes and authorizing its sale by sealed bid, a broker, direct sale to a public entity, or auction.

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 16-R-2212 declaring a surplus and authorizing the sale of the engine.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2212. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

Mr. Denning: Are we selling this to another municipality? Chief Carpenter: We've had some feelers out there. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Nobody wants it. Chief Carpenter: It's a '91. We know it needs at least \$5,000.00 worth of work on it. That's why we haven't been using it and the \$5,000.00, once you get into it could be worse. We've shared that information with our sales rep and he has been out doing some feelers. We haven't had any bites, so my intent is to put it on Gov Deals. You can set a minimum on there and of course reveal that it could be \$5,000.00 worth of work or worse and see what we get. Mr. Denning: Would it be \$5,000.00 worth of work to just drive it in a parade or \$5,000.00 to use it? Chief Carpenter: To use it. Mr. Denning: Maybe the Shriner's or someone could use it for that. Chief Carpenter: That's a possibility.

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

ITEM 17: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Frank Smith of Byesville Avenue requested to speak regarding a dust issue in his neighborhood.

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Mr. Smith: Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Council. My issue is the same as usual; we are still having a dust problem. I know we've kicked this can and we are still kicking it. I know it's rainy, but we've fought this dust problem all summer again. I would like to see if we can get Mr. Salmons on a watering schedule during the summer months when it is hot because this dust is killing us. It's unbearable and the hotter it gets and the drier it gets. He's got more trucks beating it and we are eating the dust. I know you get tired of hearing it, but this dust problem is getting horrendous. Mayor Flaute: We can have staff look into doing something like that. Mr. Smith: He refuses to water. He did absolutely none this year. Absolutely none. I know we've talked about it, but we are still kicking this same can. Mayor Flaute: We will look into that and see if there is something we can do.

Mr. Smith: I do want to thank the Council for the No Thru Truck signs. I really appreciate it. That was really a big help. To your comment, there is such a thing on the market for that bar you were talking about. It's for guys that build stuff out of skids to pop the boards off the skids. It's actually called a skid puller because there are a lot of guys that take old wooden skids and build furniture out of them. The nails are put in with air guns and they are really hard to get, so there is a bar on the market called a skid puller and it pulls those nails out real easy. Mayor Flaute: Thank you for sharing that. We appreciate that. I will have staff look at that. Thank you, Mr. Smith.

Janice Pitzer of Wake Forest Road requested to speak regarding comments made to her at the September 15, 2016 Council meeting.

Ms. Pitzer: I want to apologize that I have to repeat this because this is what I said during the October 6th meeting which we evidently had a technical difficulty where the audio did not record, so therefore it's not in the minutes or on the DVD. This is in regards to what I presented at the September 15th meeting regarding appointing Mark Carpenter as City Manager. My comments, I was told, were personal and that I was out of line and what I said was not true. I want to be perfectly clear, I don't lie. I don't embellish or fabricate. I deal only in facts. I am totally black and white, there is no gray with me. I never say anything I can't back up with documentation. I've watched Huber Heights Council meetings. A gentleman, a resident, had some negative and a Councilmember said he was out of line. Other Councilmembers spoke up and said, "No, we have to hear the good, the neutral and the bad in order to run an effective City." Nothing that I said was personal and everything that I said was 100% true. I've tried to get other residents to come and speak before Council. They will not because they say they notice the way that I get treated, as well as other residents. When we have a staff that refers to people that do speak at these Council meetings as the enemy, it's very disheartening to say the least. This City has attempted to tarnish the name and reputation of myself, Mr. Fullenkamp, and other residents. We stand up for what is right. I want to encourage anyone, all residents in Riverside, and those that read these minutes to request the audio/video DVD at a cost of \$2.00 to see what really goes on in these meetings. Thank you. Mayor Flaute: Thank you, Ms. Pitzer.

ITEM 18: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mrs. Lommatzsch: We already talked about Hometown Holiday. IN Crowd, the Chamber and the Board decided today to support the MVMAA tailgate party. Beaver Creek Chamber bellied up. It's at the USO on Saturday, November 5th at 1:00 p.m. It's the Army/Navy game and they are going to have a cookout/tailgate party for the Airmen at the USO. Beaver Creek Chamber bellied up for the hotdogs and hamburgers and a bread company is doing the buns. Our Chamber is going to provide dessert. Bill has already said he is probably available. I'm looking for volunteers to cook or serve or show up or just get to know some nice young people. If you have access problems and let me know in a significant amount of time, you can get a pass to get on the Base. Mayor Flaute: You want us there at 11:00 a.m. or at 1:00 p.m.? Mrs. Lommatzsch: The serving will be at 1:00 p.m., but you need to be a little early. We need some help too. Mayor Flaute: I'll put down 12:00 p.m. Is that good? Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's good. We will be taking Dairy Queen dessert out for the Airmen.

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Mrs. Reynolds: I want to thank the residents that take the time to come to Council meetings and to speak. To sit and listen to what's going on in the City, it's important. I thank you for that. Mr. City Manager, I don't know, do we have a water truck? Mrs. Lommatzsch: We have fire trucks that pump water. Mrs. Reynolds: Can we do anything to help Mr. Smith and Byesville by just offering to spray down Mr. Salmon's lot? Mrs. Lommatzsch: You could ask if the Fire Department could do that, but you would have to get permission from Mr. Salmons. Mrs. Reynolds: Is there any way we could do that? I don't know the cost or what it would be, but this is the fourth year. If you could look into something, I don't know if it is cost prohibited or what. Chief Carpenter: I'm looking into different things. I've reached out to the County on if they have experienced anything like this and how they've addressed it. Mrs. Reynolds: It might be an easy way to handle it. Ms. Pitzer, thank you very much. I know you don't mind, ma'am. I'm sure that all of this Council knows that, so thank you. Mayor Flaute: And thank you, Mr. Smith, for your kind comments. Mr. Denning: If Mr. Salmons won't participate and do what he is supposed to do and water that, then we have to send the Fire Department out or someone else out there to water that we should be able to send him a bill just like we do when we have to cut somebody's grass. Just a thought. If we have to use our resources for something that he is supposed to be doing, then we should be able to charge him for it or put it on his taxes.

Mayor Flaute: There was a great chili cook-off for the Seniors was held and we had some participation from staff. We thank you all for that. Montgomery County Management meeting, I went to a joint executive meeting for that. They've got a lot of stuff that they do for cities. Greater Dayton Hospital Association had an open house. There's a lot going on there. I went to a President's Symposium at Wright State University. I'm honored that they asked me to be on the Search Committee to help find the new President. I went to that yesterday and we are moving forward with that. Today, I went with the Seniors to Metamora, Indiana. It was a great trip and those folks are so grateful that the Seniors can do that. They appreciate Council's work on that and asked that I thank Council's work on that. IN Crowd is coming up next Monday at the Eintracht Club, so come on down. It's \$15.00 and good food. Jaycee's Haunted House is still looking for customers, if that's what you like to do. Mr. Denning: They're too scared. Ms. Arnold: I got stuck in the maze for 20 minutes. I didn't know I wasn't supposed to go in the maze. Mr. Denning: That was the matinee. That was in the daylight. Ms. Arnold: I know and I still couldn't get out. It was horrible.

ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to adjourn. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Brenna Arnold, Clerk of Council