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

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

Staff present was as follows: Bryan Chodkowski, City Manager; Emily Christian, Assistant City Manager; Mark Carpenter, Fire Department; Tom Garrett, Finance Department Director; Mitch Miller, Service Department Director; Bob Murray, Economic Development Director; Chief Frank Robinson, Police Department; and Brock Taylor, Planning and Program Management Director.

ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: All members were present.

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: The revised agenda was approved in Item 6.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve the revised agenda to correct the spelling of Mr. Edward Schock and include Resolution No. 15-R-2120. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion Passed.**

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

a) DISCUSSION: 2016 Operating Budget – Fifth Proposal

Mr. Chodkowski: Just to kind of provide a summary, the staff did include as part of this packet the fifth proposal with regards the budget. The fifth proposal does not resemble significant changes from the fourth proposal with the exception of just a few items that were immediately called out in the cover memo. One is the \$50,000 transfer from the general funds to the Brantwood Section 2 fund and that is in accordance with our initial contract with the developer for the project. The Wright Point expense, we did amend that to reflect the new taxable value which was reported in the last Council meeting. Then there was the programming of funds in the tenant improvements related to the safety/services building in the renovations there that are incorporated as part of the overall relocation and renovation project. So we did want to call this out your attention. Additionally we did provide permanent appropriation legislation later on in the agenda that corresponds to the fifth proposal. We did that so that Council could do a first reading tonight and then you could also have the second reading on the 28th for the special meeting for the final supplemental. I want to note that any discussion that occurs tonight and any changes that are made to the proposed budget can still be reflected and included with this second reading of the permanent appropriation for 2016. I wanted to let Council know that you are not bound by what we have presented in the fifth proposal but we brought it forward to meet time frames so that we don't have to carryover any short-term budget into 2016. So that being said, I know this is the first time that all Council has been able to sit together at one time to discuss the budget. So staff and I are here to answer any questions or concerns; to make any notes or adjustments as requested by Council. I should also say there was discussion at the meeting on December 3 with regards to establishing some kind of long-term fiscal policy relative to the city and how that can influence our budget as well as our need to adjust both expenses and revenues moving forward. In the time since the December 3 meeting I have had an opportunity to talk with both Grant Neely and Don Vermillion at the University of Dayton. Grant Neely is the Dean of the public administration program there and most of you know Don Vermillion from his days the county but he is currently the Executive Director of the Fitz Center for Government. Grant referred me to Don and Don referred me to former city Dayton manager Tim Reardon who also

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served as finance director and director of the budget and operations for both the city of Dayton and the city of Cincinnati and as someone who both Grant and Don thought might be able to assist Council. I have reached out to Mr. Reardon and have had some very brief conversations with him as he was on his way to Honolulu, Hawaii for three weeks; a pleasure of retirement. But he did indicate that he is interested in coming to talk with Council and that he would be interested in providing some policy advice and providing some direction in helping to get a policy foundation for this Council to move forward into the future. So he did express an interest but it was not a conversation that we had at length so when he returns in January he will be coming to see me and we will be having a conversation about what his services might entail if Council is interested in proceeding with meeting with him and engaging him for such purposes. We also have some contacts over at Wright State University who we could also bring in as well, but based on the comments that were received from Don and that we received from Grant as well as my personal experience with Mr. Reardon I thought he might be a very good person to bring on board and provide guidance in our fiscal issues moving forward. We do have the Wright State resources as well that we can follow up on if Council would like. But I did want to let you know that we are working to identify somebody who could be here to help us moving forward with fiscal policy. So that being said Mr. Mayor I will yield the floor back to you and staff and I again will address any questions or concerns that Council has with regards to the budget.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Manager. Any Council comments about checking with Mr. Reardon or if you have any that you would like to talk to us privately about that would be fine too. At this point then are there any comments about the fifth budget proposal?

Mr. Fullenkamp: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Reading through the minutes from the last meeting I saw a discussion about going forward and how we are going to reduce this \$1.7 million deficit down to \$300,000-\$400,000 and I quite honestly couldn't put the numbers together to really see how we are going to save \$1.4 million in spending next year. The numbers that you talked about, they didn't reflect that. I am just concerned with not having seen those numbers other than in a conversation and that kind of troubles me. So if you could help me out on that at some point I would appreciate it. I know there is not much we can do about it tonight but the words don't mean much to me when it comes to numbers when numbers are available. There are a few items on the actual fifth proposal; there are things we have discussed and there seems to be a disagreement about what's on paper and what we discussed Mr. City Manager. We are going to go back to the police department and the requirement for storage. My understanding is that this additional charge is not due to the camera systems like in the resolution; that it is due to backup.

Mr. Chodkowski: Correct and thank you for bringing that particular expense up. I apologize for the confusion which I created in initially reporting on this expense. Based on my conversations with the Chief about his issues and what he needed to function in 2016, for whatever reason there were two issues in play in that conversation. One of those was the issue of the body cameras and for whatever reason there appears to be an interface issue between Watch Guard and our system with getting information from the cameras into the server. And during that conversation there was also a discussion about the need to address issues with the server with regards to having available space to backup audio and video files not just from the body cameras but also from the in-car cameras and the small circuit system that we have at City Hall. So I'm not sure how I combined that information but there is the one issue which is the body camera issue which is being resolved by watch Guard and they are making changes to the program. That is my understanding. And that is at no cost the city and will increase our ability to use those cameras more frequently and on a regular basis than what we currently do. And then there is the \$30,000 related to the

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ability to back these files up on a regular and consistent basis and that is where the bulk of that \$35,000 is. The actual prices \$31,000 and I think there is legislation on Council's docket tonight for that. So I apologize for the confusion on that, but the \$31,000 is not related to the body camera systems but to provide adequate backup storage space for all of our audio and visual files as they relate to both body cameras, in-car cameras and the circuit system.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So this begs another question. It sounds like we have not been backing up this data for years. Are there any other systems? Does CDO come in and look at our systems? Are they confident that we are now backing up all of the data and all of our departments that should be backed up?

Mr. Chodkowski: I don't know the answer to that question with regards to whether or not CDO has reviewed and evaluated the entirety of our system and its capability to be backed up. I don't know whether or not Ms. Christian or anyone else on staff can comment to that in greater capacity but I can tell you that I believe it was in 2014 that we did make improvements to the system and the backup policy for all of the finance data. That is now backed up and stored off-site on a more regular and consistent manner. And that was an issue that was identified in both previous audits and in an initial IT assessment done by Interlink Advantage several years ago. And then I was only made aware of the audiovisual issue when this matter came to light. So can I say whether or not that is a pervasive issue, no I can't. Do I believe it to be so? No I don't but I don't have enough information to answer that with great definity.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That leads us to wanting to know the answer to that; as a governmental agency that we are backing up everything that should be backed up. It is a question I think that staff can handle. I'm a little concerned that we weren't backing some of this up and if it is a more pervasive problem it should be addressed.

Mayor Flaute: Can I ask a question? Is that \$31,000 going to be new a yearly expense?

Mr. Chodkowski: No, the \$31,000 is for; let me remember how Dan Wayman explained to me. Dan Wayman is our advisor from CDO. So we are going to physically buy a drive that will be in our possession at the safety/services building and that will hold all of the files. And then there are two smaller components for the purchase and I think that is \$26,000 or \$27,000. And then there is some software and the way Dan explained it is it will be a large backup of all files every Sunday night and then daily there will be basically the difference in material that will happen daily. So if I have a disk and I have recorded five hours to that disk. On Monday night that system will backup five hours. On Tuesday I add two hours to that initial five hours and the system will add that two hours on Tuesday night and then on Sunday it will backup everything up. It will do one big complete backup of all of the information.

Mayor Flaute: And that is not going to be a new expense to us then.

Mr. Chodkowski: No there will not be an ongoing expense for that system once we make this initial purchase.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm going to highlight a relatively minor item but it seems to be a case of cutting your nose off in spite of your face and it has to do with Council's travel expenses. I see no value in cutting those to \$1000. I think there is no need to do that. I don't see any reason that if someone needs to travel that they shouldn't have the opportunity to do so as long as it serves what the city needs and wants. It makes no sense to me. It seems like just a gesture and it is not a very useful gesture from what I can see. I believe that we should reinstate the full \$2000 for each Councilperson. That's the last time I want to talk about it but going forward into this year I think we all have to be very careful about what we approve in terms of these budget line items. I think we want to go beyond just state bids on these things. I think there are extra savings out there nowadays and we proved that with the trucks. The state bids are not

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always the best bid. I think there are some real savings out there and that we need to be more aggressive with these projects; whether they be road projects, whether they be materials, whether they be a slope mower. These are things that I have some objections and concerns about what we are buying and why we are buying it but those are things we can discuss when that purchase occurs. And I am also concerned about some of the free services we are giving to agencies around the area. Mowing Wright Patterson's right-of-way for free seems in these tough times maybe a little bit over the top. And I don't know who else; whether it is the school system that we are providing free services for. I just had a conversation with a gentleman today about an inlet to a culvert that runs under a street and convinced him that that is not; that's the city's responsibility, no that's the town's responsibility but then I look back at some of the services that we are providing for free and I am like, why do I mow my right-of-way. Well I am required to and I believe organizations like the Base in the school system either ought to compensate us or we let it grow and if we take a hit on it we will do a press release and we will resolve this. But I'm tired of giving and not getting anything in return and we are it seems to me a doormat sometimes because we let ourselves be. And whether we are supporting the Armed Forces or whatever it makes no sense that we spend \$5000, \$10,000, \$15,000 a year on something that is rightfully their responsibility; it is not ours. I have a problem with it and if we can't be partners, which I've never seen. Let's talk about the Tattoo for a second here. The Tattoo, last year they allowed us one banner at one entrance because we only contribute \$5000. What we do a lot more than that. We shut our streets down, we spent overtime and if they can't see the value of what the city of Riverside as their neighbor does for them; I think sometimes you have to send a message and it doesn't have to be indirect. Some of these things can change and if they know that they should change, they might change their behavior too. We are in tight budget times. Other cities' revenues seem to be growing and ours isn't so I think it's time that we take charge and insist that some of these things change. I will support the budget; I'm not happy with what I see; I'm not sure where we go from here in 2017. I want the process to be more transparent next year. I want to have more discussion about what goes into the budget before September or October. And I think maybe Council needs to start setting some priorities for the city and talking to the residents to find out what they think is important and not just what staff thinks is important. Thank you, I'm done.

Mayor Flaute: Okay, the big change I heard in your comments was Council travel expense. Do you want to put that in a motion?

Mr. Fullenkamp: Sure.

A motion was made by Mr. Fullenkamp to restore the full \$2000 to Council Members travel funds. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Mayor Flaute: I agree. We cut it from \$3000; I mean we had \$3000 in there for about 20 years and then we cut it to \$2000. We can keep cutting but there is value in being with the National League of Cities and being part of their discussions and the Ohio Mayors Association and those kinds of things. We need to travel and we get a lot of good will out of that. We get a lot of learning out of that. I can tell you several things that I've come back with that we have identified and done here. For one when we changed the street signs; I know it was a long time ago but when we put the street signs up identifying Riverside that was important and a lot of people liked that and I saw that at a conference. We put whitewater river rafting in over at Eastwood Park. I fought hard for that and that is something I saw at a conference. There have been six or eight other things that I have brought back and I know Mr. Smith has stuff. So I think it is important that we continue to have that possibility available.

Mr. Denning: I know we have all had \$2000 a year for a while but I would like to see the numbers on what we actually spent to see if that is a real number. Let's make the budget realistic. If we spent \$2000 a piece or as a group we spend \$14,000 then I'm

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fine with that but if we are only spending \$8000 or \$7000 a year then that is what our budget should be. Our budget should not be blown up so that it allows us to; so I've got it in my budget so I'm going to spend it. My point is if we need the \$2000 a Councilperson and I see the value in travel but I don't think that we should just; okay that is the threshold that we have got because that is the threshold that we've always had. What I want to see is a realistic number of what we spent per Councilperson, per year for say the last five years to see whether that is a realistic number or not.

Mayor Flaute: All the things that we go to Wright Patt for is taken out of there.

Mr. Denning: I understand that but I don't know if \$2000 is the right number. Maybe it is, all I'm saying is what is the right number and let's put that in the budget not just, we think this is the right number.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I think there is some value in everybody having an equal number and I think there is some value in not doing horse trading to trade dollars with different Councilmembers.

Mayor Flaute: We always have.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I know but that's because of the limitation and if we go down to \$1000 we are going to have more of that. Budgets are always bigger than the actual spending. That's the way it is.

Mayor Flaute: That's what budgets are. Yes.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't see any value in restricting and having a person say I can only do something that cost me \$1000. There are may be some weeklong trips that cost more than that. So should I have to come and horse trade with someone to say I want some of your money? I just think that is a barrier that doesn't need to be in place. That's why I am proposing it.

Mr. Smith: The other issue with having a lump sum is if there is something you want to go to that is in the later part of the year and two other Council Members went earlier in the year and ate all of the \$8000 or whatever that number is; when it comes your turn in the fall there is no money there.

Mr. Denning: I'm not saying we should have a lump sum. I'm still saying it should be split up but I am saying what is the real number.

Mr. Chodkowski: I guess to the concern; if we are going to look at a new process and a new procedure at least as it will relate to 2016 and moving forward Council can utilize the same process and procedure that we as staff do. We know in advance by and large and we program the budget and know who is going to what conference. So we already know where the Urban Land Institute is going to be held next year. We already know where the ICMA (International City Managers Association) conference is going to be held. We program the funds for us to attend those events based on what we know. So it is going to be in Kansas City this year and it is \$300 to fly round-trip from Dayton to Kansas City. It was \$700 to fly round-trip from Dayton to wherever was two years ago so you'll notice we adjusted the budget. So if there are conferences that Council Members would like to attend or at least have an idea what it is what they would like to attend we can specifically program money. Okay so Mr. Smith wants to go to the National League of Cities fall conference and we know that it is going to be in Lincoln, Nebraska then we can spend five minutes on Expedia and we can get a good idea what plane tickets cost, we are going to get a good idea of what hotels cost and we will program that for you to go to the National League of Cities. If Mrs. Lommatzsch doesn't want to travel that year, well when she can let us know I don't plan on traveling so don't put any money in my account. That would be a way we could provide sufficient funds for Council Members to go to conferences or institutes of interest. But then those Council Members that don't have interests or have some

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other obligation that won't enable them to travel in a way that they feel is appropriate for the city then we can adjust appropriately.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That may work in most situations but in the event that you have new Council Members coming in, that is not going to account for their interests or their training. I am comfortable with where we have been. I don't think anybody has abused it. I think people that have used it have used it and people who wanted to use it have used it.

Mayor Flaute: In the first 10 years of our city we did it the way that you suggested but then Council didn't like the idea that I wanted to be part of the National League of Cities and grow and be part of the leadership of it so consequently they weren't happy with the fact that I was spending more money than a lot of other folks were so that's when we put the lid on it. I have no desire to do that anymore. I will be president of the Ohio Mayors Association here shortly but \$2000 is adequate for me for the meetings that I go to for the Ohio Municipal League and Ohio Mayors. But if you want to get involved in the leadership thing you can spend a lot of money to be going to all these meetings. They have a meeting about once a month in the National League of Cities and you can really spend a lot of money. That's the trade-off; if someone wants to really do a lot of traveling he could go through that money fairly quickly. So that's when Council decided that \$3000 was an amount that everyone could live with and then it got knocked down to \$2000. So that's just a little history there of what we had.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: The clerk's travel is listed in the same place.

Mayor Flaute: You were at \$2000?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: You were at two and it has been dropped to \$1000.

Mayor Flaute: She was at two so that would include her also. I would say we should include her also. Is that okay Mr. Fullenkamp to include the clerk?

Mr. Fullenkamp amended the motion to include the clerk and increasing her travel to \$2000.

Mayor Flaute: And you are okay with that Mr. Smith? Okay.

Mr. Smith: In reference to the backup and storage for the body cameras and I guess the in-car cameras, is that something that would be located here at City Hall or would we have to send that out?

Mr. Chodkowski: We would be looking at the safety/services building at 1791 Harshman Rd. The piece of equipment will be at that location.

Mr. Denning: The clerk was previously only \$1000 so we did not decrease hers.

Mayor Flaute: So we will keep it the same?

Mr. Fullenkamp: It seems to have worked in the past.

Mr. Fullenkamp re-amended his motion to include \$2000 for each Council Member for travel in the 2016 budget.

For clarification, the motion on the floor was made by Mr. Fullenkamp to restore \$2000 to the Council's budget for travel which was previously reduced to \$1000. And Mr. Smith seconded that motion. With no further discussion a roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes; Deputy Mayor Reynolds, yes and Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion passed.**

Mayor Flaute: Okay the next person who wants to talk about line items in the budget? Seeing none I just have two. The first one is under expenses for planning and

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programming management, line item number 5289, contracted services. Last year it was \$2000 and this year it is \$42,000 and I was wondering why that is and if this is going to be an expense we are going to see every year Mr. Manager.

Mr. Chodkowski: The reason for the increase; and I should note that in the initial budget proposal the initial amount was a little higher than that so we did take a \$10,000 trim there, but the reason that expense went from \$2000 to \$42,000 is in response to the Springfield corridor beautification efforts that Council wanted us to invest some dollars in. I know Mr. Taylor could speak in greater detail about it but this. It includes some more targeted maintenance work in the right-of-way; this includes more detailed property maintenance for city-owned property within the Springfield corridor. There are the plantings that we had previously talked about and that is included there. And there were some other items like additional signage in the Springfield corridor that we are looking at improving. So that is in response to Council's directive from earlier in the year. I believe it came out of the goals and objectives process back in March I want to say. There will be additional funds programmed in future years. Some years it will be less and some years it will be more but that's what those dollars are there for.

Mayor Flaute: I'm not sure that we can afford that at this point. Is Council okay with spending that kind of money to improve our right-of-ways?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: It would be to dress up the entryway to the city. That's what that whole discussion was about.

Mr. Denning: It was part of the goals. I mean the whole idea is that the museum and the Base is the area of the city that everybody goes to especially coming from downtown to Area B. We need to address that up because there is going to be a lot of travel between Tech Town and Area B and hopefully that will get some folks to rent space here.

Mayor Flaute: The discussion was at the beginning of the year and our budget was a little better at that time.

Mr. Denning: We wanted a long-term plan and this is part of that long-term plan and we said we needed to improve that.

Mayor Flaute: I just want to make sure everybody is okay with that.

Mr. Fullenkamp: What are the actual traffic counts on Springfield between Smithville and Woodman?

Mr. Chodkowski: They are in the teens is what I can tell you.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That is both directions?

Mr. Chodkowski: Based on the last traffic count that we had; the last traffic count that was recorded for Springfield between Woodman Drive and the Greene County line was 2009 and that was around 13,000 I think.

Mr. Fullenkamp: But what about between Smithville and Woodman?

Mr. Chodkowski: I don't recall that there is a recorded count at MVRPC (Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission) for that section of Springfield.

Mr. Fullenkamp: But that is the area of interest right, for the most part.

Mr. Chodkowski: I would have to go back and look at the minutes but if I recall how the discussion came about; the initial discussion came about because we're talking about what we needed to do with regards to addressing the appearance of this property after its acquisition and issues that our tenants has brought to us. And so we had talked

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about the area immediately visible to this area from 5200 and 5100 and Council said, it doesn't just have to be this property it can be all of Springfield.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I understand that but the discussion seems to be about this being an artery between downtown and Wright Point and the Base and I'm not so sure it is.

Mr. Chodkowski: I don't know that I would focus on this issue or on this particular long-term project from the perspective that this is some kind of arterial that we are trying to make look more attractive to commuters. We have approached this issue internally from staff as one that we want to make the approach to this facility and the view from this facility is aesthetically pleasing as we can not only to attract tenants but to retain tenants. We also acknowledge that some of the work that we are looking to do from Woodman west actually corresponds to a pending OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) Map 21 project that Dayton has that will improve Springfield up to Planters. Is it just to Smithville because I know they come further east?

Mr. Taylor: So it will be from Smithville all the way to Third Street which will then connects to Webster Station in downtown and the Oregon District.

Mr. Chodkowski: Dayton already has funds available and is making arrangements, which is why they are doing the sidewalk replacements and the apron replacements on Springfield now if you travel Springfield west into Dayton. So they are making an approach towards us with improvements so we are doing our best now today to try and coordinate what we can do in the short-term with the resources that we have so that when their new pavement and their project abuts our jurisdiction we have made the best effort we can to make our portion of Springfield the best that we can. So that is part of that as well.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Mr. City Manager can you give us some idea; can you come up with a dollar figure, what is the plan? What are we looking at changing that is going to make it better?

Mayor Flaute: Along with that idea, Old Harshman Road, what are we doing along there? There is one parcel there we don't own. Can some of this money go towards that?

Mr. Chodkowski: I will let Mr. Taylor speak in greater detail Ms. Reynolds about your question and Mr. Mayor to your question because Mr. Taylor; his assignment once he arrived was to actually assemble that plan. So he can talk both in the short-term and long-term so Mr. Taylor if you would.

Mr. Taylor: The initial plan was to do a beautification to try and get the most bang for our buck. Instead of looking at things that really need done there like curbs, gutters, sidewalks and paving of course; those are things we can't do at this point so I looked at it from the approach of what can we do to improve the aesthetics of the whole corridor knowing that Dayton is going to be creating a new path and it also can connect the museum to downtown and vice versa as Councilmember Denning pointed out, Tech Town, which is also progressing and gets a lot of contracts from the Base. When we look at the corridor down there we look at a lot of vacant lots that have overgrown brush. Some of those lots we've cut back 10 or 15 feet and we would like to see those lots cut back further. Some of that property is owned by the city of Riverside and some of that property is owned by private owners or people who bought those as investments. And so the goal would be to try and make our properties that we look as best as possible so that then hopefully it would encourage other businesses to do the same thing. So that was kind of the approach. How can we do that? And so we looked at lifting and doing some tree trimming. We looked at doing curb and gutter. If you notice a lot of our curb and gutter have weeds growing up in the cracks really bad. Some of our sidewalks; I think Council Member Lommatzsch mentioned they had found the sidewalk down there where we had some of the service department working.

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Mrs. Lommatzsch: I went that way and they were digging up a sidewalk that was underneath the dirt and grass.

Mr. Taylor: So we have a lot of infrastructure like that that has been completely covered over or overgrown that has never been maintained. So that is where a lot of the funds will go to; trying to improve that. There were some numbers in there for signage to direct and try and bring more attention to Springfield from Harshman at both ends and then also Wright Point signage. We also looked at doing some plantings and doing some landscaping along Old Harshman and along more city-owned property that maybe we don't have the money to tear down. The property where we have REAPed (Real Estate Acquisition Program) them; acquired them and we can't tear properties down but we can screen this with landscaping. That's the gist of the whole project. There was a memo dated October that we could forward on to Council that explains more in-depth that process because then it builds on itself. So stuff we do in 2016 then builds on 2017 and 2018. And then we are looking at a paving project in Map 21. It is preparing that whole corridor so when we do that paving we can get the best bang for our buck and we are not redoing work or putting new curb in after we have done paving and we are not doing stuff backwards. So it kind of builds on itself and goes through. I think it is an important step to progress that corridor and the rest of the area to where it needs to be and where you think you would like it to be in the future.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Has there been any consideration given to talking with some of the local business owners along there and doing any incentive grants? I know they have been looking at some projects and we only need to look at Sturgill to see what they are doing down there and how they are making a difference and I didn't know if we had any conversation. I know the last conversation I believe that we had with city Council we were talking about the planning of the hillside there at Route 4. We had talked about that and seeing how that was going to work for the one year period to see if it would make a difference. And looking at what some of the businesses down there and the conditions now and what it could be with some incentives it might make a difference because I believe that it is something that even though the traffic counts; as you said we don't know what the traffic count is. We don't know the push coming into the city but I do know that for the community as a whole that might make a big difference.

Mr. Taylor: And I have been speaking with the city of Dayton right there at Springfield up to Northcliff. The north side is all city of Dayton and so I have been working and speaking with their zoning and housing departments about their curb and gutter on that side which is mostly destroyed. Some of those buildings are not the best looking. So we are looking at not just talking to the businesses on our side, we have had extensive conversations with Sturgill and even some of the vacant property owners to try and see what we can do to work out something. We don't have the budget for incentives and I don't think that is something we have talked about. Most businesses are apt to do the work themselves because they see the benefit in making their property look like an inviting space instead of a non-inviting space.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Do we have any estimates on curb, sidewalks and gutters along there? Have we looked at any?

Mr. Chodkowski: I don't have any numbers but we can pull the most recent quantity sheets from the construction that we did do in 2015 and we can come up with a rough estimate of what that would be. I know we've got some measurements already on file from our initial infrastructure inventory from a few years back. So we could bring those two numbers together to see what that would look like.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Would you put that as a top priority for that corridor?

Mr. Chodkowski: As far as the curb and gutter go?

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Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Sidewalks.

Mr. Chodkowski: I would better be able to answer that question in March. And the reason I say that is currently we have the project for Springfield east currently before the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for Map 21 funding. My understanding is that project; at least in its initial evaluation has scored well and I know that it has the support of one of the representatives. So once we know what that project looks like and once we have had a discussion about the long-term and exactly what we should and should not be focusing on with regards to our finances, our priorities, curb and gutter and sidewalks. There is an assessment program in place by Council and how that would relate to the scoring of the Springfield west project and how that would relate to the longer-term objectives of our financial policy. Those are all factors that would be able to answer that question. So yes we could do it, yes we can get you a price for that. Is that something that should be a top priority? At this point it is too early for me to be able to answer that question.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: So basically we are looking at cleanup along that corridor?

Mr. Chodkowski: Yeah, I've actually found the memo. So in detail what I can say specific to this building and grounds included in the money is for the removal of 3 to 5 trees out front on Springfield that obstruct the view of the monument sign which will be changed out as part of the project that we are in now; the relocation and renovation project. And then there are funds to lift the canopy a little bit to get better visibility at the ground level. And then there is also mulch and landscape for the flowerbeds in and around 5100 and 5200. So that is specific here on these grounds related to that property. In the Old Harshman area, the planting and screening on the north side of Springfield Street, to spray and remove grass growing in curbs, gutters and sidewalk edges. And then there is some additional money to address vacant properties in the area of Old Harshman. And I can think right off that there are a few that we can address.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Go back to where you talked about the expenses for around this building. Will those expenses be transferred to this building? And then free up some more money to do other things along the way?

Mr. Chodkowski: That's possible but before I say definitively, that is another discussion that Council is scheduled to have on the 21st. Remember we did talk with Council at the last meeting about the future management and maintenance and operation of these buildings. So until we can have that discussion and set a definitive course direction on that I can't say, yes 402, the Wright Point fund can absorb some or all of those expenses. Keep in mind that General Dynamics is significantly reducing its footprint so there is that issue that we have to consider too. But it would be possible.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: In our conversation at the last meeting and then looking over all of this and going back in that same memo I reviewed it myself. I just think that we can free up some money that we might be able to do other things with. Thank you.

Mr. Smith: The beautification of Springfield Street in the city itself is very important because if you look over in economic development number 108, we have quadrupled our budget for advertising for the city so we want to have an nice entryway into the city whether it would be coming in off of Springfield Street or you're coming in off of Woodman Drive or Valley Street or wherever. So I think that is important. We are going to spend the money to advertise our city and try and bring new people in so it does need to look nice so I think we need to keep that in the budget.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That is also on every tourist map that you see guiding folks from point A to point B to point C. The map takes you on Springfield Street. And the MVRPC, all of their planning put you on Springfield Street coming out of Dayton; if

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you are going to Huffman Dam or if you're going to Wright Field or wherever. So that street is for tourists; I'm not just thinking about people who use it going and coming from work. It is the tourist trail that is greatly advertised by everybody that promotes the tourism.

Mayor Flaute: We want them to know when they hit Riverside.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Exactly. We don't want them to say, whooh.

Mr. Denning: We don't want it to be a negative thing.

Mayor Flaute: I am feeling that folks want to leave it in there at least until we have a discussion about whether we can move some of that over in January.

Mr. Curp: This is simply accounting for the expense side of that equation. What we are talking about is the need to look at where the funds will be sourced from to cover the expense. I think the manager mentioned the assessment program. Mrs. Reynolds mentioned the 402 fund. Under the Ohio Revised Code there are a couple mechanics in there for creating special improvement districts, for lack of a better term, and the mechanics of that are that you can do assessments for properties that you included in the special improvement districts. If you look at downtown Dayton and the business organizations there are going together and creating an improvement district and levying the assessments on themselves to help provide for services that benefit the downtown businesses. When you take a look at what happened with Salem Avenue out around good Samaritan Hospital, Brown Street and Main Street down around Miami Valley. You go down to Austin Landing and they have special districts there. It's not like we can't find ways to get it done. I think leaving the expense in there is good. The issue becomes finding the sources of revenue.

Mayor Flaute: Finding some grants. That's what I was going to say. That's a good comment.

Mr. Curp: I'm in favor of what Mrs. Reynolds brought forward. I'm in favor of looking at what should be charged back to the 402 fund. I think I've been beating that drum for a while because we have been told from day one that it was going to be a very profitable venture. I have had my concerns but the whole point is we should know what it costs to operate and maintain this property. Whether we choose to go ahead and subsidize it with the general fund money is a different issue. But we should at least know what it costs. And if it operates in the red, it operates in the red. But we should know what the true costs are and that includes all of the issues that I've been bringing up. And that is showing the cost associated with our staff who spent time over here and have been spending time and going forward will be spending time because that is a cost of maintaining this function over here. And again if we choose to operate in the red, so be it, but we need to know what the true costs are.

Mayor Flaute: Okay so it sounds like we are going to leave that in there for now. I would agree with that at this point. Just one last question, there are expenses under economic development, 5281. We went from \$2000 to \$20,000. Mr. Manager, can you tell us what that is all about and was that a one time expense?

Mr. Chodkowski: At this point we believe it be a one time expense. This is in relation to project Dismas and there are certain technical information that needs to be done or performed in relation to advancing that project such as verifying that the abandoned utilities that are there; the water and the sewer and the storm sewer are adequate to be able to handle the load for the development should the developer choose to move forward at that particular location. Is it a one time expense; most likely, but can we guarantee that at this point in time, no we can't.

Mayor Flaute: So it still needs to be in there?

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Mr. Chodkowski: Yes Sir. But keep in mind that just because the money is appropriated doesn't mean that the money is being spent.

Mayor Flaute: Yeah I know that goes back to the very first discussion we had. We need to try and get the budget as accurate as we can. But if you feel that needs to be in there then we will take your word for it. Okay are there any other questions or comments about the budget? It sounds like we are going to keep it on the agenda then and have the first reading tonight if everyone seems okay with that. Okay, very good.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I would like to ask a question. What time is the meeting on the 28th?

Mayor Flaute: I put it down for 6:00 p.m. Is that okay with everyone?

Mr. Curp: This will be the only line on the agenda, correct?

Mr. Chodkowski: There will be two items on the agenda. The first will be the final supplemental permanent appropriation for the 2015 budget and the second item will be the second reading and final adoption of the permanent appropriation for 2016.

ITEM 7: RECESS: The Council took a recess at 6:56 p.m.

ITEM 8: RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE Chief Mark Carpenter, Riverside Fire Department, led all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2015 regular Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the minutes as written. Deputy Mayor Reynolds seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. 4 were in favor; none were opposed; 3 abstained. (Mr. Fullenkamp, Mrs. Lommatzsch and Mr. Smith) **Motion Passed.**

ITEM 11: PRESENTATION: Bark Park - Mr. Edward Schock and Mr. James Perry, Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Flaute: The next thing is a presentation by Mr. James Perry and Mr. Edward Schock from the Parks and Recreation Commission. So at this time if you folks would come forward and discuss your issue with us we would appreciate it very much. Welcome, welcome you guys.

Mr. Schock: Thank you Mr. Mayor, Council for this opportunity. As you noticed in your packet we started the crusade of changing the name of the bark park to a Vietnam Veteran and that Vietnam Veteran who has served our community for numerous years, David Brown. And if you notice on his bio; if you want me to run through it I can but you have the city Blue Ribbon Committee he served on, the Citizens Advisory Committee, of course the Riverside Founders Day as part of the car show. Being a big car buff that he is you would expect him to take that on. Then the Riverside Historical Society which he is still active on today, the Charter Review Committee and also the Riverside Charter Committee once again and Health and Safety. He was on the Health and Safety when he came up with the idea of the bark park in that little section. So he brought it forward, him and Mr. Chodkowski and they worked hard to try and get it accomplished without breaking the budget and they did. Also to if you notice in his bio, he actually served in Vietnam. He had one of the gruesome jobs but very important job being a cargo master. His job was to make sure all of the fallen soldiers made it home to their graves. And that's what he did. He was there during the Tet Offensive so he had a few little incidences, you know the gunfire there. So he served very well for the Air Force. Now on the other part of it; this is why I suggested the name David James Brown Vietnam Veterans Dog Park on there. So that honors our

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citizen and also all of the Veterans too who served there in the Vietnam War. I hope that is not too big of a name to put on a plate, if you wish to bring legislation forward to change the name. And also I would like that name if you so desire if you vote on it tonight to stay with the park. If the park moves because the DOD (Department of Defense) decides they want their property back, because that is a leased property, that way if they move the bark park to somewhere else it would stay his name and the Vietnam Veterans associated with it. Let him finish up with what the Parks did.

Mr. Perry: Excuse me; my voice is kind of hoarse here. I have a cold and I'm fighting that but I'm here to represent the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Schock brought this to us and all of the Commissioners approved the name change and also we would like to include in the name change the weight elimination for the different dogs to have a weight of up to 20 pounds for smaller dogs and then those dogs 20 pounds and over will come in on various days and we would like to eliminate that; that stipulation that we have in the charter for that so that any dog can come in at any weight on any day of the week versus various days. So on behalf of the city's Parks and Recreation Commissioners we also approved this name change. And it is up to you city Council Members to take this into consideration and we hope that you would do so and honor our wishes for this to be changed. Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Perry.

Mr. Schock: Are there any questions for us?

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to bring forth legislation to name the bark park as recommended. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Do we need two pieces of legislation to change the regulations and the institution of the name change?

Mr. Chodkowski: I think if you want to memorialize the name change, legislation is appropriate with a resolution at the next meeting. With regards to the actual rule that applies to the bark park and the dog weights, that is something we can do administratively.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay thanks.

Mayor Flaute: The DOD issue won't be an issue?

Mr. Chodkowski: No the restriction on the property from the Department of Defense and the Department of Agriculture is that we continue to use the park for recreational purposes and then there is a provision related to additional permanent structures on the property.

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Perry he do you remember when dog park went in there was there discussion about having the two different weights of dogs? Was there any research done or maybe that is a question for the Manager. Do you remember?

Mr. Perry: I think I remember. We discussed it and it was because of the fact that some people thought that a smaller dog that weighed maybe 6 pounds and you got a Chihuahua in there versus a Great Dane or you have a Pitbull in there thinking that they might get into contact with each other and there might be a big fight. From what I understand the way the park is been used that is not a problem because most of the people there, when they let their dog loose they either have them on a leash or they are there and the dogs are somewhat; the people know each other and they can separate their dogs from each other. So we feel that with that stipulation removed that we won't have a problem with the dogs fighting or anything like that in the park.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Sir.

With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed.
Motion passed.

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Mayor Flaute: Congratulations you guys. We want to make sure Mr. Brown is here when we do this. I don't know if we want to make a bigger deal out of it. Mrs. Lommatzsch do we want to do a ribbon-cutting or do we want to do something at the dog park?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: In the spring.

Mayor Flaute: Let's keep that in mind. We'll pass legislation but we will have a real ribbon-cutting type thing if that is okay with Council.

Mr. Perry: That's one of the things that we had suggested.

Mayor Flaute: Or the Parks Commission might want to do it.

Mr. Perry: We had suggested that as well.

Mayor Flaute: You guys do it. Yes, thank you.

Mr. Perry: Having us to that; invite him down and having us to the ribbon-cutting with him. Something along that nature.

Mayor Flaute: Great. I hope you guys make a big deal out of this.

Mr. Perry: We'll do that.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Get the flag and all of that in the spring when it is warm weather.

Mr. Perry: Mrs. Lommatzsch we would love to have you there. And anyone else is welcome to come too. But we will give you a date on that we get it set aside.

Mayor Flaute: Good, okay. Okay you guys are charged. Thank you Mr. Perry for your service. Mr. Schock thank you for bringing this forward and for your service.

ITEM 12: ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS

Mayor Flaute: We do have some citizens that want to speak so if you do want to speak please send up a speaker registration form which should be found on the back table there and we will get to that in about a half hour or so.

ITEM 13: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a) FYI

i) Council Request Sheets

ii) Council Agenda Calendar

iii) City Manager's Project and Activities Report

iv) Memo – Wright Point Office Building Operations

Mr. Chodkowski: Included in your Council packet you have several documents which represent the city manager's report including the projects and activities report. Staff and I would be more than happy to address any questions or concerns that Council may have regarding the information contained within the report or on any other matter.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Manager. Are there any questions or comments for the Manager?

Mr. Denning: Mr. Manager I noticed that when I was coming over here that there is nothing up on the big sign in front of the services building. It was completely blank. I am hoping that by tomorrow morning or very shortly thereafter we will have a big sign that says Merry Christmas or something of that sort. I would much rather see Merry Christmas than Happy Holidays because I think it is a Merry Christmas. Maybe Happy New Year afterwards. Hanukkah is over.

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Mayor Flaute: Any other questions or comments? I just have one. I would like to see the layout for the safety/services building and if there is still time for us to comment on that I would like to see that. If you could get that to Council I would appreciate it.

Mr. Chodkowski: Our final floor plan is next week so we can incorporate that; I think the January 7th meeting is spoken for with swearing-in's and those types of events. Perhaps maybe the 21st. Depending upon the information that we as staff have to present with regards to Wright Point we might be able to put something in there at that point in time. So we will at least get it in the packet so you can see it and if Council feels it is appropriate to discuss it at greater length we can schedule time at a work session.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Manager. Any other questions or comments? Seeing none I will turn it back over to you Mr. Manager for the monthly reports.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Sir at this time I will actually yield the floor over to Chief Robinson. He will provide you his monthly update with regards to the happenings of the Riverside Police Department.

b) Monthly Verbal Updates

i) Police Department

Chief Robinson: Thank you Sir. I have very few things for this evening. I just wanted to talk about personal issues that we have. As you all know Sgt. Jones retired November 30th. We also have Cindy Watson who has announced that she is retiring on December 31st of this year. Her last day is the 23rd. We will have something at the safety/service building and if you are interested in coming you're more than welcome to come and see her off on that day. I will have to get back with you on a time for that because I'm not exactly sure what that time is going to be. It is still in the works. It will be Wednesday. I think last time I mentioned to you about Officer Cooper going to ALICE training. I just wanted to step back to that so I could tell you that he has completed that training and is available to do some active shooter training so if you have someone that comes to you and says, hey we're looking at something like this; any businesses or schools just point them in our direction and we would be more than happy to have Officer Cooper go out there and do some training with his folks. This month the Officers participated in the Montgomery County Drug Coalition Blitz. It was on December 4th. It focused mainly on Butler Township and Harrison Township but it was very well done. Basically what it means is they will come to our area do the same thing at a later date. I think I mentioned that before. I think it is next month that we have something very similar to this going on here in Riverside. This is actually the media release for that so if you would like to see that I can pass it around to you. It gives you all the numbers of what they did that night in a four hour period which is actually pretty good. In 68 man-hours they did 67 traffic stops and they did some pretty good drug arrests and stuff like that. It is actually very nice. Like I said it focuses mainly on Harrison Township and Butler Township if you want to see it.

Mayor Flaute: Pass it around.

Chief Robinson: You probably have seen that we did one more drug search warrant on Rondowa this month. This makes the third search warrant that we've done in the area in the last month and a half or two. Charges are still pending. It is an ongoing investigation and we are hoping to move forward on some of the stuff that we've got going on in other parts of Riverside as well. I will comment on those later. On a lighter note I would like to say that we participated in; the Police Department and the FOP actually participated in the Shop with a Cop yesterday in Huber Heights at the Meijer there which is a very fun event. There are pictures of that and I'm sure you will be able to see those on the website. I'm sure that Major Hughes has put those on there. I haven't seen them yet. I've seen the pictures but I haven't seen them on the website

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yet. I would also like to say thank you to the City Manager and Cindy Watson for all of their hard work with the Health and Safety Commission which conducted the fingerprinting at the Mad River Middle School. They did a fantastic job and went above and beyond. Actually I think it went several more hours longer than what was anticipated. So I would like to say thank you to the City Manager for helping out and Ms. Watson and the Health and Safety Commission is always helping with that event with Ms. Watson. We will miss her participation as well. I think that's all I have for tonight.

Mayor Flaute: Okay thank you Chief. Are there any questions or comments from members of Council? Seeing none thank you for your service. Mr. Manager back to you.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Sir. At this point in time I would like to yield the floor to Chief Carpenter for his monthly update from the fire department.

ii) Fire Department

Chief Carpenter: Hello everyone. I will get started with the new medic. It is in service. I don't know if you've seen it around town. It is at station six so it is referred to as our new medic six. Everybody seems to be very pleased with it. It is the new ambulance. Other than that we have a lot of preparations that we have in the works such as RFPs for the SCBA's (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus). The Assistance to Firefighters Grant applications was released about 10 days ago. So we are busy trying to get information together for our grant applications this year. The deadline is the middle of January. Also we have been gearing up for our annual EMS standing orders protocol testing and we are also looking at doing an in-house paramedic refresher. Not much word so far on that since last time I gave an update. I do know that the factory is still putting together the production specs. I was expecting them but that doesn't seem to be the case. So I have heard nothing that would give indication to say that the delivery date would be changing so I'm still expecting at this time our first engine to arrive in March or April. You might have seen Saturday that we had a car that went into a house. I just want to thank everybody; the police, the service department, the county, the Red Cross and some private companies that lent a tremendous hand to our crews on getting that situation resolved. That's all I have for this evening.

Mayor Flaute: Okay great. Thank you Chief. Any questions or comments?

Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm going to ask a question; I'm not going to do it off-line. There was recently a fire over at Elverne. A house burned down. It is my understanding that the house had asbestos siding on it and I was wondering if when you fight a fire like that that you are aware of the substances and whether you have any responsibility to report to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) or RAPCA (Regional Air Pollution Control Agency).

Chief Carpenter: Typically in a situation like that we would work through the Fire Marshall's Office and we will work with them if they found it necessary to contact those agencies. It is not often that we contact them directly ourselves.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay because I got a phone call; they tore the property down and they had a permit from the county to do this but there is a loophole for residential properties in terms of some requirement to remediate for these things. I am currently in conversation with RAPCA and I would like to sit down and talk to you about maybe some involvement from the fire department when one of these events occurs. Maybe some sort of a notification program not only to some of these agencies but maybe also to the residents because one of the things we know happens is sometimes people do things out of ignorance and those are the things that I think we can prevent. The people who are doing it because it is the cheapest way or something we may never eliminate that. There was some concern in that neighborhood when they were

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tearing it down. I talked to the people on-site and they indicated that there were some bagged material on the property that they knew was asbestos siding and they did actually bag it. But RAPCA is unaware of any permit and EPA is not required to be notified. I will be talking to RAPCA over the next months and I want to have a conversation with you about maybe we can; maybe even countywide with fire departments about maybe some reporting process. Not onerous; just a way to get the EPA and RAPCA to get the word out to these folks that there is a right way to do this. We'll talk about it.

Chief Carpenter: Okay.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Chief I would like to just bumper onto what Mr. Fullenkamp is asking because that is a house in my neighborhood and there is a concern that has been raised of the asbestos that is in a lot of those older homes. Whenever those permits are issued you indicated that you would work with the fire marshal. How does that process start?

Chief Carpenter: Well what I meant by the fire marshal; after a fire like that we work with the fire marshal on getting the determination or cause of the fire not necessarily in the context of tearing it down; on the demolition side of it. We don't necessarily directly instruct or direct the demolition process. If there are materials inside sometimes we are made aware by the fire marshal that there are some materials inside that are hazardous but that is really the extent of our involvement.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I think that the community has gone through a time if you remember back where we had a lot of the lead paint. We had the gentleman in the white suits encapsulating a house to prevent any of those toxins from getting out and so not knowing what is toxic as you said we can't; I can't get a lot of information and I know you have been dealing with them also. But I just wondered if there was a process that we would go through.

Mr. Fullenkamp: For privately held residential homes the rules are totally different than they are if the city owns that house. If the city owns that house and it burned there would be a totally different process but there is a loophole that residential homes fall through. And I'm not suggesting we are going to fix that loophole but that maybe we can institute a process that minimizes some the damage that might be done.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I never know the qualifications of the demo people that come into the community. You can go and try and pull permits real quick when you get a call and say, okay there is a permit but in the meantime half of the building has come down before you know what is happening.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That is exactly what happened. By the time I got down there, there was one more truckload to go. Anyways we will have a discussion about this.

Mr. Smith: I would think that most demolition contractors would know if there is asbestos once they go and estimate the job and know that they are going to have to get a permit or get that remediated.

Mr. Fullenkamp: It depends if they are licensed. I don't know on their qualifications.

Mr. Smith: I'm sure you can run across an unscrupulous demolition guy.

Mr. Fullenkamp: But I don't want to assume any thing. That's what I'm after. This guy may have followed all the applicable rules but the fact that I've been told that there are bagged asbestos materials in that building and the back. Well how is he going to dispose of those?

Mr. Smith: Right. I know if you tear down something you have to go to the county and they have to sign off on it. It is quite a process.

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Mr. Fullenkamp: But that form doesn't say anything about asbestos removal for residential property.

Mr. Smith: I can't remember it has been many years since I tore something down.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I looked at it. Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: Any other questions or comments? Okay, thank you Chief. Back to you Mr. Manager.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Sir. Last but not least I will yield the floor to Mr. Miller for his monthly update from the service department.

iii) Service Department

Mr. Miller: Thank you Mr. Chodkowski I appreciate that. I appreciate this opportunity also to kind of go over some of the highlights of what the department has been doing. I'll kind of start off similar to Chief Carpenter. I have been notified that the 21st we will get our first vehicle. We will get a vehicle subsequently two weeks later and then a third vehicle will come two weeks later. So we're kind of looking forward to having new equipment and testing it out. Unfortunately with the weather; or fortunately with weather we are bankrolling a lot of money. We are able to go and work and do things; catch basins and all sorts of other things that normally this time of year we don't have the opportunity to do. I'll give you some examples; we cleaned up the property behind Ledo on Springfield Street. The corridor, the guys have been working on the Springfield corridor trying to expose sidewalks that have been buried. I never even knew they were there to be honest with you. We've cleaned up the park. We are getting quotes for the park trees. We are getting quotes for the 2016 budget for street improvements for as blacktop and also capeseal that we have been doing. The guys have been street sweeping and usually this time of year the street sweeper has been winterized. Once we get the first freeze we winterize it but we've been sweeping which is unusual. We have been doing a lot of sign work along the corridor also on Springfield Street. The city manager took us out and kind of showed us some of the signs that were mislabeled, misnamed. We removed them. Where practical we replaced a lot of signs. We totally remove some signs. We are kind of limited on the regulatory signs on what we can do. We were checking with ODOT and that. We're going to try and relocate them on telephone poles and stuff like that and they said they had to be independent standalone. But hopefully; it is kind of the start of what our long-range plan is which Mr. Taylor kind of outlined. We do need to make sure that the city is presentable and I think a big part of that is Springfield Street. I'm trying to think if I missed anything. Of course we are always doing vehicle maintenance on downtime but they haven't had too much downtime though because of the weather. We've had some perfect weather though to get a lot of things done that we normally can't get done this time here. Are there any questions?

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Miller. Are there any questions from Council?

Mr. Fullenkamp: So what signs can be hung? So the sign on Planters Avenue has to come off the telephone pole?

Mr. Miller: No, the regulatory signs are the ones that cannot be put; like the regulatory signs would be your stop signs.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's what I mean. There is a stop sign on a telephone pole.

Mr. Miller: There shouldn't be one there. That needs to be relocated.

Mr. Fullenkamp: We talked about this last summer I think. It is the one on Springfield Street.

Mr. Miller: We did check. We wanted to make sure we are doing things according to ODOT standards and they stated that any regulatory sign had to be independent of the

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telephone pole or utility pole. Any other informational signs we can put on. Anything else almost we can put on a telephone pole as long as it is in the right-of-way and almost all of them are.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Thank you Mr. Miller I appreciate it. I appreciate your service.

Mr. Miller: Thank you.

ITEM 14: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 15: NEW BUSINESS

a) ORDINANCES

- i) Ordinance No. 15-O-588 an ordinance to make permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period beginning January 1 through December 31, 2016. (First Reading)**

Mr. Chodkowski: This ordinance is brought forth for Council's attention with regards to establishing the permanent appropriation for 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the first reading Ordinance No. 15-O-588. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety. With no further discussion a roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes; Deputy Mayor Reynolds, no; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion passed.**

b) RESOLUTIONS

- i) Resolution No. 15-R-2114 a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Dayton regarding the protection of Wellfield Areas within the City of Riverside, Ohio.**

Mr. Chodkowski: This resolution is brought forth to authorize an agreement between the city of Riverside and the city of Dayton with regards to the protection of wellfield areas located within the city.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2114. Deputy Mayor Reynolds seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

- ii) Resolution No. 15-R-2115 a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept and participate in the Defense Manufacturing Assistance Program (DMAP) with the intended purpose of increasing the occupancy rate of the Wright Point Office Complex.**

Mr. Chodkowski: This resolution is brought forth to authorize the acceptance and participation in a Defense Manufacturing Assistance Program grant regarding the Wright Point office complex.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2115. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

- iii) Resolution No. 15-R-2116 a resolution authorizing CDO Technologies, Inc. to purchase and install certain hardware and software for the Riverside Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$31,500.00.**

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Mr. Chodkowski: In accordance with previous discussion with Council this resolution is brought forth to authorize the purchase of equipment necessary to the effective operation of the police department through CDO Technologies.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2116. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. 6 were in favor; one was opposed (Deputy Mayor Reynolds). **Motion passed.**

- iv) Resolution No. 15-R-2117 a resolution by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with General Dynamics Information Technologies, Inc. (GDIT).**

Mr. Chodkowski: This resolution is brought forth in accordance with the briefing that Mr. Murray provided Council for the lease between the city and General Dynamics.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2117. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

- v) Resolution No. 15-R-2118 a resolution by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Tenet 3, LLC.**

Mr. Chodkowski: As briefed by Mr. Murray in executive session on December 3rd this resolution is brought forth to authorize the lease agreement between the city of Riverside and Tenet 3, LLC.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2118. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

- vi) Resolution No. 15-R-2119 a resolution by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Eccrine Systems, Inc.**

Mr. Chodkowski: As previously briefed to Council on December 3rd by Mr. Murray this resolution is brought forth to authorize the lease between the city of Riverside and Eccrine Systems Inc.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2119. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

- vii) Resolution No. 15-R-2120 a resolution by the council of the City of Riverside, Ohio authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with SPGlobal Inc.**

Mr. Chodkowski: This resolution is brought forth to authorize the lease agreement between the city of Riverside and SPGlobal and prior to voting I would like to provide Mr. Murray the opportunity to comment briefly to Council on this last-minute addition to the agenda.

Mr. Murray: Thank you. We greatly improved the lease through continue discussions with the tenant. They are looking to build that space out far beyond what we would normally do and so we were able to increase the amount of the square footage of the lease by amortizing the cost of the build out in a three year lease. This is a big coup for us. These guys will generate more companies as they grow. So it is like a staging area for additional tenants for Wright Point. Thank you.

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A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2120. Deputy Mayor Reynolds seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

ITEM 16: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Flaute: Next we will move into the part of the meeting where we have the discussion from the citizens and the first one to give me a speaker registration form was Connie Moore. Ms. Moore, would you please come to the podium and talk about your issue?

Ms. Moore: I have some questions in reference to a notice that I recently got in reference to the new trash collection company and what they will do and what they want to do in comparison to the other one; how the charges are going to be a little bit more. It is a different company and I didn't notice any problems with the old one. We had no idea that anybody was even looking. Can anybody tell me why this was decided? Is the city making money from them? It certainly isn't cheaper for us. What was the theory behind the change or did they not want to carry us anymore?

Mayor Flaute: Do you want me to take that or Mr. Manager you want to handle it?

Mr. Chodkowski: However you would like to do that Sir.

Mayor Flaute: Alrighty, I'll go ahead and take care of it. Okay it started a long time ago, about six months ago we found out we could not put the charges on the property taxes any longer. There was a rule change in the state of Ohio that says we weren't allowed to do that. Now it really didn't say we could and it didn't really say we couldn't. I went to the Attorney General and got a determination that we were not allowed to do that any longer. In the meantime we had made a bid without the charges of it because we thought it was going to still be allowed to be on the property taxes but unfortunately when we found out we couldn't do it we had to redo it with charges because now we are no longer allowed to put it on the property taxes. So we had to rebid it and at that time the company they came back was a couple dollars cheaper than what the city of Dayton was and Council needs to consider the best and lowest options.

Ms. Moore: Best and lowest for who?

Mayor Flaute: For the residents.

Ms. Moore: How can it be best and lowest when it is more money?

Mayor Flaute: It wasn't more money. That is not true. Mr. Manager it was how many dollars cheaper? Three dollars?

Mr. Chodkowski: I will defer to Ms. Christian on the value.

Mr. Fullenkamp: It was about a 10% difference.

Ms. Christian: So when we are talking between this year's charge and next year's charge; is that what you're asking for or the difference between the bids?

Mayor Flaute: The difference between the bids.

Ms. Moore: The change that came about in August; there was an increase in taxes and I believe there is another one coming. Let me get my sheets here because I looked this over; the information I got from Riverside where tells us what we are going to be paying. It seems like it is more money for trash cans if you choose to rent one. There are more things that seem to be unacceptable that are listed here.

Mayor Flaute: Everything is exactly the same as it was with the city of Dayton only the bid was little bit cheaper than what the city bid. We had no qualms with the city of Dayton. They were doing an excellent job. It was just Council's feeling that I was little

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cheaper and so we went with Republic but none of the services have changed. If you don't want to get another trashcan you don't have to.

Ms. Moore: I don't want to pay that much for theirs.

Mayor Flaute: Then don't get it. Keep going exactly like you are doing right now. Nothing has changed.

Mr. Fullenkamp: You can buy one on your own.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: The holidays.

Mayor Flaute: The holiday scheduled did change.

Ms. Moore: The old company is going to come and pick up their trashcan.

Mayor Flaute: They're going to come and pick up their recyclables.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Both. And their rentals.

Mayor Flaute: If you rented a trash can from them they will pick up the old one but no way do you have to rent any trash cans. Just call them and tell them what size recyclable can you want. There is no charge for that either. So nothing has changed except it is going to be a little lower priced than what the city of Dayton was.

Mr. Denning: Ma'am the price was going to go up either way. The price whether Dayton kept it or whether Republic; we put it out for public bid and there were four companies that bid and Republic was the one that bid the lowest cost. And that's what we are trying to do was get the lowest cost for the residents. The total lowest cost was Republic.

Ms. Moore: I don't know. It just seems; I look at these charges I look back at my checkbook and they are less than what is here and what is coming.

Mr. Denning: And I understand that. Previous to next year Dayton did have lower costs but according to the bids that we got from them their prices were going to be higher than what Republic's were.

Ms. Moore: So all of this information came out about these changes and there is not a thing in here that says, due to the increase with the previous company we are changing.

Mr. Denning: You're right there is nothing in there that says the contract was up and we had to put it out for public bid. That may be the confusion factor that folks don't understand.

Ms. Moore: And we got some nice paper here; I'm sure this is expensive to have printed up. There is a real pertinent piece of information that is missing.

Mr. Denning: But that's what happened. The contract was up with Dayton and we had to put it back out for public bid and when we did Republic won that bid. So that was the best price that we can get the citizens and that was the reason we did it.

Mayor Flaute: And it wasn't much of an increase from last year was it? It was \$.20 or something?

Ms. Moore: Tell me a little bit about it; don't just dump it on me because I'm nosy and I want to know where my money is going.

Mayor Flaute: Actually from what the assistant city manager said there was very little if any increase even from last year's.

Mr. Fullenkamp: It is actually lower.

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Ms. Moore: I don't know. I wonder why my checkbook is higher. Where is that other tax money going?

Mayor Flaute: I don't know but you're going to have to take that up with the county because it sounds like they're messing with you. Thank you Ms. Moore.

Ms. Moore: Thank you for listening to me. It helps some. When I don't understand I go to the source and ask.

Mayor Flaute: Come back any time you don't understand. And if you have any more questions afterwards be sure and see these people. They will call you tomorrow. Thank you very much.

Ms. Moore: Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: The next person is Ms. Mary Barber. Ms. Barber please come forward and talk about your issues.

Ms. Barber: First off, in the past I have not seen a financial cost for my trash collection in my pocket. It was coming out of my taxes and it is my understanding that that money is still coming out of my pocket for trash. Is that correct?

Mayor Flaute: That is not true Ms. Barber. If you see a trash assessment on your property taxes somebody's messing with you so call our city manager or finance director immediately. It will not be on there.

Ms. Barber: I will. That was my big issue. I only have one bag of trash; one small kitchen bag of trash a week; sometimes only every other week. Is it feasible or does each resident have to pay the collection fee; Ms. Barber is in the same situation I am in that we can't combine our trash and share the cost of the trash.

Mayor Flaute: Is it okay if I take this one?

Ms. Barber: I know this sounds really weird.

Mayor Flaute: No Ms. Barber we checked it out about three or four years ago because we were going to have a bag system where you buy your bag. You come down to the city building and buy your bag and do that but still the cost of running the trucks without the bags was \$8.50 or nine dollars and for three dollars more you could put everything out that you wanted. You could put out your bulk items. Everything for three dollars. We thought it wasn't worth forcing you to come down to the city building to buy a bag and put a little strip on it so that's why we didn't do it.

Ms. Barber: I can understand that. So in another words it is going to be billed to each residence. That is fine. I just want to know the ins and outs. It's like now I'm going to go start collecting garbage from everywhere. My other issue that I have and it's not an issue, I want the city Council to know this week I had to call 911. My phone was almost dead and I couldn't hear them. I called twice and they called me back. I was very glad that they had because Tim who resides at my home has all kinds of medical issues and his blood pressure was dropping and it was continuing to drop. I was surprised and I know high blood pressure will cause a stroke but low blood pressure will also cause a stroke. And thank you Chief, Mark your crew did an awesome job. They showed up at my house in just a few minutes and hauled him away. We've spent until this afternoon at about 3:30 at Soin Medical Center and most of that time was in ICU. But these guys did fantastic and I would love to see the city start doing some kind of a program to award or professional firefighters, or professional medical service because I consider ambulance service medical service because they are trained to help in horrible situations. And the same goes for our policeman. And that's all I had to say. And thank you guys. Oh, I have one question Chief Robinson. What is the situation with the young man that was beaten up last April and died recently? What is the situation as far as have you caught any of those people?

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Chief Robinson: I'll only say this that it is an ongoing investigation and we are getting closer hopefully every day but it is a difficult process.

Ms. Barber: Oh I'm sure. But I was curious and I thank you.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Ms. Barber. I appreciate your service to our city and we wish you and Tim the best of health.

Ms. Barber: Thank you all very much.

Mayor Flaute: Any questions from members of Council? If you folks have any questions be sure to leave your number or we have your number on here and the city manager or someone will call you in the morning to answer any questions that you might have.

ITEM 17: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Denning: I want to thank you all for coming. It is nice to have an audience. I want to thank staff and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas too and I've run into a number of our professional folks in various places around the city and I've seen them responding to our residents in a very favorable way. It is very impressive and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas. And I have a newfound love the police officers. My granddaughter, who is 22 years old, just as I'm here and not able to attend because I have a Council meeting and I have already missed one. She has just finished and is becoming a certified policewoman as I speak at 5:30 p.m. today. I'm really, really proud of her. I have a newfound love of police officers. In North Carolina. She has had several job offers because she graduated out of a class of 36 at the top of her class. I am very proud of Courtney.

Mayor Flaute: Congratulations.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Congratulations. Thank you all for being here tonight. Thank you for bringing your concerns. To say we enjoy hearing from the public doesn't do the service to you all that we should be doing. But we do; we love having you come here and asking those questions because then it gets put into a public document and other people in the community can hear about it and read those and get the answers if they may not be able to be here. So thank you all for coming. I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday. Be safe and hopefully. We have a couple days of cold weather but Sunday night they said is going to get better. No white Christmas but you can't have everything. Mr. Miller could you through some salt out on the roads? And staff, thank you all very much. Have a wonderful holiday. We appreciate all that you do. I wanted to share something with Council. I received a card; a very lovely card and it says there is a holiday wish for a season that brings a sleigh full of happy and wonderful things. And there were five words written on this card that I think are very important and this was to all of Council it just happened to come my way, take care of our community. That's what all of you residents think about all the time and we appreciate that. Tim I'm glad she didn't haul you away on trash day. That is good. Mr. Smith I am so sorry I want you to be able to tell all of Council about your mailbox. And Rick you didn't come with a story tonight but we know starting the new year that you will. And I know it looks beautiful again this year Sir. You know your house is beautiful. Thank you very much and all of you thank you. And Council, have a wonderful holiday.

Mr. Smith: Yes I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To the staff and to our residents as well and I do appreciate everything you do in the line of your work. I really appreciate that. Thank you.

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Mr. Fullenkamp: Just happy holidays I hope you all are safe and enjoy it with your family and friends this coming holiday. It is a good time of the year so go out there and have a good time and enjoy and thanks for coming tonight.

Mr. Curp: I'm going to wish for you a special present and I will mention it at the end of my comments. The responses to Ms. Moore and Ms. Barber tonight about trash collection; one of the responses that was made was you don't have to do anything except call those folks and tell them what size recycle trash container you want. I talked about this at the last Council meeting and apparently nothing has changed because it was in the newspaper and Channel 7 television news and that is in the bid specs when the bids were awarded; in our contract with these folks it says everybody shall receive. It didn't say you get one if you call and ask for a recycle toter it says everyone shall receive a free recycle toter from the vendor. The vendor was on my street yesterday and in my neighborhood this week dropping off trash cans for those people who have already called in and want to rent the 96 gallon or 95 gallons or whatever the sizes and I think they had a few recycles on there but I didn't see many recycles on their truck. I know my neighbor across the street went out and commandeered one but they are not dropping off recycled containers. So my wish for you is in addition to all of the other things that you may receive for Christmas is that you get the 64 gallon recycle toter that you were promised and that you don't have to call and do that because it says everybody shall receive. So I'm hoping to get this fixed otherwise there are a lot of people that don't watch Channel 7 news and a lot of people that don't subscribe to the newspaper and didn't see the short article that was in there. A lot of people don't read the newsletter. They know how to reach us; the trash hauler knows how to reach us because I'll bet you on your literature it has got your name and address. It doesn't say resident or occupant it has your name and address. So they knew who we are, they knew where we live, they know what the terms of their contract are. I hope we can get them to provide you all with a nice Christmas present.

Mayor Flaute: Well Mr. Curp I think an easy fix for this is to ask our city manager to call our new trash hauler and say, get one down there and that's what we need to do. So Mr. Manager it is Mr. Curp's request that you call down there and make sure that everyone gets that Christmas gift.

Mr. Chodkowski: We'll make sure that the contractor abides by the terms and conditions of the contract.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Sir.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I read every word of your minutes since I was not at that meeting and you certainly do a fine job in creating the essence of the meeting and I want to thank you. I don't always confess that I read every line but I did since I missed the meeting and I did fully understand what went down.

Mayor Flaute: Okay I just have a couple things here. Coming up on January 7th which is our next meeting we will be having a swearing-in of the Council members who want to participate and myself so that will be at 6:00 p.m. so you're welcome to come on in for that. On January 28th we are going to have an open house here. It is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for residents so come on down. We will have some goodies for you and Mrs. Lommatzsch is planning the event. She does that very well so we will have a very good event there. The swearing-in, we will just have some cake but you are welcome to come for that.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Can we just talk about something? Do you think 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is too late in January if it is bad and dark outside?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. is going to be the businesses. They can still come at 5:00 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I was just thinking at 8:00 p.m. for older residents might not want to be out.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: There aren't going to be any locks on the door.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's what I'm going to suggest to people is to just show up anywhere between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Flaute: Are we having an official ribbon-cutting type of thing?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Yes I was planning to do that at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't like dividing the two groups. Four hours is a long time to occupy staff and everybody so I'm going to suggest that people show up; especially elderly people they don't want to be here after it is dark.

Mayor Flaute: The couple things that I attended on your behalf is a ribbon-cutting at a new restaurant called Al-Mandi. It is at 3937 Linden Ave. We had a ribbon-cutting there and they fed us. It was really good food. It is where the old Puerto Rican restaurant was across from East Town. I highly recommend that you try them out. I went to the breakfast with Santa. Thanks to the Lions and for everyone else who worked so hard on that project. There were a bunch of happy kids there and it was really good to see that. I represented you at the Band of Flight concert that was held last Saturday. I also went to the AFRL super ribbon-cutting ceremony at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. This is the second one they have had this year and they are getting another supercomputer coming in in 2017. These computers are amazing and they do all of DOD (Department of Defense). It is downstairs in this hole and it is protected but it was something to see, it was really something to see. I represented you there. We had a Chamber dinner at Walnut Grove. Again thanks to Mrs. Lommatzsch and everyone else in the Chamber who worked so hard to have that Chamber dinner. This morning I went to the Wright Brothers 112th anniversary. That was today and one of the things that happened besides the normal extraordinary event was that our State Representative Perales read a House Bill that just got passed. I don't know if many of you know it or not but the governor of Connecticut changed history by asking to have a law and having the law passed that the Wright Brothers were not the first ones and that somebody in Connecticut was. So right after that happened, State Representative Perales said that's baloney. Nobody is allowed to change history like that and so he put in the House Bill to get that changed and it just past. He had a copy of that there. We are straightening out history and Representative Perales did a good job with that and we want to keep it here in Dayton. I don't know if you've heard or not Mrs. Lommatzsch but our project for widening State Route 35 was number 43 on the list and they only do the top 30. But the good news is Beaver Creek was 46th. Our project was more favored than what theirs was.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's only been on there since 1999.

Mayor Flaute: No offense to the Beaver Creek folks because they tried hard too and they deserve that project too.

Mr. Denning: After we get ours done.

Mayor Flaute: Ours is \$26 million and theirs is \$87 million so you think that would come into play. I do have some information for Martin Luther King holiday events if anyone wants to attend them. Again it will be taken out of your \$2000 budget but all of the events are here. Please sign up and represent Riverside as best as we can. I assume no one else got that. Also we have here the Montgomery County police court's 2014 annual report. It tells you where to find it online so they are getting with the program also. That's all I have. Merry Christmas you guys. Merry Christmas to staff. Happy New Year to you and thank you all for everything you do and please stay safe out there.

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ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

The meeting ended at 8:46 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council