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ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Flaute called the City of Riverside, Ohio Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Center located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio.

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Dave Browne, Riverside resident and Vietnam Veteran led all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Remembrance of Corporal Derek C. Dixon.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you all very much. Thank you all very much for coming. At this time we would like to have a moment of silence in remembrance of Corporal Derek C. Dixon. At this time I'm going to read Mr. Dixon's bio. Marine Corps Corporal Derek C. Dixon was 20 years old at the time he was killed in Iraq on June 26, 2007. Derek was a resident of Riverside and he joined the US Marine Corps on July 9, 2004 and was trained as an Information Specialist. He had been serving in Iraq since March 25, 2007 and was assigned to the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Exploratory Forces base camp at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Corporal Dixon graduated from the Mound Academy in June 2005 following his transfer from Stebbins High School in February 2004. While living in Riverside, Derek was interested in law enforcement and was active in the Explorers Post 763 as a teen. He made it a point to stay in touch with his advisor, Officer Jeff Wightman of the Riverside Police Department. Derek is buried in the Forest Hill Memorial Gardens and was given full military honors as a war hero receiving the Purple Heart and other combat decorations as a result of this ultimate sacrifice for his country. Tonight we are here to honor Corporal Derek C. Dixon by declaring January 14th of every year as Corporal Derek Dixon day in the City of Riverside which will be honored each and every year. Please have a moment of silence in honor of Marine Corporal Derek Dixon. Thank you very, very much.

ITEM 4: ELECTED OFFICIALS' OATH OF OFFICE AND RECEPTION:

Mayor Flaute: At this time we are going to have a swearing in of our new Council Member and myself. So we are going to start off with Council Member Kenneth Curp to give us some remarks.

Mr. Curp: I'd like to welcome everybody this evening. I've already had my oath of office administered to me. I do this at a family function so that my family can be around at the time I am taking the oath. So I apologize, so I'm not going to put you through a second oath this evening. But this is something I have been doing over the years. This is the beginning of my 33 year of elected service in this community. That is quite an accomplishment, to be supported by your fellow citizens for 33 years. I think the success is contributed to the fact that I tried to remain citizen focused and service-oriented because that's what we're here for; to provide a service to you. So I think if citizens take a look at my performance over the years they would appreciate the efforts that I put in to try and perform in a way that is supportive of their needs and wants and the direction that they would like to see the community going. And they have rewarded me by returning me to office. So I look forward to another term of working with you and working for you together to make this community even better going forward. Thank you for coming this evening.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Curp. At this time I will turn the ceremony over to Mr. Stephen Fullenkamp.

Mr. Fullenkamp was administered his oath of office by Ms. Dalma Grandjean, Law Director of the City of Riverside.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Thank you everybody for coming out tonight. This is my second full term and I really appreciate all the work that people have done to help me get elected. I had a small crew out there that helped pass literature out and spoke well of me. I

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appreciate the support of all of the community and I look forward to the next four years. The first four years were I think pretty productive but I have some goals that I have set for myself and for the city that I'm going to try and accomplish. I think we can all do better whether we are councilmembers, residents or staff in terms of providing service to our community. So I have been a little bit disruptive the first four years in terms of how I've done some things but I believe you have to get people's attention sometimes. There are a lot of things we need to improve how we do business in the city and believe me the first four years have not mellowed me. I'm going to be as aggressive and as forthcoming as I have been in the past to work with staff and work with community to make sure that we become better as a city. My philosophy is we all need to get a little bit better each day whether that is a resident, whether that is me, whether that is Council or that is staff. We all need to learn something and hopefully become better in terms of providing services to all the residents because that is our job; to provide the best services possible to our residents. So staff, you ain't seen nothing yet. We are going to be discussing things; I have some ideas and we are going to continue to move forward and make some positive changes that will improve our city. So thank you very much. I appreciate everybody coming out tonight.

Mayor Flaute: Again welcome to everyone. Thank you all very, very much for coming. We do have a little problem here, my Pastor, Father Dave was supposed to be here to swear me in and I don't see him so I am a little concerned but I am sure he is okay. There is another pastor though in the audience who has become a very great friend of mine. He has been almost like a pastor in so many ways and I was wondering, could I ask Pastor Dan to come up and swear me in?

Pastor Dan: Sure.

Mayor Flaute: This is Pastor Dan and he is a pastor of Calvary Open Bible, which is on Valley Street. He is also the leader of Hope for Riverside, which I am going to talk a little bit about in a few minutes.

Mayor Flaute was administered the oath of office by Pastor Dan Powell of the Calvary Open Bible Church.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Pastor Dan, thank you very much. And again thank you all very, very much for coming and I will just try to stay brief here with a few words. I usually start things off with a quote so I'm going to do that again tonight. This is a quote by Wilbur Wright. Wilbur said that if I were giving a young man advice on how to succeed in life I would say to him pick out a good father and mother and begin life in Ohio. So I think that's a great quote and I just have a few things to add to that. For myself I have been blessed to have a very good father and mother and they were really helpful throughout my life. But there are three things that I would add to this statement. One is to become a resident of Riverside Ohio not just Ohio. Secondly, pick a good spouse because I know I've done that. And thirdly, have a strong faith community. That makes so much difference and I couldn't have done; I know I couldn't have been successful at what I was doing including serving our great city without these things in my life. It has been an honor to be your Mayor for the last 5+ years but there are a couple people I really need to thank here for helping to get me here today. Number one and for most, the voters of our cities; the great voters of our city have been so important and so much a part of this. And to everyone who put a sign in your yards, thank you so much. You just don't know how important that is and your support was vital for my success. For everyone who walked with me and passed out literature including my family and grandkids. You know I was talking to a friend of mine and he said his father ran for office and he gave them a penny for every literature he passed out; I didn't do that so for all those folks who walked I apologize. I see Becky Jackson here who was one on the walk and Melissa and there are a couple others but thank you so much for walking for me for free. Father Dave, thanks for coming in. Pastor Dan has already sworn me in. But we are ready for you to say some

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remarks. As soon as I finish Father will have that. But I do want to thank you very, very much for all of your words of wisdom every week and your friendship it has been very, very important to me. Thanks to our wonderful staff, all of you guys, thank you. Thank you for taking my emails; the law director, thank you for taking all the terrible emails I sent sometimes but we do have to get it done as you heard the other folks say. And thanks to Council, thank you guys. There have been some tough times when we all have to work together and we have been working together and I appreciate that very, very much. And lastly I thank you Jane for all of your love and support in all things' when things get a little crazy and the hours that I spend away from home, I appreciate it. So we are looking forward to what lies ahead. The budget is a big concern; a huge concern for all of us; for the residents and the businesses but we must serve you at the highest degree possible. We have a strong Chamber that is going to help and continue to work. Lynn Domescik and all of the group works hard. We have our churches, Hope for Riverside; you heard me mention that. It is a bunch of churches, we have at least 20 some churches now that are in Riverside and are working together to get stuff done. And we're getting stuff done. It's a very important part of what is going on here. Our seniors led by Mary Kay and I know she's out here. She works hard to keep our seniors in line. Our historical society; Judy thank you for doing all the work that you do. It is these kinds of things that glue our city together and make our city work. And we also need to continue to take Riverside outside of its boundaries. I am one who believes very strongly that we need to do that. This year I will be stepping up as a Vice Mayor of the Ohio Mayors Association and if all goes well next year I will be the president. The good Lord and Jane know that I don't need anything else on my plate but it is important; it is important that we take Riverside outside the boundaries and make sure everyone knows what a great City we are. I want to talk a little bit about these buildings that we are in; 5100 and 5200. They were for sale I am told in 2008 for \$11.8 million. The city of Riverside bought them a couple of years ago for \$2.5 million. When fully occupied we could make somewhere around \$800,000 on these buildings. We are about 70% occupied right now so we have a little ways to go yet but these buildings can help our general fund. It is not grants or our general fund because we've got some real things to deal with but it will be helpful. Thanks to Bob Murray and all the staff for all of the work that you've done to keep these buildings and get these buildings going. And the space, Mr. Taylor has been working hard to get the space; the space isn't quite done yet as you can see we don't have pictures on the wall yet; we don't have city of Riverside yet but that will be happening before the grand opening which is January 28th. For the community it will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. so come back and see the whole space and all of the offices and those type of things on January 28.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: We have lots of lighted parking too.

Mayor Flaute: You know, the Council chambers, I am so grateful to have this office space. I mean over at the old building I had the end of the desk, had to borrow a chair from another person's office so that I could do business and now I have a real desk and chair of my own. I don't need much, I'm excited. We have a room now where we can go to meet people. Prior to being over here we had to meet people around card tables in the Council chambers; I mean how impressive was that? But now we have a room, we have a real table and a place we can meet people when they come to do business with our city. It is just important to give our staff and our police and our fire; our police and our fire have been stuck in that one little corner of the building; the police and the fire and that one other little building. The firefighters had to bunk together; the males and females had to bunk in the same room because they didn't have room. There is one shower over there so you know we had to give them room. We had to give them more room. So that is one of the big reasons that we moved over here and we are pleased that is going to be that way. Anyways please hang around and I'm going to ask Father Dave to give a little bit of his words of wisdom. We will start our meeting at 7:00 p.m. and if you haven't been to a meeting for a while you are

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welcome to stick around. Our work sessions, they are normally on the first and third Thursday every month and start at 6:00 p.m. They can be very lively. I had a State Senator come in here one time and she couldn't believe how lively our work sessions were. So a lot of times our regular meetings are just yea and nays but our work session; there is where you find out what these folks are doing up here. You will find out what they are thinking because we are talking and we are getting business done. So that starts at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursday. At this point I'm going to turn it over to Father Dave Brinkmoeller. And my final remarks are, God bless each and every one of you. Thank you so much for what you do and may God continue to bless our beloved city.

Father Dave: It's pretty nice here. Mayor asked Mrs. Lommatzsch what time the event is and I should have been asking Mrs. Lommatzsch because I had on my calendar 6:30 for some dumb reason. Sorry to be missing the boat but so it goes. I've been in Riverside for almost 12 years now. I moved from Kettering to Riverside and I recently decided I will be retiring in July. And so I'm going to be leaving and so it occurs to me if I have two minutes to say something, what I want to say is thanks. What I came to Riverside 12 years ago, I had to say I had the impression that they were some things that were at sixes and sevens and maybe the trauma of taking over some of what was going on here; maybe all of the turmoil of the administration, but it seems to me; maybe you agree; maybe not but it seems to me Riverside is growing up. And to whatever extent that is true I think it is the fruit of a lot of work and a lot of dialogue and different points of view to make things happen and thank you for that. Council Members, I know you have different opinions all the time. This country is in a situation where people are yelling at each other and if you can talk to each other and listen to each other and work together and make a difference for our city, and I thank you for that. I want to say Mr. Chodkowski; it seems to me that you and your administration operate with a kind of a calm purposeful manner. I can't say I have lots of dealings with you all but this is my experience and I am very grateful for that. There can be a lot of pressures pushing people one way and another and people are just trying to do the right thing. Not always are people in public service just trying to do the simple, right thing; it makes a lot of difference. So I think that is happening. Thank you. And the police and fire people, I've had very positive experiences with your staff and your people. This past weekend the EMS was at our church twice within 20 minutes. We don't really beat up people that frequently. These good people came in and took care of sick people in a very effective way. A few years ago we had a difficult experience with one event and I think we have grown a long ways past that; I hope we have and it takes a lot of smarts to lead your kind of work well. I for one suspect many people in the city are grateful. In my tradition; the Catholic tradition we try to reflect on public service. The core word for us; I don't think this is any crushing insight, but the core word in our philosophy about public service is the common good and I just invite that to be on a flag for anybody who is so inclined. But our business is to work together for the sake of the common good. It is a pretty tough thing in current realities because there are special interests at every turn and you can't get elected without special interests. And special interests sometimes want special things and it is sometimes contrary to the common good. Common good, I think those two words are very, very helpful. In national politics almost all candidates can't even become candidates unless they sign off on rather rigid party dogma and then they start banging at each other rather than working together. I don't know what the dynamics are here whether you are working together but I hope and pray that you are. Am I allowed to say prayer?

Mayor Flaute: Yes Father you have the microphone.

Father Dave: Is that a legitimate thing? I don't want to cross my boundaries.

Mayor Flaute: Is that okay? Council said yes.

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Father Dave: If you are willing, please together let us pray. Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude, the Mayor of the city, its Council members, city administration and all public servants of Riverside. In a particular way oh God, assist and protect our police, our fire department, especially in moments of danger. May the service of all of these police people be eminently useful for the citizens of our community. May their service encourage great respect for high values of living even when they be tempted toward cynicism or disillusionment or a sense of futility. May they initiate and execute laws with justice and mercy. May they and all citizens restrain crime and hate and all violations of the dignity of persons. May they all lead this city fairly and wisely and may they receive gratitude at least once in a while from the citizens of the city. Confident in the love of God and in the fruitfulness of moral living we pray. Amen. You do me great honor by giving me a couple of minutes. Thank you very much. Congratulations to you. Bless us all.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Father, thank you very much. Alright, at this time we are going to have a little reception. There is cake and coffee and water. Please stay around and enjoy; I forgot to invite Jane up for the swearing-in. Okay well everyone enjoy yourselves. We will start our regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Council took a recess at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened for the business meeting at 7:06 p.m.

ITEM 5: 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 6: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: All Council Members were present.

ITEM 7: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve the revised agenda as submitted to include Resolution No. 15-R-2128. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion Passed.**

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved in Item 7.

ITEM 9: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the December 17, 2015 regular Council Meeting.

ITEM 10: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting as submitted. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion Passed.**

ITEM 11: ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME FOR MEETINGS:

Mayor Flaute: What we have been doing is meeting on the first and third Thursday. 6:00 p.m. would be our work session and 7:00 p.m. our regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to continue having the meetings at the same date and time as previously held. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

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ITEM 12: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Mayor Flaute: The next thing is the election of the Deputy Mayor so at this time we will take any nominations for Deputy Mayor and then we will vote on them independently. So at this point are there any nominations for Deputy Mayor?

Mr. Smith made a motion to nominate Council Member Mike Denning. Mayor Flaute seconded the motion.

Mr. Fullenkamp made a motion to nominate Council Member Mike Smith. Deputy Mayor Reynolds seconded the motion.

With no further discussion a roll call vote was taken for the nomination of Mr. Denning for Deputy Mayor. Mr. Smith, abstain; Mayor Flaute, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, abstain; Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes and Deputy Mayor Reynolds, no. The vote was 4, yes; 1, no; 2 abstain.

With no further discussion a roll call vote was taken for the nomination of Mr. Smith for Deputy Mayor. Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Deputy Mayor Reynolds, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Lommatzsch, no; Mr. Smith, yes and Mayor Flaute, no. The vote was 5, yes; 2, no.

Mr. Smith was elected Deputy Mayor.

ITEM 13: ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS: There were no petitions.

ITEM 14: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a) FYI

i) Council Request Sheets

ii) Council Agenda Calendar

iii) City Manager's Project and Activities Report

iv) Memo from Assistant City Manager Christian Regarding Recommendations for Professional Engineering Contract Services.

v) Memo from Mitch Miller, Service Department Director Regarding Recommendations for Professional Engineering Services.

b) Monthly Verbal Updates

Mr. Chodkowski: You have the project and activities report included in your packet as well as several other pieces of information. I would like to touch base on a couple of items that I think are of more paramount importance or more timely than some of the other information that may be found in the project and activities report. First, I had informed Council previously based on discussion related to the adoption of the 2016 budget that I had been in communication with Tim Reardon, former Dayton city manager and former budget director and finance director for the city of Cincinnati. I did have a more detailed conversation with Mr. Reardon yesterday. He is interested in providing some assistance and guidance to Council. I did send him some information today for him to review and evaluate so he has a better understanding of exactly what it is he might be able to do for the city and what options he might be able to provide as far as guidance to Council. So once I hear back from Mr. Reardon I will inform you of that. I am happy to report that yesterday we did receive an email from Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission; our East Springfield application has been recommended for funding in 2021. Our East Airway application was not recommended for funding in 2021. The Ohio Public Works Commission confirmed our receipt of \$200,000 for Spaulding Road. We will be undertaking that work in 2017 as our grant funds will not be available until after July of this year. So that is because

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the construction season is a little short. I did want to bring those two pieces of good news to your attention. Speaking of building roads, that requires engineering service. As Council is aware, we did release an RFP (Request for Proposals) for general engineering services as our contract with LJB for those services has recently expired. We did receive seven responses. There was a memo in the packet that of the seven firms, staff is recommending further evaluation of Choice One Engineering out of Sydney and Barge, Waggoner which has a local office here but is throughout the United States. If it is the will of Council, the evaluation committee, which consisted of myself, Mr. Miller and Mr. Taylor, can perform further interviews and evaluations of those firms or we will be more than happy to ask the principles who would be our point of contact under those contracts to come in and interview with Council. Whatever your pleasure might be on that; so I do need a little direction with regards to how you would like for us to proceed in that matter. But we are willing to move forward in whatever way you feel is most appropriate.

Mayor Flaute: I just have one question before. You said Airway Road, it was funded for 2020 I thought.

Mr. Chodkowski: West. So from Woodman west to Smithville has been funded and will be repaired in 2020. Airway east was not approved and had it been approved, that would've been done in 2021.

Mayor Flaute: I understand. Thank you.

Mr. Denning: So we will resubmit Airway east for 2022?

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes Sir.

Ms. Reynolds: What is the timeframe to resubmit that Sir?

Mr. Chodkowski: Applications for MAP 21 are typically due in October or September I believe and then they are evaluated over November, December and January.

Ms. Reynolds: On Spaulding Road you said we received \$200,000. The total project is what Sir?

Mr. Chodkowski: I think it is \$250,000 and there is not a significant contribution required from the city on that. I would have to look at the engineer's estimate to be specific but the total cost of the project does not exceed \$300,000.

Mrs. Reynolds: And do you remember the timeframe for completion?

Mr. Chodkowski: The project is not incredibly extensive so I would assume from the time that a contract was awarded to the time that the project would be complete would be less than 120 days. The issue is with us not having access to those funds until July we can't release bids or any of those formalities. So such a small project late in the construction season would not produce favorable construction prices which is why we would bid it in the late winter/early spring of 2017 for construction in the spring of 2017.

Mrs. Reynolds: So you are thinking construction late winter?

Mr. Chodkowski: We would do construction in early spring of 2017.

Mayor Flaute: Okay so we're going to keep the holes patched until then? That road is really bad so Mr. Miller you're really going to have to keep up on that one because it is falling apart on us.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Mr. City Manager, would you share with us in a memo what instructions or conversations you've had with Mr. Reardon in terms of what you are specifying?

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Mr. Chodkowski: Yeah I would be more than happy to put that into a more formal communication to Council if you would like but effectively the conversation was based along the lines of the fact that we are now in what appears to be a consistent deficit spending position based on the revenues that we have available to us and the necessary operational expenses we will need to incur. And so I had told him from the staff perspective and I told him I can't speak for Council and I would ask you to talk to Council before anything is formally engaged but at least from staff's perspective we would look for him to help put together a comprehensive presentation to Council on the best way to provide guidance, to present fiscal policy that would enable staff to adequately fund long-term, not just operations but capital purchases and infrastructure and a plan that we could continually base revenue growth recommendations on in the future. And I did emphasize to him that that was from staff's perspective but he did need to come in and talk with Council before.

Mr. Fullenkamp: And there will be a conversation. On the other topic, selecting an engineer consultant for the city, could you share the criteria that you have used to whittle this down to two candidates? And you don't need to do that now. You can do that in a memo where you and staff can sit down; I'm sure you had some process.

Mr. Chodkowski: I can tell you that; I don't necessarily know if each of us would be able to quantify it in a memorandum. There were several items; there were 12 points that we asked to be included in each RFP. No firm submitted all 12 elements; met all 12 of the technical elements of the RFP. Most of them were related to formal documentation of insurance. All of them acknowledged that they had insurance coverage that would be sufficient but we called out specific amounts in the bid to be provided in response to the bid. So they all indicated they had surety in that way but they do not provide it in the format that we had initially requested. The other big issue was company financials. So we had asked him to qualify in a particular way their financial solvency and their ability of their company. They all did provide some measure or documentation to demonstrate the financial solvency of the company and stability of their company but not all of them provided it in the manner that we had requested. So like I said there were 12 items that we used. Mr. Miller was one of the evaluators; I know his approach based on our conversations was much more technical about the information that they had included, so services they provide, the type of equipment that they provide. Mr. Taylor was the other evaluator in our discussion, a lot of his decision-making was not only based on the information that was presented but how well the engineer was able to present their service and their firm in what I will call English. Engineers being very technical people, some of the proposals were much easier to read than others. I myself did a combination of both, also having a relationship with other city managers; all of these firms working in the area and so I did have some conversations with those folks about the firms that they work with and many of these firms work for the same jurisdictions; some in specific projects and some in specific areas like wastewater than another firm would work. So that is where we all came from in our approach as to why we selected the firms that we had selected or ranked I should say resulting in Choice One and Barge, Waggoner.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So was the intent to narrow it down to two or was the intent to narrow it down to those that met all of the specifications of the process?

Mr. Chodkowski: I think our intent was to narrow it down to the firms regardless of whether or not that came to be one or whether or whether or not that included all seven that we felt would most effectively serve the city. And so through the result of our discussions and kind of the pros and cons checklist we came to these two. So for instance there is a firm CMT and they have a very nice reputation but they are just starting up in Ohio so their largest body of references were from Illinois and Indiana and while they did have a limited clientele in Ohio it was spread throughout the state and they only have a very small office and that office is located in Columbus. So myself personally, I did not rank them very high in the selection process because one

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of the issues we had with LJB was availability and response time. So we kind of looked at different ways to pro and con these firms and that is what resulted in the short list that we gave you. We all agreed that Choice One was our top firm and we all had different number two firms and number three firms but Barge, Waggoner was the other firm that appeared in all of our top four.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Thank you very much.

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes Sir.

Mayor Flaute: What is Council's pleasure on this? Do we want to have maybe a small summary of each one of the firms so that we can look at it and then we choose the top three that we want to talk to? Or do we just go with the recommendations of the staff? Does anybody have any comments?

Mr. Denning: Our staff is our professionals and I think; I wouldn't mind seeing the information about their top three choices so that we understand a little better about what we are getting into but to me the recommendation is more important because they have to work with them on a regular basis and they are more technical.

Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, do we look at minority owned and what are those criteria that you will base your decision on?

Mr. Chodkowski: We did not look at any firm in its capacity as to whether or not it is a minority owned firm but what we did as part of the RFP specification require that each firm that responded did acknowledge that they were an equal opportunity employer.

Mr. Smith: I agree with Mr. Denning that staff is our liaison when it comes to you going through this process. I would be interested in seeing the top two.

Mayor Flaute: Any comments? So I guess we need a motion.

Mr. Chodkowski: What we can do based on Council Member comments and if it is your desire we do have both hardcopies and electronic copies of all of the proposals and we can provide for those of you that wanted it. We would be more than happy to provide you the copy of the Barge, Waggoner and Choice One in whichever format that you would like. We as the committee can meet with each representative and kind of have a conversation with them and come back to you and tell you which specific firm we would recommend and interview with our top candidate and be introduced before a formal arrangement is approved we can do that based on; at least I think that is the direction that I am inferring.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Yes I think giving us those two would be sufficient and I don't think we need a motion or anything. I think we can just move ahead.

Mr. Curp: I think maybe a copy of the RFQ.

Mr. Chodkowski: Sure.

Mayor Flaute: If everyone is okay you have your direction and please move forward on that.

Mr. Chodkowski: Real quickly would everybody like that in the electronic format.

Mr. Denning: I prefer electronic.

Mayor Flaute: I would like to have electronic

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Paper.

Mayor Flaute: Anything else Mr. Manager?

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Mr. Chodkowski: Unless there are further questions or comments from Council regarding the manager's report I am ready to yield the floor.

Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager will you please send us; to Council, I think all of us will need to have it, but you said you sent information to Mr. Reardon. Would you send us that information that you had submitted to him so we will know what the discussion has been between you two.

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes Ma'am.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I missed the meeting where you all decided this in December and I'm sorry I wasn't here but I would like some clarification of what it is we expect from this person. I did read all of the minutes and I read the whole thing but what are we expecting from whomever is hired. What are we expecting them to tell us? What is it that we are looking for? If somebody could clear my brain about; he can send me information that he gave to Mr. Reardon and I know him and respect him but I am just interested in knowing what the intent of Council was to hire somebody.

Mayor Flaute: Okay I'm just going to give you my perspective and I don't know if this is speaking for all of Council but we have done strategic planning in the past and I am looking at this as a financial type of strategic plan because the last couple strategic plans have been kind of repetitive so I am looking at kind of a financial strategic plan.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: We haven't had a strategic plan in how many years?

Mayor Flaute: I know this is a financial one.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: They do not marry themselves.

Mayor Flaute: They haven't in the past.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I mean finances versus what you want to do you. To me those things have to work together.

Mayor Flaute: I want this; personally again this is just me I just want it to be more financially driven rather than what is our greatest best project and what is our best thing that we want to do with the city. It would be financial.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'm just very unclear as to what we are going to pay him to do.

Mrs. Reynolds: My hope Mrs. Lommatzsch is that a clearer eye can give us a better perspective of where we are at, how we got here and what we need to do. And I think those are the answers that I am looking for financially. That is all we're talking about right now is financial. I will be the first to say that the finances are probably the most important thing that we need to handle right now and get a handle on it and be able to set a path and of course we need to look at how we are going to deal with this deficit spending as the city manager indicated, what we need to do to deal with the deficit spending and what we are going to do to increase our revenues. And that is what I'm hoping that a financial overhaul; a financial review; a financial strategic plan can help us. Because I will be the first to say that I don't know at this point where to go. That's just me.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Well we have known for couple of years what 2016 and 2017 were going to look like. That's not new.

Mayor Flaute: But now we need to deal with it. We need to deal with it.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I don't know how you deal with it if you don't have a plan of where you're going to go.

Mayor Flaute: And that's what I think we are going to try and do is get a financial strategic plan in place.

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Mrs. Reynolds: I think if you have something to offer, please. I am at my wits end.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I just wanted to clarify what Mr. Reardon's expertise has to offer.

Mrs. Reynolds: And I don't know that his expertise is what we need. I don't know that that is where we need to be. I don't know that much about the gentleman, I know some of his background.

Mayor Flaute: He pulled Dayton out of a very horrible situation.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I think it is pretty clear what our priorities are. We have a ton of road work to do so I think the financial aspect of it; we've already set a course in terms of what our priorities are for the city whether we have a strategic plan or not. We've already set a course of long-term planning for major thoroughfares and I think over the next year or two we are going to do the same thing for residential streets. Now we have to figure out how to pay for this. That is what I'm after. We have to figure out how we are going to raise the revenue. Part of it is through the major thoroughfare plan through grants; we are covering a large percentage of the cost of these major thoroughfare improvements with state and federal grants which we have never done as a city and now we are.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's not necessarily true that we've never done it.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I have no history of it before and the time that I have been on Council and watching from outside, we have been paying for the majority of our street improvement costs. We are probably not going to get that for our residential streets. I think we have set a course in a lot of respects in terms of where we are going to go as a city.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'm not questioning that all I'm saying is that I don't know how an outside person; who the outside person would be.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Well I don't know either.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I don't get it. I will remain mystified I guess.

Mayor Flaute: Any other comments or questions for the city manager? Seeing none I will turn it over to you Mr. Manager.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Sir. At this time I will yield the floor to Mr. Garrett for his monthly update from the finance department.

i) Finance Department

Mr. Garrett: Just over a week ago we had our end of year last appropriation for the year so I have posted that appropriation and then prepared and submitted to the county the revised certificate of available resources to match those appropriations. And now we are into our busy season. And of course we had to close out our blanket purchase orders that we have been using through the course of the year; issue some purchase orders for the month of December and now we are into January so we are starting the process of reissuing our purchase orders for our ongoing business in accordance with the approved budget for 2016. So we are in our busy season doing all of those kind of things. I would just remind you that income tax brought in, net of the administration fees from RITA about \$5.1 million during the course of the year. The reduced tax credit brought in about \$823,000 as we calculated.

Mrs. Reynolds: Could you repeat those numbers again Sir.

Mr. Garrett: The income tax brought in about \$5.17 million net of the administrative fees for RITA. The reduced tax credit for the amount of income tax received because of the partial tax credit for working in another city brought in about \$823,000.

Mrs. Reynolds: I misunderstood the amounts. Thank you.

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Mr. Garrett: So then that leaves us with; we have all funds unencumbered balances at the end of the year of about 9 ½ million dollars but of course we have some significant encumbrances still like we haven't paid for the new fire trucks that are on order yet and the snowplows, we haven't finished paying for those yet either. A couple of those trucks have just now arrived. In terms of revenue, the general fund after subtracting out any loans that we got and advances and transfers back to the general fund brought in about \$5 million. I guess those are just some of where we might stand. I am still tuning up the exact things and I haven't yet quite close out the year because I want to be sure it is right because I don't get another chance after I close this month of December but that will be in the next few days.

Mayor Flaute: We are breaking about even? We are not in the black or the red too much on 2015? We did about what we thought we are going to do budget wise?

Mr. Garrett: I don't have a firm handle on that but I think we came in better than we projected at the beginning of the year.

Mayor Flaute: That's good. Thank you.

Mr. Fullenkamp: RITA has been poking people that haven't been filing. Do we know the rationale that they are using; who they are asking for updates of information from because it seems to be pretty communitywide that they are trying to go back and get; you don't know because you are retired or military or why haven't you filed. Can you give me any guidance on what is going on?

Mr. Garrett: Well the majority of that came because every fall after the state of Ohio gets done processing tax returns they share the names and addresses of people who filed an Ohio return and then RITA gets a copy of that listing. And then RITA screens that against RITA's database of known taxpayers in Riverside. So anybody who used a Riverside address on an Ohio return and then RITA looks to see if there is a corresponding city return. Some of those people might of been retired, some people neglected to inform RITA that they were retired so that they could get their account marked. But for the most part they would've filed an Ohio return and then for one reason or another RITA did not get the corresponding city tax return so they are sending out letters to ask for an explanation of how come not or a reminder to file those tax returns.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay. The second part again has to do with RITA. I got a letter this week that there was some security breach at RITA regarding Social Security numbers. Has staff received a letter?

Mr. Garrett: Yes we got an email advising us of that fact. One of their computer backup tapes somehow got lost so they were evaluating and they are pretty confident that that data disc was disposed but not logged correctly in their records. But to be ultraconservative they are sending letters out to thousands of tax payers offering them credit monitoring and identity theft protection for some period of time.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Does that impact the cost of RITA's services to us at all?

Mr. Garrett: I don't know specifically if they are going to allocate that to us but it would be a cost of business for RITA so I would imagine we would share in the cost of that.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay thank you.

Mayor Flaute: Any more questions for the finance director? Seeing none thank you Mr. Garrett. Back to you Mr. Manager.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Sir, at this time I yield the floor to Mr. Murray for his monthly update on economic development activities.

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Mr. Murray: Thank you Mr. Manager. I will highlight the bold items for you to make this as quick as possible. We have been talking for several months about the car wash on Linden and at that point there was a Chinese restaurant involved and as you know Dunkin' Donuts was looking at that as well as a few others and the Chinese restaurant has fallen through I am sorry to say but there are some good leads on some other projects there and we hope something else will come in there soon. U-Haul is still working on their project at Linden Plaza. I've gotten nothing but compliments so far about how that has looked and about how it has been cleaned up although I know that they still have a ways to go for us, that it is a good start. Something that you may find interesting is as you know Smiley's just sold a little while ago. Right now it is listed again for \$40,000 an acre. I think the current owner purchased that for \$12,000 or \$13,000 an acre and now he has it on the market for \$40,000. They have gotten several inquiries about multi family projects. So nothing commercial but multi family which I think is exactly what we would like to see in there. A high point of the holidays was a meeting with Radiance Technologies and in that meeting I found they are very much ahead of schedule in their hiring. Again Radiance is expected when it is all said and done to bring in 300 jobs into the community. These are jobs at \$93,000 apiece. They are hiring them faster than we can allocate the space. And so next week I will bringing you up to date on the new plans for Radiance in which they need expanded space in Wright Point. On down the line there General Dynamics, we are waiting for them to get the renewal done. SPGlobal, we are looking through estimates there. That will be a nice project also occupying the fifth floor of Wright Point. Tenant 3, as you know I brought it in there as a one year lease and now they want to go to three which is exactly what I had planned when I presented them with the projects. So it looks like that could be extended out to a full three year term. Eccrine is the other one and we are finalizing the paperwork there. Other good news is that three of our tenants are looking to expand in a significant way. So again, occupying more space in Wright Point there. You have a list of the maintenance that we accomplished this year. The water tank was put in at the very last minute last year and next Council meeting I will have a new list for 2016; the maintenance items that we need to address in these buildings. I included again the new website for the property information map that you can put on your cell phone. I use this all the time. It is a heck of the tool and again it gives you every property owner in Riverside on your telephone. I have talked for several months now about the DMAP grant and we were awarded the \$28,000 grant to be used primarily for marketing these two buildings. Because we got the first one we are eligible for the second round of the DMAP grant which will be \$100,000. Discussions on that will start January 20. That's all I have. Any questions?

Mr. Fullenkamp: On the second round what would the intent be? The first round is about advertising these buildings; marketing these buildings. What will the focus of the second DMAP grant be?

Mr. Murray: That is going to be more of a regional approach. On the 28th Ohio State is coming down to talk to not only Riverside but also Fairborn, Beavercreek, Greene county and Montgomery county. So they are looking for a regional program to address Wright Patterson Air Force Base and the defense contractors.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Isn't that the original intent of phase 1?

Mr. Murray: It was the original intent of phase 1 but I was the only one to stick it out. So that's why it came to us instead of going to everybody else.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay good.

Mr. Murray: They are looking to broaden the perspective a little bit so it will bring in more people.

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Mayor Flaute: Questions for Mr. Murray? I just have one. The Dunkin' Donuts, you said plans have been submitted; that is on Woodman drive between the Forrester Hall and the doctor's office?

Mr. Murray: That's right.

Mayor Flaute: So plans being submitted, what does that mean exactly? That means they bought the property?

Mr. Murray: I'm not sure. Mr. Taylor's group is evaluating those now. I doubt they bought the property yet.

Mr. Taylor: We received plans but that's not something we look for; whether they own the property or not so I don't know if that has changed ownership but that is something we can look into.

Mayor Flaute: So plans submitted means? They come to you and said what they want to do. And the zoning and everything looks appropriate?

Mr. Taylor: When they are at this point in their permitting process they probably own or have a contract on that property because you have gone through quite a bit of expense to get drawings to us and engineering and whatnot so that you can do your project. I would assume they have a contract or have purchased.

Mayor Flaute: Okay thank you. Any other questions? Thank you Mr. Murray. Back to you Mr. Manager.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Sir at this time I yield the floor to Ms. Christian for her monthly update from administration.

iii) Administration Department

Ms. Christian: Thank you. We are excited that the New Year's brings in new faces here. Brad Brush has started in our public service department this week on Monday. He is the new maintenance worker. And we do expect to welcome a new part-time administrative assistant. Her name is Renee Stacy and she is scheduled to start on January 18. So that will be good news. I am working with Mad River Local Schools on an artwork contest to take care of some of these bare walls. That will be open to the 7th through 12th graders. I am hoping to finalize the contest in the next few weeks. So that is probably not a likelihood that we will have all of this artwork from the schools before the open house however I am working with Mrs. Horn and LNG who is doing some of the other artwork to get some pictures and artwork in here. So yes we will have some covering for the walls for the open house. I have also been speaking with Sinclair Workforce Development and we will be scheduling some city staff training; citywide staff training opportunities on communications and business writing. I am waiting to receive the final proposal from them. But I am excited about that opportunity for some training. Finally, the employees that are celebrating January anniversaries are:

January

Ed Kronenberger	Firefighter	25
Jon Mathy	PT FF	23
Officer Mike Brewer	Police	10
Sgt Adam Colon	Police	10
Officer Mike Sullivan	Police	10
Officer Ryan Cooper	Police	9
Bryan Chodkowski	City Mgr	9
Mitch Miller	Pub. Svc. Dir	9
Officer Matt Jackson	Police	4
Marques Kincaid	PT FF	3

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Nick Temple	Firefighter	3
Chief Frank Robinson	Police	2
Joseph Homan	PT FF	2

Ms. Christian: And that's all I have.

Mayor Flaute: Okay great. Thank you, thank you. Any questions for the Assistant City Manager?

Mrs. Reynolds: I just have one Sir. It's not a question. 430 Elvern Ave., I have two recyclable toters. I know you are sending emails please pick up the bigger one. It is out in the front yard.

Ms. Christian: Sure.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I spoke with the guy; all down my street we have two.

Mayor Flaute: Any other questions or comments? All right, thank you Ms. Christian and that you Mr. Manager.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Sir, at this time I yield the floor to Mr. Taylor for his monthly update from planning and program management.

iv) Planning and Program Management Department

Mr. Taylor: With 5200, we did have CDO, our IT technicians here checking the sound out. Clearly we didn't get the problem figured out but they will be back. I promise we will have the system up and working correctly by the 28th for our open house. You will also notice that we are missing some of our signage. I had hoped to have that in this week. Of course the holidays; we love them but they wreak havoc on schedules and they didn't get all the material delivered so they couldn't construct them. Those will be coming in here on Wednesday of next week and will be installed, which will be the dias artwork behind you folks plus some work out front and a mural. So that will be ready to go for the 28th. If you want to come by Thursday afternoon and take a gander at it, I welcome you to come look at it. It is going to be really great. So in addition to that, for some of our zoning functions; demos, we spoke about those projects starting. We had three properties; 2 homes and a foundation that we removed. Those are complete up to about 95%. We are waiting for some small yard work and finish work before we finalize those projects out. They went really smooth.

Mayor Flaute: What were the addresses?

Mr. Taylor: They were 410 Prince Albert, one on Forest Home and then Obie; the foundation was Obie. We had an open basement which was a real safety hazard. I am glad that is gone now. So that went really smoothly and we are happy for that. I think in the packet we didn't have enforcement numbers. December is usually pretty slow. I just wanted to share four numbers with you from the year. I did a quick search; we did 3092 violations in the city. And that is from April until the end of December. 1204 were grass and weed notices. 745 were vehicular related. And 371 were trash and debris which could have been a host of things from your containers blowing about, commercial containers not screened properly or just trash in your yard. So that is kind of the nutshell. I hope to go more in depth later with you all. And then on the planning side, I spoke last month or November about some developers looking at some housing projects. We talked about workforce housing. Miller-Valentine called back and we have talked about senior housing now in the 2300 block of Harshman Road. So hopefully something will happen there. They are looking at doing some federal housing grants to make that happen. So you will hear more about that in the near future from me. I think it is going to be really exciting up there. The Planning Commission meeting has been changed; it would normally be on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and we have changed it to the 16th. We will hopefully be finalizing the UDO

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and voting on those. And those will hopefully be for your attention coming soon. That is all I have.

Mayor Flaute: Okay Mr. Taylor. Any questions or comments?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: About the phone music system.

Mr. Taylor: The phone music system is a function we also are not a fan of. With the way the whole system works we have the two systems. The original system is still functioning at some capacity over at the safety/services building and then we have the new system here; the VOIP system. I think, talking to CDO, the issue with the music; what is happening for those who don't know, when you call it doesn't ring it goes to music and it doesn't identify us as the city of Riverside. What needs to happen is we need to install our automated answering system so that when you call it immediately picks up and says, thank you for calling the city of Riverside, and goes through that spiel and gives you the options to get to a person as soon as possible. We don't have that installed yet because of the issues at the safety/service building. We wanted to get all those folks on the system so that we didn't have to build that tree twice and do the work twice. And so then we ran into this.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: It is awful whatever it is.

Mr. Taylor: Yeah. We are waiting on two more units to be delivered and then our tentative schedule right now is January 18th to have that installed. So that should go away by the 18th. Fingers crossed.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Yes Sir.

Mayor Flaute: Any other questions or comments? Seeing none, thank you Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you.

ITEM 15: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: No one asked to speak.

ITEM 16: NEW BUSINESS

a) RESOLUTIONS

- i) Resolution No. 16-R-2121 – A resolution appointing the City of Riverside's 2016 representatives to the First Suburbs Consortium of Dayton Ohio Council of Governments.**

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Mr. Mayor. This resolution is brought forth to appoint the city's representatives to the First Suburbs Consortium.

Mayor Flaute: I am the primary and Deputy Mayor Smith is the alternate. Is there anyone who would like to be the primary or the alternate for First Tier Suburbs? Seeing none I would like to perform that function again. Mr. Smith would you be willing to perform your function again?

Deputy Mayor Smith: Yes I would. I would be willing to be the alternate.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2121 to appoint Mayor Flaute as the primary representative and Deputy Mayor Smith as the alternate. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

Mrs. Reynolds: Thank you both for doing that. I appreciate that.

- ii) Resolution No. 16-R-2122 – A resolution appointing the City of Riverside's 2016 representatives to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC).**

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Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Mr. Mayor. This resolution is brought forth to appoint the city's representatives to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission currently representing the city from city Council is Mrs. Lommatzsch and the alternate is Mr. Fullenkamp. Regarding the technical advisory committee, staff would recommend Mr. Taylor as the primary and Mr. Miller as the alternate.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Manager. Is there anyone else who would like to perform this function? Seeing none, Mrs. Lommatzsch would you be willing to serve another year?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'd be okay to give it up but I'd be glad to serve.

Mayor Flaute: We appreciate that. Thank you for serving. And the alternate was Mr. Fullenkamp. Are you willing to continue doing that?

Mr. Fullenkamp: It was such a load last year, yeah I can handle it.

Mayor Flaute: Mrs. Lommatzsch did a great job for us last year.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Mr. Smith did cover me.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2122 and to appoint Mrs. Lommatzsch and the primary representative, Mr. Fullenkamp as the alternate and the city's primary representative as Mr. Taylor and alternate, Mr. Miller. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Fullenkamp: Mrs. Lommatzsch if you can't be there you need to call me, okay.

iii) Resolution No. 16-R-2123 - A resolution setting forth the appointment of _____ to the Investment Review Committee of the City of Riverside, Ohio, for the term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Mr. Mayor. This resolution is brought forth to set the appointment of a Council Member to the Investment Review Committee. Currently Deputy Mayor Smith has served in that capacity previously.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Manager. Is there anyone else who would like to serve on the Investment Review Committee?

Mrs. Reynolds: Are you good with that one?

Deputy Mayor Smith: Yes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2123 with Deputy Mayor Smith being the representative. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

iv) Resolution No. 16-R-2124 – A resolution the Council of the City of Riverside, Montgomery County, Ohio approving the City Manager's

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appointment of two members to the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC).

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Mr. Mayor. This resolution is brought forth to appoint the city's representatives for the Tax Incentive Review Council. Currently Mr. Murray and I serve in that capacity.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2124 with Mr. Murray and Mr. Chodkowski as the city's representatives. 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. 16-R-2125 - A resolution appointing the City of Riverside's 2016 representatives to the Montgomery County Regional Radio Council.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Mr. Mayor. This resolution is brought forth to appoint the city's representatives to the Montgomery County Regional Radio Council. The city is currently represented by myself as the primary and Assistant City Manager Christian as the secondary.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2125 and appointing the City Manager Chodkowski as the primary representative and Assistant City Manager Christian as the secondary representative. Mrs. Reynolds seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

vi) Resolution No. 16-R-2126 – A resolution appointing the City of Riverside's 2016 representatives to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund (VFFDF).

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Mayor. This resolution is brought forth to appoint the city's representatives to the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Fund. Recommended currently are myself, Mr. Smith who served in this capacity previously and the dependents are recommending Firefighter Ferguson, Firefighter/Paramedic Wood and Firefighter/Paramedic Haney.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2126 with Mr. Chodkowski, Mr. Smith, Firefighter Ferguson, Firefighter/Paramedic Wood and Firefighter/Paramedic Haney as the city's representatives. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further comments a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

vii) Resolution No. 16-R-2127 – A resolution to rename the dog park located at Community Park to David J. Browne Vietnam Veterans' Dog Park.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Mr. Mayor. This resolution is brought forth pursuant to the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the will of Council to formally name the city's dog park in Community Park the David J. Browne Vietnam Veterans, Dog Park.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2127. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Mr. Denning: If the dog park moves that name will move with it? That was supposed to be part of this.

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes, that was my recollection.

Mr. Denning: I don't see it but we don't necessarily need that in the resolution?

Mr. Chodkowski: No, we don't necessarily need to have that in the resolution. The record will reflect the intent of the name.

Mr. Denning: Alright, thank you. I just want to make sure that it is on the record that that is what we want to make sure happens.

Mayor Flaute: Before we vote I would like Mr. Browne to stand and be recognized. Do you have any comments for the Council?

Mr. Browne: No, I just feel quite honored. (Additional comments by Mr. Browne were not discernible through the recording.)

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Browne. And there is work being done to have a big deal with that.

Mr. Chodkowski: Well the Parks and Recreation Commission has not yet had an opportunity to meet, I will encouragement them will be to try and marry both the formal dedication of the naming as well as; they were talking about an event in the park so perhaps maybe a movie in the park to include some kind of canine themed movie to make a night of the event. That will be my recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission but they don't meet yet for another two weeks.

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

viii) Resolution No. 16-R-2128 - a resolution by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio advancing \$50,000 from the General Fund to the General Assessments Fund.

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Mr. Mayor. This resolution is brought forth pursuant to the request of the finance director to advance \$50,000 from the general fund to the general assessments fund.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2128. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

ITEM 17: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS There were no comments.

ITEM 18: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Yes, I would like to thank the CWA (Communication Workers of America) and the recognition they gave Steve Bockoltz today. It was not a city event

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but it was a CWA event and the family was there and I thought it was; the memorial was awesomely attractive and I hope all of you will stop by the Memorial Park and take a look at the bench. The family was there and was really appreciative. I know it was late notice and I'm sorry those of you who could not attend because it was very moving to see all of the service people there and what it meant to them. Also Monday night is the in crowd events at Donato's Pizza and if you haven't done that one it is a real whizbanger.

Mayor Flaute: They serve more than pizza believe me.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: It is a really nice dinner. You need to make your reservation with Mrs. Domesick by tomorrow, Friday. And then of course is open house on the 28th with more details to come at the next Council meeting. We will have assignments.

Mayor Flaute: Okay. We are looking forward to that. Just for the audience's information, many of you may or may not know that Steve Bockoltz was one of our longtime employees of the service department and in August he was killed in a very tragic accident; a car accident through no fault of his own. He was driving home from work. It was a horrible thing and so our service department has been grieving but today CWA gave the bench and they put it in Memorial Park which is right across the street here and they put the bench there in his honor with his name on it with 24 years of service.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: His parents are residents of Riverside and I guess he grew up here.

Mayor Flaute: So we miss Steve very, very much and as Mrs. Lommatzsch said it was a very moving experience to attend.

Mr. Miller: I just wanted to thank the staff, administration and also Council and Mayor for your support and participation in the ceremony. It was very special. It meant a lot to everybody.

Mayor Flaute. Thank you.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: It is just good to see; the fire department came out to support the guys and it was just really a nice Riverside family event.

Mrs. Reynolds: I think we just need to try get some things on our calendar. We have the open house coming up on the 28. We also have; if we are looking at Mr. Reardon or whoever we need to start looking at some days. We also have the city managers evaluation coming up so we need to look at scheduling some time because I know everyone is very busy.

Mayor Flaute: I was thinking the same thing. I was thinking we need to see what Mr. Reardon's availability is. I would like to do that before we do the city manager's evaluation. That would give us a clear path.

Mr. Denning: I think we can start the evaluation. You may want to hold on the goals but I think we need to get this started. I don't want him to get his goals in June. If it is going to take us a month or two to get Mr. Reardon here then that is going to slow things down even further.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think I need to find out what it is Mr. Reardon thinks he can do for us. Is it a foregone conclusion?

Mayor Flaute: So we don't want to slow down the process.

Mr. Denning: We don't want to slow down the process of the city managers review.

The city manager's review will be held on January 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM at 5200 Springfield St., Suite 100.

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Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm assuming the city manager is going to share some information with us between now and when we start this conversation.

Mrs. Reynolds: Not knowing what he sent him; what the dialogue has been.

Mr. Chodkowski: In short; and I will forward this to you, he was provided the last five years of the budget and the budget notes and then he was provided the cumulative information and the data sets that went into the original projections that we provided as part of the revenue enhancement discussion back in August or September back in 2012. He was provided that information so he could take a look at how that correlated and then based on our discussion provide that and put what he thinks he could be able to bring to the table for Council.

Mayor Flaute: I'm good with that.

Mrs. Reynolds: So we put the 30th of January down tentatively and the 6th of February.

Mayor Flaute: Okay any other Council Member comments?

Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, I forgot to bring this up during your comments. May I speak with Chief Robinson?

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes Ma'am.

Mrs. Reynolds: Chief I'm still waiting on some information from a conversation we had back last month and you said you are waiting until Major Hughes got back into town to handle the situation. I've never received anything. Thank you Sir.

Mayor Flaute: Okay, anything else? Folks I don't really have anything. I've been staying home for the last two weeks. I've been going to meetings at church and it's been great. So all I've done is five weddings so things are getting going again in the very near future.

ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council