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ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Flaute called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

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

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

Mr. Denning arrived at the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to excuse absent members Mr. Curp and Mr. Denning. Mrs. Reynolds seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: The agenda was revised prior to the start of the meeting adding Item 11, Presentations, a Police Sergeant promotion.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to accept the agenda as revised. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

A. Discussion: Finalize City Manager Interview Process

Mr. Percival: I have a couple items I want to get through; the position closes the 10th which is next Tuesday so we need to make some decisions relative to when we want to do the first interviews. I want to talk about the process; does council want to continue with the same process used for the clerk, as in, everybody puts their top 5 together and then we sort through that and see how those things jive with each other. Another question is when council would want to have the first set of interviews for the candidates. I know council talked about using technology for the first interviews via Skype for all candidates and we need to establish a date for that. Finally, I passed out another list of questions that we talked about earlier. I think we should go through those and identify probably 10 of the 17 questions for the first interviews. We can handle those in any order that you like but those are the issues I would like to discuss this evening, as well as anything else council would like to work through relative to that process.

Deputy Mayor Smith: You mentioned picking our top 5; it's quite a pool of candidates and I probably have a few more than 5 good ones. Mr. Percival: That's fine; I didn't know what number you wanted to use. Mrs. Lommatzsch: You can always say 5 to 10; he might have 8, I might have 6, Steve might have 10. Let's say 5 to 10 with no more than that. Deputy Mayor Smith: Some of the candidates are real good and it's tough reading through their stuff; they've accomplished a lot. Mr. Percival: I believe I've gone through every resume that has been submitted so far and there are some very good candidates; I was very impressed with several and I'm pleased with the pool we've gotten. It doesn't make any difference to me how many but I don't think we want to interview any more than 10; I think 10 would be the top end. The other thing is you don't have to list 10. If you don't feel there's 10 people that are qualified, I don't want you to list 10 folks just to check a box off. Mayor Flaute: Going back to my college days, that won't skew the results any by not having everybody have the same number? Mr. Percival: No; in fact my guess is, just from going through the resumes that everybody's top is going to be everybody's top. There are some that simply aren't qualified and I think those are pretty easy to pick out, so I don't think not having the same number would skew any results.

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Mayor Flaute: Can we email those to you. Mr. Percival: It doesn't close until next Tuesday so I think we'll want to wait until then but I think we need to keep the process moving. Mayor Flaute: The clerk said she hasn't gotten any more applications since the last batch she gave us. Mr. Percival: I would guess there will be a few come in this weekend. Some people like to get theirs in right at the beginning and some people like to wait until the end so their resume is fresher in your mind; there's different ways to do it. I would say shortly after next Tuesday if we could get those in, then we can start to build our database. Mayor Flaute: Set Friday as the day everybody has to have it in? Mr. Fullenkamp: I think the following Monday would be better; give us a week to look at them. Mr. Percival: I will be here the following Monday and Tuesday, then I will be gone through the next Monday. If everyone could have them to me Monday morning that would give me a couple days to collate the information and get it back out to council.

Mrs. Reynolds: So May 16th we'll have all choices to the City Manager; is that good for everybody? Mayor Flaute: That would be the following Monday. Mrs. Reynolds: It closes out the 11th, correct? Mr. Percival: It closes Tuesday the 10th. Mayor Flaute: We might still get some on the 11th? Mr. Percival: Maybe one straggler; has the clerk gotten any via the mail. Mrs. Brane: They have all been electronic. Mr. Percival: Right; it's very rare you get any by mail, I think everybody is doing mostly electronic now. So if you have everything to me by the 16th, I will have the collated information back to you on the 17th. When would council like to do the first set of interviews?

Mayor Flaute: So our next meeting is the 19th; could we schedule them for the 26th keeping with our Thursdays? Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's the Volunteer Dinner. Mrs. Reynolds: How about scheduling two nights on the week of the 23rd? Mr. Percival: I won't be back until the 24th but we can have everything set up; I don't need to be here. Mayor Flaute: Mr. Curp is not available on the 23rd and 24th – do you know for sure Mrs. Lommatzsch? Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's his normal schedule; I'm not available on the 23rd but I am on the 24th and 25th. Mayor Flaute: The 25th is the Chamber dinner at Cedarland. Mr. Percival: The 27th is a Friday prior to a holiday weekend and people will do it but they'll be cranky. Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's not going to be popular. I go for the 24th and 25th. Mayor Flaute: Tuesday and Wednesday are about our only choice. Mrs. Reynolds: Fine with me. Mayor Flaute: 6:00 p.m.; and hour per interview? Mr. Percival: I would hope they wouldn't take an hour; if you go an hour your last one will be at 10:00 p.m. Mayor Flaute: We'll only do two per night. Mr. Percival: You're trying to do them all in two nights and if you're having up to 10 people...Mayor Flaute: I don't think we are going to have 10 people; that's a lot of people.

Mr. Percival: We need to look at the questions and pare the list down. If you do 10 questions, each one of those question should be able to be asked and answered in no more than 5 minutes; some questions 3 minutes. I would allow 45 minutes and that gives you a little bit of a break. Mayor Flaute: With the technology, somebody has to be here to make the next call because it won't be me. Does someone else feel comfortable doing that?

Mrs. Reynolds: What about doing these interviews during the day; is it easier that way Ms. Christian and Mr. Percival? Mr. Denning: There's no way I can be here during the day. Mayor Flaute: I can't either. With the clerks we went 45 minutes on all of them; we set those 45 minutes apart and I was rushing to get to the next one. Mr. Percival: That's where you guys have to take control of the situation; if someone is babbling on, you say thank you. Mr. Denning: It may be us that's babbling. Mr. Percival: That's why I said you have to take control of the situation; this is an initial interview to get a feel for the candidates. Unless somebody just completely blows the entire council away I'm assuming there's going to be at least a second interview. Mr. Denning: This is to take our top list and narrow it down to 2 or 3 to do an in-person interview. Mr. Percival: Yes.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So we were given scoresheets; are we individually going to score these using that sheet? Mr. Percival: You'll have a second scoresheet. The first scoresheet that was given to you was for the resumes; then there will be another scoresheet for each candidate that you choose to interview. Mr. Fullenkamp: Go back

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to the first; I like to do it on my computer and I'm assuming it's a spreadsheet or a word file. Mr. Percival: Yes. There will be a second sheet for the interviews that will look very similar to the first. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We already got the first one. Mr. Fullenkamp: I thought I had a piece of paper. Mr. Percival: I sent it via email. You have a hard copy and a digital copy. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'll look.

Mayor Flaute: Are you going to be interested in our scoresheets. Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's a worksheet for you. Mr. Percival: I just need your top picks. If I look through those and I saw one that I really liked, I might ask you how did you miss this individual? I don't think that is going to happen; like I said before I've looked through the resumes and I think council will be able to sort through them efficiently.

Mr. Percival: So 45 minutes per interview. I think you might want to open your meeting at 5:45 p.m. so that you can schedule the first call at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Have we successfully used this technology with our engineering firm or somebody else already? Mr. Percival: We are going to dry run it with Brock a couple times just to make sure it works. What we had talked about doing is setting up a camera so when council is sitting around the table the camera will pick up all the people sitting around the table and it won't focus in on any one person. Mr. Denning: Similar to this camera. Mr. Percival: Yes. We'll schedule the interviews 45 minutes apart with the first call at 6:00 p.m. on the 24th and 6:00 p.m. on the 25th; you'll open the meeting at 5:45 p.m. and that gives everyone the opportunity to start the meeting and get settled. Mr. Fullenkamp: So if we have 10 it will run through 9:30 p.m. Mr. Percival: If it gets to be 11:00 and you have been in a closed environment, it's not going to be good for council and it's not going to be good for the candidate. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We should probably do 3 per night. Mayor Flaute: Chances of there being 10 is pretty remote; I think we did 6 with the clerks and ended up with 3. Deputy Mayor Smith: I think 3 per night. Mr. Percival: From a candidate perspective we want to keep this moving; this is probably not the only job they've applied for and for some of those better candidates we want to make sure we get to them before anyone else does.

Mr. Percival: Now for the questions; I didn't hear back from anyone except we added question 17 from comments we heard at the meeting. I think we need to pare this down to 8 to 10 questions or if there are questions that you really like but believe they are better second interview questions, we can do that too. It depends on what your priorities are. There are questions that talk about organizational skills, some about leadership skills, some about community skills, the one we added was about multijurisdictional skills; dealing with citizens; that's all in there. I think on the first interview we are looking to pare the list down to the top 3 or 4 candidates for second interviews. I think question #1 you are going to want to ask. Mayor Flaute: I think we need to ask question #2 also. Mr. Percival: Question #2 is paired with question #7; if you ask those apart from one another you are going to see how people's logic works. Mayor Flaute: Are you saying do away with one of them, maybe #7. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Do that one on a second interview.

Deputy Mayor Smith: I think #11 should be a second interview as well. Mr. Percival: If you are looking for one that get into a little more depth, #6 would be a good second interview question and would require more time to answer. If we don't ask #11; I think we definitely need to ask #12 in a first interview. Mayor Flaute: #13 could also get lengthy. Mr. Percival: I like that for a first interview, it draws them out and makes them think a little and gives you an idea of their management style.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: #8 is kind of a wide open question – how would you like to improve; improve what? Mr. Percival: Yourself. Mayor Flaute: Maybe that for a second interview.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think #9 is critical for a first interview. Mr. Percival: Yes, that one needs to be asked. Mrs. Reynolds: I think that should probably be the first question we ask. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think "what questions do you have for us" should be the last question. Mr. Percival: Right. Mrs. Reynolds: My second question would be #12 and if you follow that train, then I would use #14. Mr. Percival: Those two logically

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follow each other. Mayor Flaute: Do you think #2 should be first? Mrs. Reynolds: #9 should be #1. Mrs. Lommatzsch: That would be my thought; and I think #17 has got to be a second interview question. I think #16 should be in the first interview. Mrs. Reynolds: I think so too but can we reword it so it doesn't sound negative. Mr. Percival: Yes. Mrs. Lommatzsch: #15 can be a second interview question regarding coming into a new community.

Mr. Percival: So far we have 8 questions: 1, 2, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 16. Mrs. Reynolds: I look at #2 as a second interview question. Mr. Percival: That's why #7 is on the second interview. Mrs. Reynolds: I saw #7 as a first interview and #2 as a second. Mr. Percival: We can do it either way. Mayor Flaute: #12 is kind of like #2. Mr. Denning: We need to put #3 in the first interview. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'll go along with that but I don't like these favorite part questions. Mr. Percival: We can take those out.

Mr. Fullenkamp: What are we trying to get at; we are all dithering around but what information are you trying to extract from each of these questions. That's how we have to think about each of these; what are we trying to get from the candidate? Mr. Percival: #1 is communication skills. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think we need to write down for our own benefit what these questions are getting after. Mr. Percival: I can do that when I give you the score sheet. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm just suggesting that would be nice to have now because then we can actually go down and quantify this is what we are after, what attributes are we looking for and how do the questions provide us that information. Mr. Percival: I can go through and give you my thought processes on that. #2 is leadership/organizational/management style, #3 is organizational and management, #4 & 5 are just to get general background about the individual, #6 is financial, #7 ties directly into #2 – answers should be similar and if not there is a disconnect, #8 is their view of themselves and what their strengths/weaknesses are and can they improve. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'd rather ask the question what are your strengths and weaknesses; I have a mediocre job but I know what I'm good at and what I need to work on. Can we add skill/strength to #7? Mr. Percival: I wouldn't put strength in there; I want them to say these are the most important skills and this is why I have them. That will get at if this person can think through, problem solve, and give you an answer. #9 is to see if people did their homework, #10 is the last question you ask, #11 gets at what their management style is and how other people perceive them, #12 is leadership style/organizational skills and how you motivate people, #13 is similar to #12. Mayor Flaute: Should that be a second interview question? Mr. Percival: I would answer them differently and it would tell you a little more of where people's heads are at. Are they focused on the organization or the community or the region; it's what they are thinking and what their priorities are. #14 gets to the internal organization and what you need to be effective, #15 is a second interview question but talks about leadership style/organizational development and management, #16 is critical, and #17 is very important because geographically we do have to work with other jurisdictions regardless of whether we want to or not.

Mr. Percival: So for the first interview what I have right now are questions 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 16. Mr. Denning I think we should make #4 a part of the first interview; that's going to give you a little information about them in general. Mrs. Lommatzsch: It's a warm and fuzzy question.

Mr. Percival: I will take the list we talked about tonight and reword #16, then reorder them for the first interview. I will email it to everyone tomorrow. Are there other things we need to get at that I haven't covered in this list? Mr. Denning: I guess one thing I would be interested in is how they work with community organizations like the Chamber of Commerce, the school system, Lions, VFW, places like that or if they have worked with or been part of organizations like that in the past. How they interface with community organizations. Those are places you need to go if you need to get a tax levy passed. Mr. Percival: I can add that for a second interview question.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I think we need to compare these questions to what is in the job description and see if we get at the attributes we find are important in the job description; see if we covered all the important areas because that's what we are after here. Whether it's covered in the resume or covered in an interview, we got to

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make sure we hit all those high spots. Mr. Percival: The only thing I feel that maybe I didn't get at is a question involving economic development. Somebody who is skilled at being interviewed will work it into their answers. I did not ask a direct question involving economic development. I tried to develop these questions around what we posted for but I can go back to the job description and see if there is anything else that is a glaring omission. I don't think there is. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think that would be a good idea because this could be very much of a softball to these folks but if there are things in the job description they are not aware of, I don't want to pop these things on these folks. Mr. Percival: I hope this isn't a softball; I hope the way some of these questions are worded, they have to think and give you an answer based on things they have done in the past. Mr. Fullenkamp: I want to make sure we are asking some questions that get to the critical aspects of the job description. The posting is an advertisement; the actual job description is the more critical aspect of this. I'll look at that myself. Mr. Percival: I'll go back and check that out. I think the only thing I did not ask a direct question about is economic development but I was hoping someone who is skilled in being interviewed would be able to work that in. Mr. Fullenkamp: Which questions would you work that into? Mr. Percival: #1, #6, #12, #13...Mr. Fullenkamp: I think it's important enough that maybe we ask a direct question. Mr. Percival: I can develop a question for the second interview for that. Mayor Flaute: I would want to know what funding sources the city they are working with now vs. the funding sources we have here so they know how to come in and work with our budget. Mr. Percival: As far as economic development goes, I would hope folks would be able to look at federal funding is used for this project, transportation funds are used to build a road, and so on.

Mr. Percival: So we have the questions we are going to use for the first interview; council is going to send me their list of candidates by the 16th, and then the interviews will be held the 24th and the 25th.

Deputy Mayor Smith: In reference to the questions, we were going over them and you were saying what we were looking for in each question; can you put that off to the side of the question for us? Mr. Percival: Yes, I can do that on the scoring sheet – organizational or leadership or management or other things we are trying to hit on those. The other thing with the scoring sheet, as we are interviewing folks we'll score each question but I also like to have something for general perception – if somebody hit all the high points on the answers but wasn't enthusiastic your perception of that person will be different from the person who is enthusiastic. There will be box for general perception of the candidate; they could answer all the questions great but have the personality of this table. Seriously, I've interviewed people like that before; answered the questions great but were a terrible fit for the organization and I think that's part of what we are trying to do here – find somebody who is going to fit.

Mr. Denning: Are we putting all this together in a file so in the future if we have to do this again we don't have to reinvent the wheel. Mr. Percival: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: I thought we already had the plan. Mr. Denning: My point is if we have to do this again in 7 or 8 years or 20 years or 3 years, whatever the answer is, we have something that says this is how we did it and a) we didn't do it right so we need to adjust it; or b) this worked great and we need to redo it. Instead of going to previous experience, we may all be gone. Mr. Percival: I've already started the file. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Prior experience is out there but nobody knows where to get it. Mr. Fullenkamp: You've done this 5 or 6 times. Mayor Flaute: The procedures are all up in my attic. Mr. Denning: That does us a lot of good down here. We need a process and we need it someplace in a file.

Deputy Mayor Smith: If you look at the resumes, a lot of them moved every 2 years so it may be something we have to do in a couple years. Mr. Percival: What you are hoping for in a city manager is to get 4 good years. Anything more than 4 good years is a bonus. I am the aberration; I stayed in the same place forever but the average is 3.7 years. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We are right in there.

ITEM 7: RECESS: The Council took a recess at 6:58 p.m.

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

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ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bob Murray, Economic Development Director, led all those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2016 regular council meeting and the April 28, 2016 special council meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 11: PRESENTATIONS:

A) Police Sergeant Promotion: Michael Safriet

Sergeant Close: Officer Safriet began his career with the Riverside Police Department on October 17, 2005. Officer Safriet has served as a Road Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Officer in Charge, and a Firearms Instructor throughout his career. Officer Safriet has been the recipient of multiple awards for his valor and commitment to bettering the quality of the life of the citizens of the community. Officer Safriet has assisted multiple communities including Riverside in his time as a SWAT Officer and in doing so he has personally insured a safer environment for all residents of the greater Miami Valley.

Chief Robinson presented a certificate to Sergeant Safriet and offered the microphone.

Sergeant Safriet: I just want to thank the Chief and the City for giving me this great opportunity; I know you had a lot of candidates to choose from and I'm glad you chose me. I won't let you down. I want to thank my wife and my friends for supporting me through the long process. Most of all, I want to thank all my brothers and sisters on the Police force for always being there for me and I'll always have your guys' back. I know we can continue to make Riverside great. Thanks.

Chief Robinson: I want to thank council for giving us the opportunity to have these promotion ceremonies and thanks to Mary Ann and the City Manager for changing the agenda to accommodate us.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I just want to say what a fine looking group of folks this is and thank you for coming out and supporting your fellow gals and guys that are being promoted. That is a wonderful image you are presenting to all of us, the interest in your fellow workers. Thank you for coming out tonight. I know not all of you can be at work tonight so somebody left home to be here. Mr. Denning: Congratulations. Mayor Flaute: Thank you all for coming out and to all the friends and family, it is so important you are here to support your family in these important times.

ITEM 12: ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN CITIZENS PETITIONS: Mayor Flaute advised citizens to fill out a form if they wished to speak about agenda or non-agenda items.

ITEM 13: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- (1) FYI Items
 - a. Council Request Sheets.
 - b. Council Agenda Calendar.
 - c. City Manager's Project and Activities Report.
- (2) Monthly Verbal Reports
 - a. Finance Department
 - b. Economic Development Department

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- c. Administration Department
- d. Planning and Program Management Department

Mr. Percival: In addition to the written report that is included as part of the agenda packet, we have monthly updates this evening. The first is by our Finance Director and I will turn it over to him at this time.

Mr. Garrett: I have posted the financial reports for April. I still have to print a couple more reports before I close but that should happen tomorrow and then we'll be recording live transactions for May. For income tax we received \$521,000 in the month of April which puts us about \$90,000 above our budget line for the year. Of course with everyone filing in April, we'll probably get another large distribution in May as RITA works through all that. On April 22nd we did close and reissue the note for the Wright Point Acquisition; we brought in the \$5.4M and paid off \$5.46M, so that's a pay down of about \$60,000 towards the renovation cost of this building. We did the supplemental because we got in above expected income for the trash collections and the Brantwood TIF revenue. We have forwarded the TIF revenue of \$35,270 to Brantwood now and had some whittle down of the loan from the contractor but there's still quite a ways to go on that. Because of those increased revenues for trash and the TIF revenue, I also had to request a revised certificate of resources from the county and they are working on that. Finally, we received a check for \$11,120 from the Ohio Department of Transportation as a refund for the Fairfax Bridge. It was an ODOT project and they require our local share before they even award the contract; the contract came in a little lower than anticipated and they sent us that refund.

Mrs. Reynolds: Thank you for the report. I was just wondering, you talked about the additional dollars going toward the Brantwood TIF; how are we recording those payments? Mr. Garrett: I have an excel spreadsheet I am keeping with two columns; at the beginning of the project, Brantwood deposited money with the city so I tracked those and now I am showing payments as a return to Brantwood. Mrs. Reynolds: Can you give us a copy of those spread sheets so we can keep track of that? We have two TIFs going and I'm interested in looking at the pay down records. Mr. Garrett: For the Brantwood TIF, they loaned us \$1.4M and there was a little left when we completed construction of Phase 1 which we returned previously and now we are starting to get some TIF money. Mrs. Reynolds: I'm probably confusing those returns and refunds so I'm sure there's a way we can see the first TIF is at this dollar amount and the payments are shown and the second TIF should be the very same way. Mr. Garrett: It's a similar structure but obviously the payment amounts are different. Mrs. Reynolds: If you could give us a copy of those I would appreciate it.

Mr. Fullenkamp: On the trash assessments we received back from the county that went into a general assessment fund; those items were earmarked to pay for trash services. My question is: are we permitted to change the color of that money meaning can that be used for something else? Since it was a direct assessment to property owners how do we go about knowing how we can legally use that money. Mr. Garrett: Just going on my interpretation of the Ohio Revised Code, we are allowed to assess for the cost so, no, we couldn't use it for something else. Mr. Fullenkamp: Can we refund it? Mrs. Lommatzsch: Wasn't it used to pay the bills. Mr. Fullenkamp: We don't assess for trash any longer. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'm talking about they paid in arrears for last year and we paid the trash bill last year, so aren't we being reimbursed for having paid the trash bill? Mr. Fullenkamp: I never saw a supplemental to pay for due bills for trash while I've been on council. Mrs. Lommatzsch: How do you think they got paid? Mr. Fullenkamp: I never saw a supplemental. Mr. Percival: It was part of the original budget. To answer your original question, I think we will have to look at those dollars and we can get an answer back to council on that. Mr. Fullenkamp: Again, I don't ever remember seeing that in the budget either in terms of money coming other than through assessments to pay for trash pick-up. I think we need to be very careful and if a refund is due to the residents then maybe we need to do that. Mr. Garrett: We had a balance in the assessments fund so I've gone through an effort over the years to figure out the amount of assessment corresponding to trash or street lighting and then the corresponding expenses are charged to that fund and find out how much is due to trash and how much is due to street lighting.

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Mr. Fullenkamp: I want to address Mrs. Lommatzsch's question; am I wrong, I've never seen a line item for assessments coming from the general fund into the assessment fund in my 5 years on council. Mr. Garrett: I think that's correct; we budgeted the expected amount of assessment revenue and remember we do advance money from the general fund into the assessment fund until the county has made their tax distribution in April and then we return that advance back to the general fund. Mr. Fullenkamp: Has there been a deficit in the past? Mr. Garrett: No. I think long ago there was a little bit of an excess balance in the assessments fund, years ago. Mr. Fullenkamp: I know we talked about this; do you understand why we got a refund for back tax assessments just for trash and not for lighting? Mr. Garrett: The County lumped those together in their distribution; we got a distribution for street lighting and another distribution for trash, some of it was current year, some of it was prior year. Obviously the trash was all prior year because there isn't any current year. Mr. Fullenkamp: We got no prior year for street light assessments? Mr. Garrett: I don't know if the county provided that much detail; they just said here are your lighting assessments. In years past they've had 2 sections on the breakout report where they have current year assessments and delinquent payments; this year I think they just combined it all into one. Mr. Fullenkamp: Can we ask them to break that out. Mr. Garrett: Yes, I think we can. Mr. Fullenkamp: Do you think it's a good idea?

Mrs. Reynolds: Can I ask a follow up to this? I'm going to use some round numbers - we assess \$10 for trash collection, we collect \$10 plus a 5% service fee from the county at that time; correct? Mr. Garrett: Yes. Mrs. Reynolds: So at the end of the year if anyone was delinquent in taxes we would have had to complete a supplemental to have made up that deficit to cover those delinquent taxes. Mr. Garrett: That's correct. Mrs. Reynolds: Did we do that and why was it not a wash when we received any portion of the tax refunds; it should just go in and become a general fund dollar at that time because we supplemented from the general fund to cover the deficit of the non-taxpayer on the trash collection. That dollar then becomes a general fund dollar that was paid.

Mr. Percival: My guess is we will continue to receive delinquent trash money as people pay off delinquent taxes and delinquent assessments. Those dollars will continue to trickle in for probably the next 3 to 4 years. I think you are right; we've already paid the bill and we just need to go back and make sure the bill we paid we are reimbursing ourselves for so we aren't out money in the end. Mrs. Reynolds: We need to make sure that supplement should have come in. Mr. Percival: We'll go take a look and get back with you. Mrs. Reynolds: That would clear that up.

Deputy Mayor Smith: People who are paying on delinquent real estate taxes sometimes set those up on a 3 year plan so you could have delinquent trash coming in for 3 years. Mr. Percival: They do the taxes first and the assessments are the last things to get paid off at the end. I'm not sure about Montgomery County but that is the way Greene County did it. Deputy Mayor Smith: When we pay our real estate taxes we are 6 months behind; when we initiated the assessment for the trash was that from day 1 forward and not 6 months in arrears. Mr. Garrett: Because we had a trash contract we knew what the contract price was per month that we would pay the trash hauler. So we calculated that times the number of houses and that became our assessment. Mr. Percival: To answer your question it was still in arrears; the city still had to up-front the money and the taxes came in 6 months later. We weren't getting 6 months of revenue in and then paying it out; we were paying it out and then getting it in after the fact.

Mr. Percival: the next item is the Economic Development update. I passed out some info to everybody and I will turn it over to the Director.

Mr. Murray: I want to start with the bad news which is that Radiance will not be going on the 5th floor. They have changed their plans and I'm still working with them in a capacity to keep them here but the expansion is out. If I could save my comments until the next executive session which will be 2 weeks from today I would greatly appreciate it. Taking it from the top, we have talked about the car wash on Linden Avenue and there are still no prospects for that. Smiley's has changed the listing and it is now listed for \$650,000 with each acre along the frontage at \$200,000. The MTC

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building did sell for \$200,000. The owner is from California and he is currently interviewing realtors to market the property. The old Filling Station which you've asked about a number of times has a new tenant and it is going to be called Riverside Bar and Grill. It should be open in about 2 months, he is totally renovating the inside, and it will be a restaurant, bar, and music venue. Not outside music but inside music so there won't be anything on the patio. Upstairs on the 3rd floor here we are currently doing the tenant improvements for SPGLOBAL which will go on for about 3 weeks and then they will move in immediately. Tenet3 did move in last month; they are totally satisfied with their space and glad to be here. I'm dealing with 3 prospects right now and they all have a higher than 50/50 chance of going into the buildings. We have 4 renewals coming up over the next 2 months that I currently have letters of intent out to.

Mr. Murray: The maintenance items that we talked about in the supplemental budget I put forward – we did convert the lights in 5200 and the restrooms are much brighter. It really did change the look. We completely redid the weather stripping around the doors at both 5100 and 5200. We are still working on the window replacements, re-caulking the expansion points, and we are getting quotes on the driveways. One of the unexpected costs is we had to completely redo the fireproofing at 5100 which is applying a new layer of insulation/fireproofing to the top floor. That has been completely redone but it was unexpected. It had a lot to do with the age of the buildings as well as replacing the roof top units. A lot of that stuff had fallen down and that's a code violation so we had to get that fixed as soon as possible. We redid the lights in the 5200 stairwells; that again was a code violation/safety issue and we did replace them all with LEDs. Right now I'm getting quotes on the outside lights, both the flood lights as well as the parking lights; they are old technology and we will be replacing those with new technology.

Mr. Murray: You may have noticed the ads for Wright Point in the Dayton Daily News and on the website; that is a result of the DMAP Grant of \$28,000. We have 2 more of those to go and it will do 2 things; it puts our name right out in front of anybody looking to move to Wright Point and it also increases the chance that our site will be viewed on Google so we get a much higher hit rate and we move up the page when somebody is just looking for office buildings in the Wright Point area.

Mr. Murray: On the back of the sheet I gave you is the selection we made for the banners that will go on Springfield Street. The Chamber is handling that, they will be ordered tomorrow and up in time for the opening of the museum. There will be 10 of those on the light posts as you go into the entryway to the museum.

Mr. Murray: Finally the one item I left off is the Riverside Restaurant Association. We are making progress with that and I have teamed up with Paul Noah. Paul is the owner and publisher of City Beat and he is going to help me do something with the restaurant association. The idea is to have a general meeting and to have the restaurants pay for 2 columns in City Beat which will address Riverside restaurants with each one getting a certain amount of paper there. He is directly going to help me sell that, we just have to get everybody in the same room and I think we can do that very easily.

Deputy Mayor Smith: Going back to Smiley's, I see it is listed for \$650,000 with the frontage at \$200,000 per acre. Mr. Murray: If they want to split off an acre towards the front it will be individually priced at \$200,000 an acre. So you can have the whole property for \$650,000 but if you just want to put a strip center on the front and not do the back, because of the different uses available on that property, they want \$200,000/acre for the front. Deputy Mayor Smith: If you develop the front acreage, would that land-lock the rear acreage? Mr. Murray: Not necessarily. You can create an easement and there is a lot available that could go to a back entrance. There's a gap between the houses on Spaulding which could be purchased for a residential entrance and that is probably the likelihood of what would happen there. You're right that there's no other way in there but you can't create a land-locked parcel so that wouldn't be a concern.

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Mr. Fullenkamp: So I'm hoping Riverside Bar and Grill uses Riverside, Ohio 45432 as its address. Mr. Murray: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: The other item is the progress on hiring your assistant. Mr. Murray: We have 2 very good candidates to choose from and I'm also extending the search a little bit to look for some other qualities in some individuals. I've had lunch with one and will be meeting the other one shortly. Once those are done we will be making a decision real quick. Mr. Fullenkamp: Don't rush; get the right person.

Mrs. Reynolds: Thank you for all your hard work on Radiance. We appreciate it and it's tough but we will get through it. The DMAP ads are wonderful. I don't know if everyone has had a chance to see them but they are great. Thank you; that is a great piece for us. Is the flavor of the month at the Riverside Grill going to be hamburgers or what? Mr. Murray: Probably.

Mayor Flaute: Are we using all 3 of these flags? Mr. Percival: We are using "B". Mayor Flaute: Are we doing anything else for the grand opening at the museum? Mr. Percival: At the last 2 staff meetings we've been working with staff for some improvements along Springfield Street. There are actually 2 events coming up that are going to be a chance for us to highlight Riverside. One is going to be the grand opening of the new museum wing. The second thing is going to be when Wright State hosts the Presidential Debate. There is going to be a very big opportunity for us to highlight our community. Last I heard there are 6 national news organizations and there have already been over 3,000 requests for media credentials for that event. This event is not for people to go watch the debate, this is a made-for-TV event and every hotel room between Cincinnati, Columbus, and Dayton has already been booked. A lot of times news/media outlets are looking to highlight some of the things in the localities around the venue, so we are trying to work with some of our neighbors a little bit to come up with what we can do to highlight the community. There are going to be several opportunities in the very near future, 5 to 6 months, to actually highlight our community and we are working on ways to hopefully get some publicity.

Mr. Denning: Another event we could look into is the Air Force Marathon which is before that and there are 20,000 people that come into that. Other than our Police Officers helping with traffic, we need to get ourselves out there with that. I think it is 20 years old this year so we need to think about that too.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: One thing about these flags is they are not going to stay up all the time and it may require some support from the staff. Initially the Chamber is going to pay for the installation but we are going to need somebody from Service to observe how it's done; and they will come take them down. But then when we need to put them back up, that's going to probably be on us. These are not cheap flags so they are not going to leave them up; they'll be up for the opening of the museum and then they will come down until September. They will weather better than the previous flags did and they are going to be bigger. Mr. Percival: I'll coordinate with the Service Director on that.

Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. Murray, some red, white, and blue lights that whole week at night on this building would be great. Mr. Murray: I'll look into it. Mr. Denning: With LED lighting you can have it switch. Mr. Murray: I know a company that does that.

Mayor Flaute: One of the things I want to mention about the Great Debate is I am having a Host Committee meeting Friday, May 13th and one of the things they have strongly advised our communities to do is to have "watch" parties. Only 800 people are going to be allowed to go into that arena and most of them are students but there are going to be lots of opportunities to watch the debate outside of that. It's an opportunity for restaurants to make money, an opportunity for the Chambers to do that if they want to have a watch party somewhere, the Jaycees, the Lions, all these folks can have watch parties. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Are we going to have all the Police attend those watch parties? Mayor Flaute: We might be a little bit prepared for that. I will be sending an email out on how to get a "watch" party going.

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Mrs. Lommatzsch: Mrs. Reynolds just mentioned renting housing out. People are asking me how to get that information and Mrs. Reynolds obviously knows since she is renting her house out. Mayor Flaute: There is an app; will you share that Mrs. Reynolds? Mrs. Reynolds: I'll be glad to. Mayor Flaute: There is an opportunity for our residents to make some money and celebrate our community.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Do we have any space we can offer in our building for them to use as operating space. Mayor Flaute: For the news media. Mr. Murray: Absolutely. I'll find out how to get that word out. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I was just thinking if some of the organizations needed space. I'm sure the Nutter Center is providing a lot of secure space, but they will all need working space. Mayor Flaute: We could have a watch party across from the museum. There's all kinds of possibilities.

Mr. Percival: The majority of what I had was in the written report; Ms. Christian did you have anything else for Admin?

Ms. Christian: We mentioned the Economic Development Specialist hiring so I won't belabor that point but we are also working on hiring a Lateral Police Officer. We had some interviews last week and we will be moving on to the background phase shortly. We also put an internal posting out for the vacant Major position so we are working on that. In April we had the training I mentioned with Sinclair Workforce Development for business writing/communications and I think that went really well. Hopefully we will be able to do more of that in the future. We had a committee made up of Mayor Flaute, Lynn Domesick from the Chamber, and Superintendent Chad Wyen judge the art contest that we put out for the school district middle schoolers and high schoolers. We have our winners; they have been notified and have been invited to the next meeting on May 19th. The Teachers have been invited as well and hopefully they can all join us. We will have the artwork on display. Finally I have the employees who are celebrating May anniversaries: Maintenance Worker Brian Hawkey – 23 years, Firefighter Tom Janowiecki – 21 years, Police Officer Jimmy Vance – 19 years, Finance Director Tom Garrett – 18 years, Police Officer David Schmidt – 14 years, Fire Lieutenant James Hart – 14 years, Fire Lieutenant Matt Ledford – 11 years, Records Clerk Kathy Bochenek – 4 years, Part-time Firefighter Jeremy Voelker – 3 years, Victim Advocate Miranda Futrell – 2 years, and Director of Planning and Program Management Brock Taylor – 1 year. So apparently May is a popular month around here for hiring and congratulations to all of them.

Mrs. Reynolds: Mr. Manager, we talked back in March about the Eintracht property being designated as a city park; do we have any determination on that yet? Mr. Percival: We do not have any determination on that at this point. We are dealing with some issues that have come up relative to the septic system and some other things at Eintracht. Hopefully we will be able to have a report back to council on the whole thing probably at the first meeting in June and I'm sure Mr. Taylor has that as part of his report. The project is going along very well but there are some other issues as far as the facilities go that we have to make sure we take care of before we move forward on any of the rest of that.

Mrs. Reynolds: Are there any updates on the emergency piece we talked about for legislation that would allow emergencies for nuisance abatement. Mr. Percival: We have not had a chance to deal with that yet. Mrs. Reynolds: We are coming up on the summer months and you all know what we are facing. Any time you could spare for that I know we would all appreciate it.

Deputy Mayor Smith: Let's talk about the Eintracht being a city park; how strong are we on that? The Eintracht Club itself, are they okay with making that a city park. Mr. Denning: We own the property. Deputy Mayor Smith: But we leased it back to them. Mrs. Reynolds: Just the building. Mr. Percival: There are some other things that we definitely have to get our arms around before we would do anything with that from a liability-to-the-city standpoint. At this point I would not recommend we make that a city park until we can get these issues dealt with. It involves the sanitary and septic systems and it's just something we have to work through; we've had the public health folks in and we've got to work through it before we could come back to council with a recommendation.

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Mrs. Reynolds: I do have one more thing; Mr. City Manager and Chief Robinson this goes back to something that was in the minutes last meeting and I would just like some clarification and I don't know which I should be speaking to. The Chief had made some remarks that LEXIPOL is real similar to CALEA but not as strenuous "I'll be honest we could not stay in that building if we wanted to go with CALEA, they would laugh us out of the building". I looked at some of the requirements for CALEA and CALEA is a set of best practices; it's not a facility, its best practices and those best practices from persons that I spoke with can be utilized in setting up the CALEA process. Mr. Percival: They also come in and they review and audit your facilities. We had CALEA when I was in Xenia and there are significant costs associated with CALEA. Mrs. Reynolds: This is why I am asking, I don't know what is wrong with the building and that's what I'm trying to find out. What would be that CALEA would laugh us out? I looked at the process and having facilities but when you said they would laugh us out, Chief, I don't know what that means. What is wrong with our building?

Chief Robinson: We have locations in the building that are easily accessible to the public. Our interview rooms are directly across from exits from the building and as you know we've had that issue recently. There are some standards inside with the way it looks. Mrs. Reynolds: The way it looks, I don't know what that means. Chief Robinson: Just the interior, the flooring, everything comes into play when you are doing CALEA. There is a standard they are trying to set that is very high in the professional field of Law Enforcement which includes the facility you are in, the vehicles you drive, the clothes you wear, all those things are monitored very strictly by the CALEA standard. That's why it costs so much; you pay for each individual Officer to be a member of that CALEA standard. Mrs. Reynolds: So I want to make sure I understand this, you are saying that this LEXIPOL is sub-standard to CALEA. Chief Robinson: I wouldn't say they are sub-standard. Mrs. Reynolds: They don't talk about your clothing, your buildings. Chief Robinson: All those things are monitored by your policies and procedures but comparing LEXIPOL to CALEA, you would have to have a full time staff member to be on board to do CALEA on a yearly basis to stay up to those standards. Mrs. Reynolds: Right, that's the evaluator piece, right? Chief Robinson: A member of your staff has to be able to work on that daily to make sure you are up to snuff. LEXIPOL is the same kind of thing you are talking about but its basis is on the Federal and State Laws, best practices in the State of Ohio, and then it talks directly about your organization. If you don't have Sergeants, Lieutenants, Majors, and all that then you can take those parts out but you send to them what you are currently doing now and they will send you back what you've said is your in-house policy. Some of the best practices would have to be changed too because it's not exactly right. As Federal and State laws change, LEXIPOL sends those to you and then you update your files or policy. If there are changes within the organization, you do the same thing. LEXIPOL is done by multiple attorneys on a committee of some sort; they meet and put together the best practices. Every month LEXIPOL will send you via computer the ability to test the folks working in your organization. They do testing on your policies and procedures and all the things we've been talking about. Mrs. Reynolds: Do you know 2 agencies in the county, one with LEXIPOL and one with CALEA? I just need to wrap my arms around this because when I read this – laugh us out – that truly bothers me. We are in the process of redoing that building over there and if we're at the point, something needs to be done.

Mr. Percival: We don't have a holding cell there. We have an interview room that sits directly across the hall from an exit. Obviously, that is one of the things we are updating as part of the building update plan. The big thing with CALEA is you have to hire a full time employee that does nothing but CALEA, continually update and keep those policies moving forward. I think what the Chief is saying is with the LEXIPOL system, they send you the updates directly and you are to train your employees on those updates on a monthly basis. In May they may choose prisoner transport and that's what you train on. With CALEA you have to have a full time employee dedicated to that. Mrs. Reynolds: To the best practices of that program.

Mrs. Reynolds: My point is when I look into the minutes and I see what the Chief says; I'm just trying to find out how something that is so well regarded as CALEA is something that we shouldn't be looking into and something that we shouldn't be considering. I realize those costs. But please Mr. City Manager, I will say as a

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representative of the city, as an elected official, when I ask a question that is what I'm supposed to be doing. I have a need to know that or I wouldn't be asking those questions. Mr. Percival: What we'll do is put together a cost comparison between the 2 so you can see that. Mrs. Reynolds: I'm not asking for a cost comparison; I was asking what is wrong with our building. That's all I asked. What is wrong with our building that CALEA would laugh us out. You need to just tell me that and that's what needs to be told. It doesn't need to be the looks at staff and all of that sir. That's the thing that bothers me about this. It was a simple question. I'll get my answers.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I want to add on to that. Everyone is talking about the cost of CALEA but nobody is talking about the benefit of an organization like CALEA coming in and accrediting us. We started this process once before and the concern is you have to have a full time person; well who is doing it now? Who is making sure these boxes are checked and these procedures are being followed because that takes somebody away from their job if we have an in-house person doing it. So it may be very well worth it to have somebody who is focused on this accreditation issue. I hear no discussion about the benefits, it's just all costs. What you are suggesting is LEXIPOL is not as good but its good enough. Chief Robinson: I didn't say they are not as good, I said it's a different way to go. Mr. Fullenkamp: Well you kind of did. Chief Robinson: In the field everybody is going to say CALEA is the best. Mr. Fullenkamp: Why don't our residents deserve the best? Chief Robinson: I never said they didn't deserve the best; I'm only saying LEXIPOL can be as beneficial as CALEA and be more cost effective. LEXIPOL isn't cheap – it's \$9,500 per year for a 29-man department; I talked to them this week at a conference. Can you imagine what CALEA is going to be? Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't know. Chief Robinson: Well you are comparing apples to oranges; some people are going to say LEXIPOL is better than CALEA and some people are going to say they are not. I'm saying that with my experience with LEXIPOL there have never been any issues. I talked earlier to you about the collaborative standard the State of Ohio is putting out currently; they send out this huge packet with items they want you to send back in to the State. They are not saying you have to do that 100% but they are going to shame you in to doing it I'm sure. Those collaborative standards for the State of Ohio are in LEXIPOL currently. I don't know if CALEA is going to do that but LEXIPOL is making sure the collaborative standards for the State of Ohio are in there. Mr. Fullenkamp: You're implying that CALEA doesn't add value; I'm going to suggest that I'm not sure why you say that. It's my understanding you came from an organization that used CALEA before. Chief Robinson: No sir. Mr. Fullenkamp: So that was Sergeant Hughes that did.

Mayor Flaute: So the City Manager has said he is familiar with CALEA and he will put together a report of some sort that compares both. Is that acceptable to everybody? Mr. Fullenkamp: It's a start. Mayor Flaute: And we need to know the cost. Mr. Fullenkamp: And I have a standing offer from the City of Trotwood to come and talk to us about CALEA and its advantages.

Mrs. Reynolds: I don't have a standing offer from anybody; I just want to know what's wrong with our building. That's the question I have. Somebody needs to tell me what's wrong with the building.

Mayor Flaute: I think it will be in the report and that's what Mr. Fullenkamp is asking for, so I think that will answer our questions.

Deputy Mayor Smith: I have a question too. Do we have to be a member of either one of those? Chief Robinson: We currently aren't a member of either one of those now. The policies and procedures we have currently for the Police Department is based pretty close to what LEXIPOL has now. Deputy Mayor Smith: Can a member of one of these groups catch the bad guys better? Is it going to improve that process? Chief Robinson: Catching bad guys has nothing to do with that I don't believe, however, I think it will make the policies and procedures on how we do that better and safer. Deputy Mayor Smith: Safer is good.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's a request I'm going to make right now; I want to see our policies and procedures for our Police Department. I understand they are online and I want to know what we are doing now. In the past I heard that some of these things

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were not written down; I want to make sure of what we are doing. I'm going to be asking all of these departments for these things but I will start with the Police Department since I'm sure their pile will be pretty high. I think it is something we all should review. And like I said I have a standing offer to have the Trotwood administrator folks to come in and present something about their experience with CALEA. What they feel is important and why they find it valuable.

Mr. Percival turned the floor over to Mr. Taylor for the monthly Planning and Program Management Department Report.

Mr. Taylor: We have talked about the Eintracht but I do want to talk about the actual project – the boat ramp. That is on schedule and it's looking really good. They have widened the road and they started laying the gravel. The pathway is trenched and hopefully they will start laying that. I think we are just a couple weeks out from having a finished project. That's moving along smoothly and looking great.

Mr. Taylor: I wanted to start the night by recognizing our Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Leist. Over the last month or so we've run into some pretty severe issues throughout the city that Jeremy has gone above and beyond on and I want to publically recognize him for these. The first was at 4427 Clairewood. We had an abandoned structure we thought was abandoned and the contractor came out to board it up. There was a pregnant, homeless woman living in there and Jeremy contacted various organizations to get her placed in a shelter. He didn't have to do that; we could have just removed her and had it boarded up but Jeremy went above and beyond. Just this week, there was an illegal garage sale at the Glass Crutch on 202 behind Subway. Jeremy found 2 persons squatting in the building illegally; they were stealing what was left inside the building and that's what they were selling. He was able to contact the Police and we got an arrest out of that. By being vigilant and paying attention, Jeremy has done some really great things out there.

Mr. Taylor: In addition to that, I want to mention we've had 247 violations this month; 127 were for grass and 44 permits. Permits are still up from last year this time but not as high as the annual report showing a 50% increase, this is only about 20%. It's still an increase and we are doing a lot of work out there. It's really busy. May 14th we have organized a community clean up over by Center of Flight in the vacant lot by the hotel. That was organized by our Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Leist. He will be volunteering his time out there. I know some council members will be there and I will be too. Hopefully we will have a good turn out; we'll have dumpsters and people can come by and bring their trash. That will be from 10 until 2.

Mayor Flaute: Any questions for Mr. Taylor? Mr. Fullenkamp: I have other questions but nothing specific for Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Fullenkamp: On the 2016 general roadwork, we've had this on our memorandum 2 weeks in a row. What is the status of the contract bid and when do we expect to have the bids in and awarded? Mr. Miller: The bid opening will be the 17th for 3 separate projects; mill and fill, cape seal, and paint striping. All 3 are slated for a bid opening on the 17th of this month.

Mr. Fullenkamp: This has been on our list for a while: Valley Street sidewalk improvements. It states the Law Director provided an opinion to staff on several technical aspects. Can we get a copy of what that opinion was and what those aspects of the sidewalk improvements were? Mr. Percival: Sure.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Are we in trouble with the septic system? Is it ours or the Eintracht's? Mr. Percival: Part of what has to be ferreted out yet is exactly who owns what and how to go about best alleviating the problem.

Mr. Fullenkamp: The last thing I want to talk about is a week and a half ago we got a report from the Dayton Business Journal about the unsafe nature of 3 of our intersections; number 1 being Woodman and Airway. There were a couple emails that went back and forth. I'm going to turn this into a bigger issue after the fact but we'll stick to that. Last Thursday I sent an email to the Service Department and to the

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Police Department and to the City Manager about there being a missing speed limit sign going northbound on Woodman Drive; that still has not been replaced. All the emails I got were we are really concerned about safety but now we have traffic flying through that intersection at 45 MPH since there's been no replacement of that speed limit sign. It concerns me that a week ago I made staff aware of this and nothing has happened. So are we concerned about the safety of these intersections; what is going on. Mr. Miller: My apologies on that; I will make sure that happens tomorrow. Mr. Fullenkamp: I appreciate that; there is a reason I sent this email and I thought I was doing you guys a favor. It disappoints me when I don't see it happen; but it goes to a bigger issue having to do with eyes on what's going on in our city. What does our staff do when they see a problem; do they report it? If the Police see potholes or problems, do they report it? If somebody sees signs in the right of way, does it have to be Jeremy go out and find these things? Is there any internal reporting of problems that are seen in the city? We've talked about this and I'm seeing this happen over and over; people drive right by a problem and it persists. We've got to have more cooperation within our organization to solve these problems. You can't count on residents to be the reporters for you. We've got a lot of employees on the street and they are driving by these situations. There was a situation up by Seville School where they had signs in the right of way for weeks and I don't for a minute believe there wasn't a city employee that drove by that and didn't know that was a problem. If they didn't know, then they need to know what our rules are. We've got to figure out a way to cooperate and have our employees communicate with one another, much less with the residents. I'm concerned and this speed limit sign is an issue, especially in light of how dangerous that intersection is. I'm stunned that when I send this out nothing happens.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I reported all that information 2 years ago from MVRPC about those intersections and I too am concerned the speed. However, I've talked to a lot of people who are speeding when it says 45 MPH. If we lower it to 35 MPH that means there will be a higher fine. The education would be a serious piece. Along the same lines, there's a pile of debris that has been out on the street in front of Family Dollar on Burkhardt Road next to the problem house we've all known about for years. They have evidently done some interior design and dumped all the trash. It's been out there at least 10 days; the trash people are not going to pick it up because it's not tied up. I don't know the answer other than let's go and clean it up. It just looks terrible. Also there is a new white dumpster owned by some non-profit, I'm sure, and there has been a grocery cart there and tons of clothes. There was a mattress but it is gone, but the piles are getting bigger. We need to talk to whomever owns that dumpster and if they are not going to maintain it, they need to remove it. It's very unsightly and I'm sure it has friends living in it now. The piles are a danger to children.

Mrs. Reynolds: The dumpster is really bad; I was over there last evening. Mr. Percival: That's at the Kroger? Mrs. Lommatzsch: At the corner by Capitol and I see our vehicles in that parking lot all the time. To your point, Mr. Fullenkamp. It ought to be a concern to more than me and people who use that parking lot to buy groceries. I run into our employees in Kroger all the time so it can't be tunnel vision. And the stuff on the street has been there at least 2 weeks.

Mayor Flaute: I just want to say a little about the intersection thing; I know when I sent that email out, the Chief responded immediately. But again a lot of the things that were said in that email is every intersection. Every intersection has those problems in the whole State of Ohio, so why is Airway/Woodman and Burkhardt/Woodman 2 of the 3 most dangerous intersections in Montgomery County? Why? There has got to be a reason and we've known it for 2 years. Mrs. Lommatzsch: It's the number of vehicles; look at the traffic counts, they are very high. It's the through traffic, we're not talking local traffic. It's the number of through traffic, people who get on that road either from I-75 and come down or they get on it in Kettering and head north. Mayor Flaute: The report is unfair. Mr. Fullenkamp: More the reason for us to understand these patterns and we don't. It's our responsibility because they are in our city and that's more the reason to do those traffic studies. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We've done those traffic studies. Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't think we have done a really good job in looking at the redesign of those intersections and our speed limits that we have through there. Mrs. Lommatzsch: The new plans made for the intersection of Rt. 35

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and Woodman had massive studies done; engineering studies along with environmental and all that. The traffic counts were done and we discussed closing the exit off Rt. 35 to Linden that's close to I-675; all of that was studied. Mr. Fullenkamp: Tell me its good design to have the speed limit change to 35 MPH as you are going southbound after you cross Airway. Mayor Flaute: If that's what it's supposed to be, we have to trust our city folks to say that's what it's supposed to be. Mr. Fullenkamp: My job is not to trust; it's to question. Mayor Flaute: You can question but you don't need to ask another council member that; we need to know that from the Police Chief which you've already asked and I've already asked. So I think we need to know the answers to that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: The new design of Rt. 35 and Woodman is going to correct a lot of that; traffic flow and how traffic is managed has all been on the books and that should be happening in 2017. That was all started back in 2007/2008. Mr. Fullenkamp: We have an interstate running north/south through our city.

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

ITEM 16: OLD BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

- I) Ordinance No. 16-O-599 enacting a new Chapter 903, Revocable Right-of-way Privileges, Sections 903.01 through 903.99, of the Streets, Utilities, and Public Services Code of the City of Riverside, Ohio. (Second reading and consideration of adoption)**

Mr. Percival introduced Ordinance No. 16-O-599 and noted it was the second reading and consideration of adoption.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to read Ordinance No. 16-O-599 for the second time by title only and approve its final adoption. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

The clerk read Ordinance No. 16-O-599 for the second time by title only and Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or comments.

Being none; all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 16: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

- I) Resolution No. 16-R-2159 declaring certain property owned by the city to be no longer of value for city purposes and authorizing its disposition.**

Mr. Percival introduced Resolution No. 16-R-2159 to dispose of surplus property. This involves the old blacktop box; Harrison Township does not have a blacktop box and they asked if they could purchase it. The scrap value of that box is \$185 and we are passing this resolution tonight so we can transfer this piece of equipment to Harrison Township.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2159. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

- II) Resolution No. 16-R-2160 authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to Montgomery County for a Community Development Block Grant for the City of Riverside's Community Improvement Project.**

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Mr. Percival introduced Resolution No. 16-R-2160 authorizing submittal of a CDBG grant application. There has been quite a bit of discussion with this project and this is simply so we can submit the application for improvements to Community Park. Obviously this is in preliminary stages but the request is for a grant to improve that park.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 16-R-2160. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I looked at the plans sent to us and the fence that's along Harshman/Woodman along the wall has been there for a reason – safety. Does the fence that's replacing that meet the standards for crashes because that's why that fence was put there? Cars were going off the road and into the park and that fence was put up because it has a certain hit value or catch value, some strength value. It was put there for a reason and now we are advocating taking it down. I know it's not aesthetically nice but it was for safety after cars were going off the road and into the park. Mr. Percival: They still go off the road and into the park, they just take the fence out when they do that. What we are proposing to replace it with is another chainlink fence and we are going to take the barbed wire down. The goal is to replace it with a fence similar to what's there but something that's more aesthetic. Mr. Taylor: Same chainlink fence that's vinyl coated so it doesn't rot or decay. We will only replace the posts that need to be replaced and paint the posts black to try to stretch the dollars. We will talk to Mr. Keaton and Mr. Miller to find out what those standards are to make sure we get the same rated fence, it would just be vinyl coated. Mr. Miller: We have hits monthly there and spend around \$4,000 in repairs per year on that fence. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Just so it's a catch net.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So when was this idea birthed? Mr. Taylor: Mr. Lohr and I had a CDBG meeting back in March around the 10th and we met with the land bank on the 18th. When we started thinking about how we were going to use this, we were thinking demos again; currently the county isn't saying no to demos but they are trying to push people away from that. We could still use it for demo projects but they didn't think that was a good idea. When we talked to the land bank there is this new NIP funds we will be applying for in August to address our demos and some blight issues. There was a lot of talk amongst the office on what to do with the CDBG funds and we had a meeting with WPAFB on the 25th. It was about working with the base and encroachment and what are some of the issues we have with the base or they have with us to try to coordinate a better working relationship. One of the things that came up was the way the fence looks at the museum with the razor wire; it's like a demilitarized zone when you come down Harshman and with Community Park we were under the impression that deed was restricted and we couldn't make changes. Ms. Jo Lynn Anderson got back with us almost immediately after the meeting and sent us what she had at the base, the deed that was transferred to the Village of Riverside back in 1980. Inside that deed it was very explicit about what we can and can't do and it shed new light that we could do whatever we want with the property as long as it's open to the public for recreation uses. If you want to do something with the fences, go ahead, it's your property. Mr. Fullenkamp: Who was giving the impression that changing the fence wasn't okay before? Mr. Taylor: Being relatively new to the organization that was the impression; everyone thought there was a deed restriction that said...Mr. Fullenkamp: So we don't look into these things, we just go by mythology? Mr. Percival: My understanding was there are 2 documents; there was a document the base was working off and there was another document Jay Keaton had that said we were not allowed to make these changes; it had to remain as it was. That was when we had the meeting at the base and the person we met with said no, you can make the changes. So we are going with the opinion of the folks at the base so we can make changes. Mr. Taylor: So the month of April at the staff meetings we kicked around ideas on what to do and nothing really solidified. We wanted to do something with our parks and we thought Community Park would be a really good fit for this. So before the Parks and Rec meeting in April we finalized the plan you have in front of you. Mr. Fullenkamp: That was shown to Parks and Rec? Mr. Taylor: Yes, it was my understanding it was well received. They didn't have a quorum but we did show it to the folks who were present. With that, we sent it on to council. It did kind of happen really quickly. Mr. Fullenkamp: So that's the only input you got from the

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public? Mr. Taylor: To apply for application to ask for money, that's the only input we got. Mr. Fullenkamp: What if it costs more than \$50,000 for an amphitheater or more than \$10,000 for fencing. Mr. Percival: These are obviously preliminary costs; as you do with CDBG projects, we will go back, verify, and tighten up the budget. If it were to become more expensive to do for example the amphitheater maybe we would look at scaling back that part of the project or changing the design; those types of things. This is an application for improvements to the park.

Mr. Fullenkamp: What other things were considered for CDBG funding? Mr. Percival: One of the things we talked about early on was the demolitions and Mr. Taylor got the indication from the folks at the county that although demolition obviously meets 1 of the 3 criteria to eliminate slum and blight, there is another funding source that will become available, the NIP funds in August. Another project we talked about was handicap accessibility to these buildings but I think we found another way to fund that. The sidewalks was another one we talked about. The reason why I think this is a good project is it's located in the center of the community and it gives the community an opportunity for a meeting place. I fall back on my experiences, in Xenia at the Pavilion, it is used every weekend from April through September/October. People go there for weddings, family reunions, it is a focal point that people from the community can use. I think this will provide that same opportunity for Riverside. Mr. Fullenkamp: I understand but don't you think there should have been some discussion about this at a work session? You knew the CDBG applications were due May 18th months ago; this is the first I've seen of this. Mr. Percival: Well obviously if council doesn't want to move forward with it we won't. Mr. Fullenkamp: I know we don't have a long term parks plan so how does this fit in? Mr. Percival: One of the many things we are working on with the new engineering firm is to start to put together a comprehensive, long-range parks plan. I think regardless this fits and meets a need for the community. I think it provides a focal point that is centrally located.

Mayor Flaute: I think the idea just came up. Mr. Fullenkamp: I know and I don't know why it just came up or why, when you were talking to Parks and Rec, you couldn't have been talking to us too. Mr. Percival: Parks and Rec just talked about it a week or 2 weeks ago; maybe we should have had it on the work session for this evening. We haven't had a council meeting since Parks and Rec met. Mr. Fullenkamp: I understand but there wasn't a quorum at Parks and Rec and I'm getting conflicting reports about what was actually presented at Parks and Rec. My understanding is this isn't the packet that was shown to them; maybe I'm getting bad information. Mr. Percival: Again, this is simply a concept. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm trying to figure out what say has Parks and Rec. This is a community; we are trying to draw people in to get involved. When we put together this long-term plan, who is going to be involved? Staff and Choice One or are we going to bring the community in and talk about this? That's my big concern.

Mr. Taylor: I have a meeting with folks from Choice One next Tuesday and what our goal is and what we are going to do is set a road map on how to create a Parks and Rec plan. We want to look at what are our needs, what do our parks currently supply, and how we move forward to engage the community. We want to put together a road map that says that when we start this process, a comprehensive plan about our parks, when we put together a long-range for Rohrer or Shellenbarger, we are going to go out and reach with the resources from Choice One, their landscape architect, and reach out to the community. That's what the plan is going to do. The funding for CDBG, if we apply, we get that money to execute for next year and hopefully we've moved forward on that plan and we have the input you are looking for. Mr. Fullenkamp: We have the cart before the horse here; that's what concerns me and this is almost one of those knee-jerk responses.

Mayor Flaute: I know he didn't fill out a form but someone from the Parks and Rec Commission is here, so would you introduce yourself and have some words for us.

Mr. James Perry: Thank you for your input for the Parks and Recreation Commission. You have some great ideas and I wish you would share them with us before you go other places because we are the people who are responsible for the parks; even though you are employed by the city, we do have a committee. We have

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commissioners who are responsible for getting ideas to city council about the parks. The other thing is the meeting you had was attended by 3 people; of those 3 people that were there, you did not give us a proposal on the \$50,000 you want to put into effect on the so-called meeting place. I've been here for 16 years trying to get a community recreation center where people can meet and you want to come in here and put \$50,000 into a gazebo like they have in Xenia and make that a meeting place? Mayor Flaute: Okay, what is your comment? Mr. Perry: My comment is the proposal was not given to the whole commission and nothing was said in that meeting about a gazebo. You talked about the fence and the pavement but you never mentioned a \$50,000 gazebo; none of the commissioners have seconded your opinion about what you presented to them. Nobody said anything about a gazebo.

Mayor Flaute: Can I just ask why the county says we shouldn't be tearing down houses? Mr. Percival: The county didn't say we shouldn't be tearing down houses, what they said was there is another funding source for demolitions. Mayor Flaute: Why not use both? Mr. Percival: You can use both; if council says we'd rather have you take the CDBG money and put it into demolitions, we can do that. Mayor Flaute: Does the county have to approve that? Mr. Percival: They have to approve whatever we send in. Mayor Flaute: So if they are not looking favorably on that, we would not be wise to put that in because we would probably get turned down. Mr. Percival: I don't think we would get turned down; I think it would be approved. All I'm saying is they would rather see the money used for other community priorities since there is another funding mechanism coming for demolitions. Mr. Taylor: It was encouraged to look for other projects.

Mrs. Reynolds: I don't think anyone on the Parks and Rec Commission wants to deny park upgrades and improvements. Mr. Perry, I'm sorry the commission didn't receive a full report. We received the report last Friday of what you all were presenting. Who sits on Parks and Rec? Ms. Christian: That was me and I will admit that the estimated costs were not included in the report I gave but we did provide the maps. Mrs. Reynolds: So they didn't receive the full report; whatever the case may be. When does this application have to be submitted? Mr. Taylor: May 18th.

Mr. Denning: So if we put in this information, is this what we have to spend it on or is this just an estimate. Can we say, oh, we don't want the gazebo, we want playground equipment instead? Mr. Percival: I think you have the ability; we say we are going to make park improvements in the amount of \$85,000. Mr. Denning: We are going to put \$15,000. Mr. Percival: \$15,000 is our local share. If council would like to rework it; it's \$85,000 worth of park improvements. What I'm hearing from council is everybody want to make improvements to the fence to make it more aesthetically pleasing; I hear there is a concern about the gazebo and we can revisit that. Mr. Denning: Does it all have to be spent in one park? Mr. Percival: I think we need to choose a location. Mr. Denning: If we did all the fencing at Community Park and made it look good and we said the gazebo would go better at Shellenbarger or at Memorial Park or we would rather have playground equipment or put that \$50,000 into a building fund – can we do that? Mr. Percival: I don't think you can put it into a building fund. Mr. Denning: But we could do part in one park and part in another, if we so desire. Mr. Percival: I don't think you can do that; CDBG has to have a specific location for the project. Mr. Denning: Then it has to be spent on Community Park and I'm okay with that.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Are we limited to 1 application? Mr. Percival: No, we can put in more than 1 application. We would have to prioritize them. Mr. Fullenkamp: That would get around the location issue and could also allow us to use it for some house demolition.

Mrs. Reynolds: Is it possible for us to submit this and then staff work with Parks and Rec to make the determination on the upgrades they are looking at. I think the Parks and Rec have to be involved in this process somewhat; that's what we've asked them to do. I understand you get these things in and you start furiously working but I believe you need to work with Parks and Rec. We can do Community Park but I don't know that an amphitheater is what we need and that may not be something even Parks and Rec knows - if that is something the community would want. I don't know that they have had the opportunity to even discuss that with Ms. Christian. As far as

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I'm concerned we can submit the application knowing that if we are funded for this we work with the Park and Rec Commission. Mr. Percival: I think once we are specific about park improvements and we are specific about the park, then we can work to refine that application with the Parks and Rec Commission.

Mayor Flaute: We also have Pee Wee Football here to worry about; they are there too.

Mr. Fullenkamp: When you say refine, what do you have to include in the application? Mr. Percival: I think the amount of money, improvements to the park – the fences, maybe we call the gazebo other park improvements such as shelter/playground equipment/other improvements. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'd really like us to look into whether we can make improvements in multiple parks; I don't think anybody knows.

Mrs. Reynolds: You have to worry about a targeted population for these dollars, so you do have to have the demographics. Mr. Percival: It has to be a low/moderate neighborhood. Mrs. Reynolds: So we have the 2 parks.

Deputy Mayor Smith: For the fence, why can't we cut the barbed wire off the top of the fence and paint the fence as opposed to replacing it. Why do we have to replace it? Mr. Percival: Well we are going to take the barbed wire off and instead paint the fence black or whatever? Deputy Mayor Smith: Or brown or green, something to make it more aesthetically pleasing. Mayor Flaute: That's something we can talk about when we get the money. Mr. Taylor: The fence was painted black at some time and the barbed wire is off but it still has the little arms and still gives the appearance whether it's there or not. Mrs. Reynolds: You could hang planters from those arms.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I don't think \$85,000 will do everything on those maps anyway and I think until we present the project, and I don't think you can change locations according to county rules, but, I don't think \$85,000 will do all that. I think by the time we deal with the safety and the fences, it is going to be a moot point anyway.

Mayor Flaute: Like I said, Pee Wee Football needs to be involved in this too. They need to know what's going on. Mr. Percival: Mr. Taylor, you did talk to the Pee Wee Football folks, right? Mr. Taylor: We talked to Jim and we are meeting with him next week to discuss this further and other options we want to talk to Pee Wee Football about anyway. Mrs. Reynolds: And be sure you talk with Parks and Rec. Mayor Flaute: We have to get the request in for the money now and I think what council is asking is if we can refine this. Mr. Percival: We will go to them to refine and see what other priorities they might have.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I think a message to Parks and Rec that you have a real project to work on now would be very helpful. In the past it's been nothing is happening. I would recommend you actually reach out to Parks and Rec either through emails or telephone conversations, light a fire under them and say we have something for you to do. I think James will be helpful in trying to do that but it's time to motivate these people and give them a reason to be. For the past five years they have been ignored so we have to make a difference. Thanks.

Deputy Mayor Smith: If we are going to do a project in a park, I would rather see the money spent in Drennen Park. There is nothing over there and you have all those kids in those homes in that neighborhood. There's a park and there's nothing for them to play with. Over at Community Park you have all kinds of things. Mr. Denning: I'm not sure it meets the demographic.

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

ITEM 18: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

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ITEM 19: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Deputy Mayor Smith: I attended the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association get acquainted reception. It was very well received by the members of MVMAA and there was good networking going on there. Very nice.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you for attending; I know Mrs. Lommatzsch was there, Mr. Curp was there, I was there, and Mr. Denning was there. We had a good show for our Veterans.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: It was quite a day. At 9:00 a.m. I was at the MVRPC meeting and I have newsletters from them to share with each of you. From there I went to the Affordable Housing Committee that the County Commissioners appointed me to. It's beginning to become a very large learning curve; the people on there are movers and shakers and they talk language I'm having a hard time learning but they all understand that and they appreciate me coming. I'm not sure I'm offering them a whole lot; I'm just learning a lot. I would ask that I get some relief on the quarterly meetings because I can't be at the MVRPC meeting at 9:00 and get to the County Building at 10:00; I had to leave MVRPC early. I know I was late contacting Mr. Fullenkamp but on September 1st I would appreciate it if somebody would attend MVRPC. Mayor Flaute: Who is the alternate? Mr. Fullenkamp: I need more than a day's notice. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I've been calling you most of the week but I didn't leave a message until yesterday. These are going to be conflicts but it's a quarterly meeting. It's very interesting and I encourage all of you to become more regionally involved because it's amazing the information that is out there and we have to take the time to go to these events. I know when we went to the MVRPC dinner we had the opportunity by luck or whatever to have dinner with the County Commissioners – that just doesn't happen until you put yourself out there. I encourage everybody to become more regionally involved because that's the only way we are going to survive. We can all sit here in Riverside and talk about we want things in Riverside but we all have to survive and there's not a city in this county that's not having to look at money. Big, small, middle of the road, whatever, everybody has money issues and until we all decide that regionalism is the way to go and get involved as a region, we're not, any of us, going to win. It takes time, I understand that, but this Affordable Housing Committee is just mind boggling and there is so much going on that we are highly impacted by. Mrs. Reynolds: When are they going to release those grants; did they say today? Mrs. Lommatzsch: Everybody is waiting. Take every opportunity because it's amazing what you learn. For 30 years now I've been going to conferences and I haven't been in the last few years but people used to ask what you learn at conferences. One of the big things I learned, whether it was school district or city, is things are not as bad here. If you stay in this mold, in this nutshell, you have to get out and you learn things are just not that bad; they could be better everywhere. Riverside has a lot going for it; we have great staff, we have a great persona out in the community by our leadership, and I've truly gotten great vibes from being out of Riverside and I would encourage all of you, if you have time, because Riverside has just got a lot of good going for it. You have to get out of the city limits to see that.

Mrs. Reynolds: Happy Mother's Day to every Mother; gentlemen, remember your Mothers – don't forget them.

Deputy Mayor Smith: Just to piggy back on that; the Mad River Lions Club is selling Mother's Day flowers right up the street across from Stebbins High School in the open lot area behind the bus garage. Also they are on Woodman across from Airway Shopping Center near Goodyear and InfoCision.

Mayor Flaute: I just have a couple things and then I have something for the Chief to say. About being out in the region, I went to a First Suburbs meeting where we talked to the new Ohio Municipal League guy and he is ready to take on all the responsibilities of OML. We want to use him for all the stuff he wants to do with communities; when you get those OML things, try to read them because there is lots we can be involved in which will help our city. Also we talked about the Fisher Nightingale House Fundraiser; Mrs. Lommatzsch was there and I was there, again we were working Riverside and making sure everyone knows the positive things going on. I went to a Housing First Institution for the Homeless Solutions Board I am on and

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we are doing a lot of the stuff Mrs. Lommatzsch was talking about. Some of it is pretty hard for me to swallow but we'll talk about that at another time. I attended a signing day for the graduates of Stebbins last week; all of our graduates at the beginning of their freshman year signed a document saying they were going to graduate and now we are celebrating that signing. The freshmen again, went through that signing and it's a big deal. We have 285 graduates coming out of the Class of 2016. I went and celebrated tourism today for the region: again a region thing. Our tourist system is alive and well; the Dayton Convention and Visitors Bureau know all about WPAFB. The talk today was from General C.D. Moore who was talking about the grand opening of the 4th building; it's going to be a big deal. I have the Ohio Water Developmental Authority Annual Report if anybody wants to see that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: The Water Festival is next week. Mayor Flaute: I had 6 weddings in the last 2 weeks so they continue on.

Mr. Denning: Happy Cinco De Mayo and Happy Birthday to my wife; I would tell you how old she is but I would be in trouble.

Mayor Flaute: One last thing – Chief, tell us what happened this evening before the meeting.

Chief Robinson: Mr. and Mrs. Domescik came over from the Chamber to see me with a check for \$2,000, a donation for the K-9 Fund. We are well on our way there. Also this past week, I met with someone from the Overlook Homes and they gave us a check for \$500. I also want to thank Chief Carpenter for solidarity on our uniforms today; I asked last month and said it would be nice if we both wore our uniforms when we do these kind of things, so thank you very much sir.

Deputy Mayor Smith: If I could piggy back on what Chief Robinson said, can we do a Go Fund Me account on our website for donations for the K-9. Mrs. Lommatzsch: The Chamber is doing that because the Police can't legally do it.

ITEM 20: ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council