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**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Flaute called the City of Riverside, Ohio Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverside Municipal Center located at 1791 Harshman Road, Riverside, Ohio.

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

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

**ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to excuse Mr. Smith. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor: none were opposed. **Motion Passed.**

**ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve the revised agenda. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion Passed.**

**ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved in Item 4.

**ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:**

**a) DISCUSSION – 2015 Operating Budget – Projected Unencumbered Funds**

Mr. Chodkowski: The last time that Council was together and was discussing the 2016 budget there was also some discussion about the estimated unencumbered balance from the 2015 budget. That discussion was directed at staff to come up with a list of things that we thought would be appropriate purchases to advance some goal or activity for the city with those unencumbered funds. So what we did was we put together our list of things that we thought that money might best be used for in some capacity. A lot of these things are to advance objectives or goals that I don't want to call soft but are not top priority but they are good to get when we can get them. So we put together that list for Council in that memorandum. We also then went through and discuss those items at a staff meeting and put together effectively what is the recommendation to Council on what we thought would be the most appropriate use of the unencumbered funds from 2015. That information is located halfway down on page 2 of the memorandum that is included in your packet. You will note that of those items, three of the five items are items that we had already programmed into the 2016 budget. So effectively what we are doing is trying to move those expenses forward and then that would create some additional room for programming or for additional expenditures in the 2016 budget. So recognizing that we are also here tonight at some point to talk about the 2016 budget we wanted to break these out so that we could have the discussion on these recommended expenditures for the 2015 unencumbered dollars. So that is our recommendation on this memo. Just as brief summary, the website upgrade and updates, the decorative street signs at two locations, three of the five computers that were originally requested and I believe there were 15 originally in the 2016 budget. There is the asphalt hotbox and then the traffic speed counter which we had discussed much earlier in the year with Council as we were moving through the Major Thoroughfare Improvement plan. The total of those expenditures is roughly \$81,000. The website, the computers and the hotbox are already incorporated in the 2016 budget. So those are three of the five that we already have accounted for. So those are staff's recommendations to Council and obviously that is our input to you all

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as policymakers. So we will await any comments or further instructions that you might have.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Manager. Are there any general comments from members of Council?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Thank you Mayor, I appreciate that. Mr. City Manager, I believe I sent you an email that I would like to see that \$175,000 just remain unspent and going to the carryovers for next year. We are not sure exactly; we have looked at putting these things into the 2016 budget and I would like to be able to in the 2016 budget increase the street paving piece if at all possible if Council sees benefit in that. Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Ms. Reynolds. Any other thoughts?

Mr. Fullenkamp: I sent a list of seven things to the city manager that were distributed in the memo and was in the packet. Some of these things were pretty minor. We continue to have recurring issues with solicitors not seeming to know that they are not allowed to solicit without a permit in our city. I've seen in other cities and villages signs on the outskirts that notify these people when they enter the city that they are required to get a permit before they solicit. So I think that is very low cost and it may stop some of this. I am really interested in some of these community building activities. We don't do these things and I think this is something we could give to the Parks and Rec and have them design and plan some events in the park and fund some of that; movies, inexpensive cookout events for several of the parks. I think those are things that will build a spirit of community and will move us forward in communicating with our residents more effectively. As I walked through the city during election, we have a lot of sidewalk problems in areas that have existing sidewalks. I've heard from several residents that are walkers that want these things to be addressed and the plan that we had before was money set aside so that these people that didn't want to pay for it out of their pockets could borrow the money and be assessed for it on their taxes. I think that is something we all should consider and start that back up. I know we have had a conversation about this before and it is something that you considered but I think some of this money could be set aside to do exactly that, to fund sidewalk repairs for residents. I'm going to continue to harp on rightsizing our mowing equipment. I see too many instances of two or three mowers at one location where one large mower and one smaller mower would free up other labor to do other tasks. While number four might seem insulting, I hear the excuse too much that we are overloaded with mowing and we don't get these other things done. And after hearing the discussion about storm water and hearing that we are not maintaining; part of our problem is we are not maintaining some of the systems. Issues like this kind of cement this, that maybe we need to deploy our manpower a little more effectively. Something that has come up and really kind of surprised me is weeds in the road; weeds in the gutter pans. I have had three or four people just out of the blue mentioned this to me. And the concern is not only does it look crappy but there may be some damage being done to the road surfaces because of this. Now we know it is because of the cracks that developed. But my understanding is that there used to be a program that addressed this issue and I'm not sure why it has discontinued but I think it is something we need to think about. As Ms. Reynolds says, let's pave more streets if we do nothing else. Let's just pave more streets. It's already in the budget for traffic counters so I'll take that off the list. So those are my list of things. If we can do some of these things, fine. If we want to just pull it over into the 2016 general fund I'm okay with that too. We can spend some time actually planning these things instead of making a quick decision at the end of the year. So that's all I have. Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: Any comments on Mr. Fullenkamp's comments?

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Mr. Chodkowski: Just so that I understand, those are things that based on the list that you provided you would rather have the \$170,000 just carried into 2016 and those items in some capacity funded that way?

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's right. Have it carried over and then specify some things we may consider.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I am not in favor of because we have money spending it. You never know when an emergency is going to happen and we need to have extra money on hand. Although these are all good ideas and I could support any of them I don't think because there is money there we need to be spending it. We need to be more resourceful in looking for ways to do some of these things.

Mayor Flaute: And I agree with Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Fullenkamp on the streets.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Absolutely.

Mayor Flaute: When I was walking around the community I heard all about the streets and that kind of goes along with your theory. You are not putting it in the bank you are putting it in the streets and I think that is very important. We tried movies in the park several times. By that time it is 9:30 or 10:00 before it starts getting dark, you get mosquitoes and those kinds of things, it didn't seem to be well attended. And with people with big-screen TVs and everything at home these days I think that might have been part of the attendance problem. It's something we could try again.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Item B.

Mayor Flaute: Yeah item B would be fun. That would be may be something we could talk about and maybe people would come to. But movies in the park we tried that and well it just wouldn't do it. Maybe the cookout; well I don't know. We could try something like that. I'm also in favor of putting it in the streets. That's where we need it and that's like putting it in the bank.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: And that's what people see when they come to visit their grandmother or their friends or whatever. That's what I hear more is that the streets need fixing. And they understand that it takes money. It's not that they're out there crying about it they understand that it takes money. But I do hear that more than anything else.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I want to make a point regarding community events. We give the Base \$5000 a year for a party. I think we should be willing to spend \$5000 on our community to accomplish some of the goals of giving a chance to get our communities together. If we can give away \$5000 for the Tattoo we certainly should consider doing something for the people in our city.

Mayor Flaute: And the weeds growing in the gutters, I think that needs to be done anyways and I don't know why we're not doing it. I haven't heard that quite myself but maybe it's out there. I'll take your word for it. It should be done.

Mr. Denning: Did you go down Airway Road this summer? There was grass this high growing in the middle of the road.

Mayor Flaute: It could be. I think that's something we need to be doing regardless of how much money we have left. We don't need weeds growing in the middle of the road that's for sure. Again a lot of that would go along with improving the roads. That's what I hear so much. As far as the sidewalk program, maybe it's time to look at another sidewalk program. It has been a good many years since we have done that. We did improve a lot of sidewalks. So if that's a need that Council wants we can look at that.

Mr. Denning: I think if we are going to do the sidewalks we need to be consistent and not just one year. We need to do that every year. My opinion is we have the active

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code enforcement time from April to October or whatever but those sidewalks are there year-round so there is nothing wrong with walking the sidewalks and marking it off and getting with people and saying, hey you need to think about this next summer and give them time to get it done themselves. But we need to be consistent about it and we need to do every neighborhood not just say, okay we pick this neighborhood.

Mayor Flaute: That's what I was going to say. Don't pick neighborhoods again.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That was a seeded program that started and fell into the cracks.

Mr. Denning: And that's fine and I understand that but then we stopped so we need to be consistent. And now those people are upset because there are other neighborhoods that have bad sidewalks and they didn't have to go through this whole process. I think putting that money in there; I don't know how much. It would sort of be in the bank because eventually we'll get that money back through assessments. We just need to be consistent and we need to continue that. If we are going to do that we need to be very consistent with it and make it a long-term thing not just until we run out of money.

Mr. Fullenkamp: We have the power to enforce the sidewalks being repaired but do we want to give those residents an option of being assessed or paying out of their own pocket. That is the question. We ought to be mandating that already but we don't.

Mr. Denning: Right.

Mayor Flaute: But we should. I don't think they have an option. If they can't fix it, it has to be repaired and put on the property. I don't think there is a question about that.

Mr. Denning: I think we need to be consistent with it.

Mayor Flaute: It makes it hard for some of the residents.

Mr. Denning: That's why they put it on as an assessment instead of it being \$8000 in one year it is \$80 a year for 10 years; well that would be 100 years. But what ever it is, it is on their taxes and it goes into their house payment.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Most of these are several blocks of the sidewalks. We are not talking thousands of dollars; we are talking hundreds of dollars.

Mr. Denning: Right. And they can do it themselves.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Yes they can.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Well I think we saw in the past that neighbors would go together and hire one contractor to do what needed to be done and it was taken care of and I think that is something if we go in that direction Mr. City Manager we need to have some good contractors that might be willing to work with the community and have that available for residents that would not know where to start.

Mr. Chodkowski: Right. It was actually my intent to talk with city Council as we completed an evaluation of this year's goals and objectives and set next year's goals and objectives was to talk about setting up a long-term sidewalk, curb and gutter assessment program. Basically one that we would plan through 2016 and begin to implement and phase in starting in 2017. That is a subject that we did want to talk to Council about that we do think is important to begin to reinstitute.

Mr. Denning: So what you are saying is you want to take this year and plan for it and then start it?

Mr. Chodkowski: So what we wanted to is; we need to go back and we need to look at what the districts were before legislatively. My understanding is there might have been; we need to go through and make sure that we would enable all of the provisions in the Ohio Revised Code in the city's assessment policy. We would want to be able to break out the different neighborhoods. My understanding was that in previous

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programs there was not as good communication up front as there should've been so we want to be able to get out in front of that. So in 2016 would be our time to go through and look at all of that and analyze information with regards to taxes; it is an assessment program so you are assuming that the people are paying taxes and are going to pay their assessments and that those people who are not paying their taxes are not going to pay their assessments. So you're talking about projects that you have some kind of special bonds note on and we have to be able to account for that. The city has to carry a portion of that. So it's not, we have \$175,000 so let's go start replacing those things. We are probably talking a year to a year and a half to plan and now you're probably talking implementation over five or six years depending on how many districts there are.

Mr. Denning: As long as we are starting and we are planning and we are in front of it and we can make it happen and we are consistent with it.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Explain to me why you have to reinvent the wheel. We've already done this. Why do we have to reinvent the wheel?

Mr. Chodkowski: We are not reinventing the wheel but what needs to happen.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: It takes 18 months to do that?

Mr. Chodkowski: Quite possibly. Quite possibly because you have to look at the districts you have to get an estimate on the cost, yet to be able to go out and determine what work needs to be done so you can get a better understanding of the cost, you need to find out what the financial requirements are going to be for the property owners, what they are going to be for the city. There are all kinds of notices that have to go out. Not just informational notices but there are public hearings, citizens have the right to object, so all of those things have to be planned out. If you want to do the maximum amount of work then obviously that has to be planned around whatever the construction season is. So this isn't necessarily reinventing the wheel. And all of the programs that occurred were prior to my arrival so I don't know what work went into them or did not going to them in advance. But we need to make sure that if we are going to do this that it is laid out in a methodical and thoughtful approach. The concern has been that 8 years ago or 10 years ago that they did my neighborhood but they didn't do this other neighborhood.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Well we can't forget about the young people and the drug problems and all of that. We have serious problems that we need to face in that area too. So I don't know. You pick your poison.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, I was trying to find the paragraph to read from. I believe you have not accounted for all dollars yet that will not be utilized this year. Have you come up with a figure close to anything yet?

Mr. Chodkowski: Not yet, that will be based on what we talk about tonight and then the October books just closed so we will have better information at the next meeting to be able to do that.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I am concerned about one of staff's requests for the three new computers. I don't like reading what I read in this memo of this movement around trying to find access to one of the most important tools that you need to do your job, in any organization it is a computer. So I think this; I don't know where we are going with the discussion of the \$175,000; to the discussion of the budget coming up but I am looking at this request that staff made for three computers and I think we need to fulfill that request if at all possible and get that done.

Mr. Chodkowski: Based on tonight's discussion, if the issue is ensuring that the \$170,000 that we believe will not be encumbered in 2015 is accurately reflected in the 2016 budget it would be my request that Council allow us to move forward these listed

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expenses for 2015 and then we would reduce those as they are already programmed in 2016 and carryover the remaining balance still equaling approximately \$175,000 in expenditures for 2016. And then when we come back in the next cycle to be able to talk about; it's not going to be highly expensive but the signs for instance or we need to update the money that we put into the Parks and Recreation budget. We put in \$2500 or \$3000 and if that needs to be a bigger number we can do that and then whatever that balance is we will put that back towards roads.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And I understand that but I also understand and somewhat agree with Mrs. Lommatzsch's remarks that we are looking like we are just spending money to spend it. You say in this memorandum that this was a problem. I would like to address this problem with the computers and the staffing needs with that. Everything else as far as I'm concerned you can move to 2016. I don't know that we need to buy; we've gone this long without buying a hotbox. We've gone this long without the speed counter and if it is going over to 2016, at some point in time I understand Mr. Garrett has to close at the books at the end of the year and we see the supplemental appropriations coming in. I want to give him as much time as possible to close out everything and not have anything hanging or dangling around or dragging down closing the books. I think that is a practice we need to start as soon as we can and make sure that we can close out effectively without appropriations.

Mr. Fullenkamp: On the other hand if it is in route already, for instance we've got the hotbox bid and we know what the cost is or the counter I would say go ahead and do it. I mean if it is an intended purchase and he just couldn't do it this year there is no harm to do it this year. That's my view anyways.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I think we should start shutting down now and being able to close out. That's just me.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Well if the intent was just buy this year that's just all I'm suggesting. If the intent was originally to buy this year maybe the rules are to be set that from now on.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I think the intent was originally to buy it much earlier in the year and we just didn't get around to doing that. We had to wait for a couple of supplementals if I remember correctly. I didn't think to go back and look when we first started talking about some of these things.

Mr. Chodkowski: With regards to the hotbox? And I believe; we talked about the hotbox, we were going to make some capital purchases. If we had sufficient funds left over then we would buy the hotbox. So that's what we are doing. We had talked about with the traffic counter once we get to the end of the year if we had money left over we would buy the traffic counter. And since we are getting ready to close out 2015 and talk about 2016 then are there other elements that we need to consider in putting into the 2016 budget that isn't there. The prime example is the sign for out front. It has been my practice that the aesthetic items; those soft items that help improve the appearance of our city that might not necessarily be functional, those are the ones that we kind of rack and stack through the year and then we bring to you at this time because there aren't funds available to make those expenses and we want to stay focused on; the streets are important but at the same time what is the value return on the perception of this community with regards to \$3000 or \$4000. What is that going to get you in road maintenance compared to may be some of the other things that we need to do that have a physical presentation like a sign out front. It is old, it is tattered, it is being held together with a variety of different staples and nails and screws. They see that all the time. People drive past all the time.

Mr. Denning: And I agree.

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Mr. Chodkowski: We are trying to make this transition and at some point in time we have got to be able to account for the fact that sometimes appearance does matter even if it might not have structural value to other priorities and that's why we have traditionally waited until the end of the year to make some of these other purchases. But if Council wants to be more cognizant of only spending the money that is in the budget; that is in the final appropriation then we as staff need to have another discussion about what is going to be included in the 2016 budget because there are things like the changeable reader board out front. I think we all know that that is another way to communicate better information, more information to the community and it sure would look nice if it was not 30 years old.

Mr. Denning: And if it was electronic you could put up multiple layers of information for people so when you have three people that want to put up information we could do it.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Who is going to be driving by this place for the next year? That is my question.

Mr. Denning: They will be going very slowly by so they will be able to see all of it. We could put 10 or 20 different informational things out there and they will be able to see them all.

Mayor Flaute: Very good. Refresh my memory, when we passed the ordinance about the printers weren't the computers on there from two meetings ago?

Mr. Denning: That was just the printer lease; copier.

Mayor Flaute: I was just printers, okay. As far as the drugs and stuff that is going on in our city, we had a good meeting last night with the Neighborhood Watch for the Avondale area and from what Major Hughes says they are putting a lot more into that. Chief can you kind of expound on that a little bit? What you guys are doing to fight our drug issue, more than what was done in the past?

Chief Robinson: I can't really elaborate on a lot that is going on actually but I will tell you this, there are about 14 or 15 things that are going on and in the works as we speak. I can't elaborate on those. Obviously Sergeant Close is still working very hard with the task forces that he is in. We're getting information that he needs to make those things go forward. Also we're talking about putting another person on the task force on a full-time basis if it is possible. We need to have someone work full-time on that drug issue that will actually be able to bring folks in like Sergeant Close does.

Mayor Flaute: So we are responding.

Chief Robinson: Yes we are very active. We had two search warrants that we did in the last month that were very successful. We made some impact there but I think we are going to make a lot more impact.

Mayor Flaute: We need to keep moving forward.

Chief Robinson: Absolutely.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Chief, do you have any statistics that you can share with us on the drug problems in this community? You have any point of reference that we can go to?

Chief Robinson: I do not; not in my hand that I can give to you but I surely can get you some.

Mayor Flaute: So what information?

Chief Robinson: There are statistics at hand and things that are available I just don't have them in my fingertips but I can get them to you.

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Deputy Mayor Reynolds: How many times in the last month have we used Narcan?

Chief Robinson: The last count that I heard was six but I think it's up to at least eight now.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: The last month? Is that an average for a month?

Chief Robinson: It's not really the average I just think we had an overabundance this month. It was 6 to 8, that's what I want to guess.

Mr. Denning: Is that just police or is that police and fire?

Chief Robinson: That is just police.

Mr. Denning: That is just police?

Mayor Flaute: That is just police?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Chief Carpenter, how many times have you used Narcan?

Chief Carpenter: I don't have that number but I can tell you that we have been responding to those types of calls once or maybe twice a day, over the week maybe 10 times.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Can you get us those numbers; just the numbers for the last couple of months since we have been at full force with it for police and fire.

Chief Robinson: That was actually going to be one of my items to speak about at the next Council meeting so it will be there.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Thank you both.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I have a question about that too. So typically what is the age group of people who are overdosing on opiates?

Chief Robinson: I'm going to guesstimate between 28 and 42.

Mr. Fullenkamp: And how many deaths have we had within the city so far from overdoses this year?

Chief Robinson: I can't give that exact number but I can tell you that I know of at least two folks that we administered to that passed away.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Because we know that last year we were number two in the county with the city of Dayton being number one.

Chief Robinson: Absolutely. And I can absolutely tell you that one of the times for sure an officer save the life.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So these are really adults that are involved in most of this. These are not children these are adults that are getting involved in heroin.

Chief Robinson: I will share more of that with you when it was my turn to speak at the next Council meeting. I will give you some more insight on that.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Thanks.

Chief Robinson: Yes Sir.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: The Chiefs, is it reoccurring addresses or is it communitywide?

Chief Robinson: It is communitywide. I don't think it is the same place every time.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: If it's not too much trouble could you get us the general locations?

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Chief Robinson: Absolutely.

Mr. Curp: Going back to the original question of what to do with the \$175,000, I concur that not spending a lot of that now or any of it, that it be carried forward into the next budget year. I also agree that if we are going to look at some place to put a large amount of that, that it should go into streets. We had a situation either earlier this year or sometime in the fourth quarter last year where we were talking about additional revenue that we are bringing in above estimates for the year in income tax and I suggested that we put that money into streets and I couldn't gather enough support. I think the comments made were, well it's just one time money and we need to wait and see and just because we have money we shouldn't spend it. So I'm of that same mindset. But when we do go to spend it I would like to see it spend it on things that directly affect the neighborhoods as much as possible. I agree that maybe we need a new sign out front or maybe we need this capital item or this expense item. It is a capital need but it doesn't meet the criteria to make it a capital. But I heard the same kind of comments about grass and weeds growing in the asphalt but I also heard comments from people who said, you know I would like to have that house next door or that vacant house down the street fixed up. Or even the occupied houses that need a good coat of paint or some stairs or that sort of thing and get that fixed up because it is creating a blight in my neighborhood. And that's these people talking and it is from every neighborhood; it's just not one neighborhood or another it is every neighborhood. And so that's why I proposed the things that are in your agenda packet because those are things that deal with neighborhood development and community development and they improve the quality of life for people because it creates a stabilization. It can fix some of those houses for the homeowners. So I would like to see the \$175,000 carried into next year and look at programs that benefit the neighborhoods; that benefit the people because that's what they want based on the comments I was getting.

Mayor Flaute: So are we being as aggressive as we can possibly legally be with vacant houses? I mean there are a lot of them out there. When you come upon one it really does; I don't want to say break your heart, but it is tough.

Mr. Denning: It scares you sometimes.

Mayor Flaute: It is. I guess with the banks and the way they are I am making the assumption that we are being as aggressive as we can. Is there something we are not doing that could make that better like Mr. Curp was saying? Is there something we can do?

Mr. Curp: I missed the first meeting in April of this year because I was away from the city and during that meeting there was discussion about goals and object and things like that. One of the handouts was statistics from code enforcement efforts. The largest code enforcement item on that list was tall grass and weeds and we need to be doing those kinds of things. But when you looked at the other items on that list, I think there was an item as far as dealing with structures and nuisance abatement type of things as far as house repairs or building repairs and I think that number that sticks in my mind was only five entries. So now it goes back to kind of what was mentioned earlier this evening about the aggressive period versus the passive period and things that we could do during the passive period to prepare for the aggressive period. If you remember Nancy Godsey was in here just before winter less fall and she received a citation to make some repairs on the house that her and her father were working on and she said, you know it would be better, a lot of it is outside work and we are past the warm weather period now and it is tough for people to get outside and work in the winter weather on those kinds of things. Why are we getting citations now? We don't have to have citation but we can have a program where we go out and talk to people and say, you know here are some things that you need to be working on that are in violation of the code but because we are in this kind of weather period we are going to cut you

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some slack and give you a break and put you on a 30 day program; we will put you in a 90 day program. You can spend 30 days planning and doing your budgeting, spend the next 30 days reviewing with us and the staff to see if what you want to do fits the code and that sort of thing and then you can be making plans to have your construction folks or your contractors come in at the 90 days and do that work. The problem is we need the programs in here. Before I don't think we've had the kind of code enforcement and working with the neighbors and doing these kinds of things and now we can do it because we have a robust staff. We have a code enforcement officer, we have a zoning administrator and we have Mr. Taylor, we have the city manager, we have enough people to make this work now. To make it work better. But we just have to put some programs in the place and that's why I suggested some of those programs because I think we can do that.

Mayor Flaute: I think the grass was a challenge in spring because of all the rain. From what I could see we did better than we've ever done before with it. We got the grass cut better, it wasn't perfect. There were some lawns that were pretty long and I got very nervous but I think we did better so we have to continue that.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: This is kind of off the subject but I have had people ask me how much removal of the sign from Woodman Drive has cost the city because they liked it and that it was pretty and they want to know why it was taken away and I am truly perplexed as to why it was taken away. However, could I have a figure of how much that cost the taxpayers?

Mr. Chodkowski: \$97,000 and change.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Riverside?

Mr. Chodkowski: That was the city's money and it will cost another \$40,000, well it won't be that much to put the sign back in the right-of-way. It will probably be another \$30,000.

Mayor Flaute: Now did that \$97,000 include the \$50,000 that we got from the insurance company?

Mr. Chodkowski: Whatever that was.

Mayor Flaute: It wasn't \$97,000 it was \$97,000 minus \$50,000.

Mr. Garrett: Well we received the money but still we spent it.

Mr. Denning: The cost was \$97,000 and we got \$50,000 from the insurance company. Taxpayer money is only \$47,000.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Well to a lot of people that is a lot of money.

Mr. Denning: Well I'm not disagreeing, I'm just saying.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: They are very upset that it is gone because they liked it. So I hope we don't get rid of the one on the north. That's what I needed to know thank you very much.

Mr. Denning: The reporting software for \$40,000, can you give me a little better explanation of what exactly that is. It was on your list. What does that mean to me.

Mr. Chodkowski: The Chief might be able to explain it in more detail but effectively what it is, is a software package. Currently OLEG, which is a free software package we use from the state, does not cross populate information as entered through the CAD system with relationship to dispatch. So one of the things that this program would do would be to integrate what the CAD program and our officers use. So in another words I'm in a cruiser and filling out a report and I enter that into the MDT and I send that and it gets populated at dispatch and I have to come back here to City Hall and I

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have to fill out my report so I login to OLEG and I retyped the same information and I put all of that stuff in with regards to who was my suspect, who was my victim, who was crash car one, who was crash car two, that data. So that is one element. Another thing that OLEG does not do that this program would do is that it provides a direct correlation to multiple reports that may be involved with the same incident. It also will provide a direct correlation to evidence that maybe we have more information that is submitted to the crime lab so there is a direct connect to that information that is in a report. Whereas in OLEG that system is not designed to do that so those types of correlations have to happen manually by the officers.

Mr. Denning: So this could actually save us money in the long run when you consider people's time and efforts in labor costs. We could get our money back in a year or so.

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes, it would be a tool of efficiency.

Mr. Denning: That's kind of like buying the bigger mowers. It goes into the same category.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Is this a new software package out?

Mr. Chodkowski: No. To answer a lot of the questions that have come up, this is about resources and priorities and our availability to allocate those resources in a meaningful way to these priorities. So at the time when we moved to OLEG we were paying a significant amount of money to utilize the Diver system. So at the start of the recession, in an approach to save money the chief at the time made the decision to modify the Diver's contract to simply make it an informational access program and then to move to OLEG. I can't remember what the number was but it was a fairly large savings. And so we were functioning with OLEG and we were doing what we do with OLEG and then Chief Robinson arrived and he kind of looked at what we were doing and how we were doing things and he said, hey you know what if I could get this, this would be nice. And so we have talked about whether or not that should be part of the 15 item list that we use the unencumbered funds for. We talked about whether or not that should be incorporated as part of the 2016 budget. We definitely talked about making sure that it was part of the 2017 budget. So like I said we've got \$5 million worth of stuff that we all want to have but \$5 million we'll spent every dime that we have in the general fund including what's in the fund now.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: So the Diver's fees that we had listed here in 2016 would be replaced with a new software or is this on top of?

Mr. Chodkowski: I'm not sure whether or not they integrate. Chief do you know if the information in Divers would be integrated into the new system? No? So that would be on top of.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: So we would have Divers and OLEG?

Mr. Chodkowski: Right so we have information that is stored on that customized database that we would still need to have access to in some capacity.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And how long would that be ongoing? That would be ongoing?

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes Ma'am.

Mayor Flaute: Forever.

Mr. Chodkowski: Until such time as; Dayton and the county have had ongoing discussions now for; when did we leave dispatch? Five years ago, six years ago? As far back as that goes they had talked about effectively building a black box to translate the information out of Divers into a format that other systems; Tiburon is what the county uses that they would be able to communicate. So effectively Divers could be shut down as an accessible program and it would just be a data field that everybody

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would then be able to have access to. To the best my knowledge no one has come to terms on how to fund or construct this translator to get information out of Divers into a format the rest of us can use.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: So the ongoing cost between the two, because I'm sure the new software will have a yearly maintenance cost. With that and with Divers what are we looking at?

Mr. Chodkowski: Well the new software, I think it is \$40,000 to buy it all in. And then you can break it out into two separate payments I think is what we talked about. And then it is 6000 a year after that before the annual maintenance fee.

Chief Robinson: Divers originally, the whole thing that these two have here was somewhere around \$38,000. It was ridiculous. So they cut it down to the \$18,000 they have now. But we talked about even changing some of that as well and bring some of that cost down. It is currently \$18,000 but I think it is by users and we were talking about how we could change that as well.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: So we have actually spent about \$120,000 on Divers over the years?

Mr. Chodkowski: I would probably say that if not more than that.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And with the new software; there has got to be a point somewhere where we can transfer this information I would think. But that's neither here nor there. We are talking \$25,000 a year for storage of information. Is there any point in time if we went to a new system that we could hold Divers only for this long? Is there a statute of limitations on any of this information? I don't know.

Mr. Chodkowski: I'm not familiar enough to be able to answer that question. Our ability to have to continue to access Divers might decrease thereby decreasing the amount. So maybe it was \$38,000 7 years ago and now it is down to \$18,000 and maybe we can get it down to \$7000 or \$8000. Will it eventually go away, yes. When will that be? I don't have the answer to that question.

Mayor Flaute: Alright, so we need to kind of wrap this up as far as the 2015.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Can I say one more thing? This is just a new slant. Divers isn't any good?

Mr. Chodkowski: I have my opinion, Chief, you have yours.

Chief Robinson: It is good but it holds all the information that Dayton has and so that's why we are kind of tied into that information. The guys use a lot doing their cases especially the detectives but I think there is a way for us to get around using Divers as much or having limited access which would drive the cost down for Divers. The other program is only \$6000 a year after you get past the initial \$40,000, which actually comes to \$34,000 and \$6000 for the yearly access. That program is actually the same one that Huber Heights has, the CMI. We currently have CMI already, we use Redhawk and that's what we do all of our tags and information with on registrations. So it is the same thing as Huber Heights has but we kind of base what we have based on personnel.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And I understand that Chief but I am looking at the fact that there is always going to be something new coming out. There is always going to be something better. I would like to see a program where those updates are part of what we have and maintain; I like a new pair of shoes and I could probably get a new pair of shoes about every month but guess what, I am wearing these old things that I've got on that are a year old because they're still good. You know. I am trying to justify in my mind what the value is.

Mr. Chodkowski: The value of?

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Deputy Mayor Reynolds: The value of the new software versus what we have.

Mr. Chodkowski: That was part of the reason why it came as a request Chief but not a recommendation from me because the discussion that I've had with the Chief and the Major is, look I recognize that there is a certain benefit in the program because there are certain elements of customer service that it would increase. We would be able to produce reports faster for victims of crime or to representatives of individuals so there is a benefit to that. But we talked about it being a tool of efficiency. The question that I proposed to the Chief and to the Major was, look that's great that this technology is there and you are going to reduce this time that these officers spend. Where you going to do in place with the time that you save? Are you going to be able to do more traffic enforcement? Are you going to be able to do more drug enforcement? Are you going to be able to do more community outreach? Come back to me and tell me how much time you think you're going to save; efficiency and what you're going to do with the time that you have bought back. And so that's why we have had the discussion; I like the concept of the software but what will we benefit other than it being the newest gadget or the coolest toy? What will we gain by what it brings to us?

Mr. Fullenkamp: And you haven't gotten the answer to those questions?

Mr. Chodkowski: We just started having that conversation three weeks ago or four weeks ago. So it is one of those things where we sat around the meeting table and said, hey here's how much money we think we may have left over, if there are things we can purchase this year what would you like? And they brought that to me at that time.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So this sounds like something that needs to be put off until 2016.

Mr. Chodkowski: Correct, which is why I had said that we talked about it.

Mr. Denning: I was just curious about what it was because all it said was.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't think they answered all the questions.

Mr. Denning: Right and I'm okay with that. What do you need? Do you need a motion from us?

Mr. Chodkowski: With regards to 2015, as I understand it all of Council would like for it to be rolled. The one exception that I would ask is the computers if that's not an issue to get at least three of those up so that we can make the transition and keep people working as effectively as we can.

Mayor Flaute: But you are going to increase the amount of road repair.

Mr. Chodkowski: That well that wasn't the direction that I heard.

Mayor Flaute: I think that was the direction.

Mr. Chodkowski: Well, you have the list of programs that Mr. Curp wants to talk about, you have the list that Mr. Fullenkamp read off.

Mayor Flaute: I think we've all agreed that we need to have better roads, we need a sidewalk program and we need to be more aggressive on vacant houses. That is primarily what I've been hearing.

Mr. Denning: Well right now we said he can have the computers and the rest we want to roll into next year's budget. Those things that you want to talk about, we can talk about next year's budget. Does that make sense to you?

Mayor Flaute: I think so.

Mr. Denning: Okay.

Mayor Flaute: Is everybody else good?

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A motion was made by Mr. Denning to allow the City Manager to buy three computers and the rest of the unencumbered funds be rolled into next year. Deputy Mayor Reynolds seconded the motion.

Mayor Flaute: I'm okay as long as we don't like Mr. Curp said rolled it in there and then don't do anything with it.

Mr. Fullenkamp: You don't think were going to spend it?

Mayor Flaute: There are some important programs that aren't getting done and we want to get them done.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And we need to talk about those things. We need to talk about them.

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

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I would like to comment though that we've got to stop talking about things. We spent far, far too much time talking about things and little action.

**b) DISCUSSION – 2016 Operating Budget – Second Proposal**

Mr. Chodkowski: As you will note, we included for you a more robust version of the budget than you are traditionally used to seeing. That included a lot of funds that we typically do some of our larger work out of. Not a lot of significant changes in many of these funds just simply from the standpoint that they are relatively passive. Just a couple of things in the event that you do not get to the budget notes sheet that accompanied this. The permissive tax project, we've got lined up the restriping of all of the major thoroughfares in the city. We need to get caught up on that. As a note, 212 which is the general assessment fund, that number's come way down as we are no longer in the trash funding and collection business. The ED/GE grant from 2016, that is funded to 2015. The ED/GE grant award that we did receive in 2015 for Radiance was larger than we had originally anticipated and we will now be able to complete that project in 2015. It is actually getting ready to get started here next month I believe. So those funds have been moved from 2015 to 2016 as well as the RTA grant project that we had talked about. The Brantwood Subdivision II fund, you will note that it is now populated. There is legislation on the floor in this meeting and that is based on the current construction estimate. I don't necessarily know that both revenues and expenses will both be that high but it does currently reflect the engineer's estimate. The CDBG fund a little further down on page 5 in the expense category, this is the funds that have been awarded to the city by the county for demolition purposes of vacant, blighted and abandoned structures. And then the only other item of note is fund 404 which is the OD&R project for the kayak launch. Other than that the rest the funds remain the same. As I did note in my memo, we are still looking to finalize the revenues and expenses for the Brantwood Subdivision I fund. We finally have good calculative formulas from the County Auditor so Mr. Garrett is working on that. I believe we had also talked about fund 402 which is the Wright Point fund. We will have something populated for Council at the next work session to review that. Mr. Murray, Ms. Christian, Mr. Garrett and I are meeting next week to talk about that funding detail. That is a summary in brief of those numbers and those figures that you see. As a note, we've currently projected and estimated a deficit of approximately \$300,000 for next year. But as I also noted in my cover memo we are putting a great deal of funds into capital expenditures and revenue improvements. We have some property acquisitions planned for a potential economic development project. While that deficit if it were operational would be a concern it is one that we have managed based on our choices in capital expenditures. Staff and I will be more than happy to answer any questions that Council has about this information as well as the items that Council has proposed for consideration for the 2016 budget.

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Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Manager. Are there any comments from members of Council?

Mr. Fullenkamp: Are you ready?

Mr. Chodkowski: As ready as I'm going to be.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Let's start with the Honeywell efficiency monitoring equipment. A little off topic, when do we expect to see the results of the audit to see that we are meeting the standards in the admissions in the savings that we expected?

Mr. Chodkowski: Mr. Miller do you know when they are planning to get that?

Mr. Miller: Right now they have devices on lights that they are measuring. They have not come back yet. Apparently there is some contractor to Honeywell that is doing the measuring. They are actually DP&L I believe. So they put the monitors in actually earlier this week. I'm not sure of the time table that they will be taking them back out. I can probably find out for you and then I can probably find out a tentative time schedule on the measurements.

Mr. Chodkowski: I believe we signed off on the project in its entirety on June I want to say. So if you were to look at the comprehensive elements it would be June 2016. But some of these; the lighting and more immediate incentives from DP&L.

Mr. Fullenkamp: On Parks and Rec, I'm looking at the \$130,000 for the relocation of Rohrer basketball court and parking lot expansion. This seems more like it is parking and for recreation rather than a Parks and Rec thing. I really question the need for spending that kind of money. That is a lot of money to spend just for parking for one or two days a week for six months out of the year when we have needs in all of our parks that have not been done for years. I'm concerned about that. I think we ought to strike that and find a better resolution. There is commotion being caused by the youth, by basketball and there are other ways to screen noise versus spending \$130,000 to move a basketball court and build a big parking lot. So that's just my view.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I agree Sir. I agree with that Mr. City Manager. We need to talk with the residents. I don't mean to interrupt Mr. Fullenkamp but that is my community and I brought that concern to the city manager. But I know that there is no one in that community that expects that problem to cost the city \$130,000. I would appreciate it if you would talk with the residents at some point just in a general conversation and explain to them what your plan was and why it's just not; it is a very costly plan.

Mayor Flaute: Does everybody agree with that? Okay, just so long as there is something done because I did hear the complaints.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: The parking during tournaments their, they're parking up in the neighborhoods and I understand the neighbors complain about that.

Mayor Flaute: Like Mr. Fullenkamp said it is a couple times a year.

Mr. Denning: It is every weekend.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: It is also the perception of the city.

Mayor Flaute: Well when Carroll High School has their football games everything is parked up in my street and I expect that.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: We see that parking at all of our functions at St. Helens, at football games, at the Tomahawks. We see that we have a parking problem in every area parking our city that has ongoing functions going on. And I think that is something we need to address and we need to look at other ways of doing that. I don't believe that any of the residents in that community would expect to take care of the

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situation with basketball players coming in late at night to cost the rest the residents in this community \$130,000. Now if there is a parking problem that is totally different but I don't believe that we should attach to it the moving of the basketball court because that is not fair to those residents that that burden be put on them; that it is costing \$130,000 in tax dollars. No.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Alright, service department, these are on the budget notes. Update the street signs along Woodman, what exactly is that described to be? The white on blue signs?

Mr. Chodkowski: Right, Woodman is complete we just haven't had a chance to coordinate yet on what the street is but it will be another major thoroughfare that will get the white on blue.

Mr. Fullenkamp: On the next line here I see two entries for proportionate shares of outstanding notes for the 5 yard dump trucks. Is this interest and principal? Are they separated for that reason?

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes Sir.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay. Explain to me these five existing shelters and construction of shelters. RTA is funding for them. What's going on?

Mr. Chodkowski: Effectively what we are doing is; if you can see in your minds eye the structure at Airway and Harshman, the two posts with the bench in the open, we will be replacing those. Those will come out and we'll be putting in the three sided plexiglas with the solar lit identification signs.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay, I'm a little concerned about the placement in some situations going up here on Beatrice and Harshman. It seems kind of blocked; the view of people. And down at Spinning at Kroger's it kind of blocks the traffic going north. I think we have to be a little more careful about how we place these things for traffic purposes.

Mayor Flaute: Beatrice is pretty bad.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay now I'm going to go to the revenue side, general fund. Why are we not expecting income taxes to rise versus expecting a reasonable sized rise in property taxes?

Mr. Chodkowski: So the reason that we did not budget an increase in the income tax is because of the variable effects of House Bill Five.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay. That's right, now I remember that. Why do we expect zoning permits to drop?

Mr. Chodkowski: Well that is actually based on past activity from 2015 to date. Now we will be introducing legislation in 2016 that will actually call for fees to go up in those areas. That is based on current rates.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So we are expecting no REAP applications next year? I see it zeroed out for REAP applications.

Mr. Chodkowski: I have to confess I did not program that number but if we need to account for that, blame that guy, he is the finance guy.

Mr. Garrett: We haven't had any REAP applications for this year.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So that's why you programmed zero, okay. Why are prisoner transports rising on the revenue side?

Mr. Chodkowski: That would be another number that was generated by Mr. Garrett and I believe that is actually a result of the court. Basically what occurred was the

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court scheduled all of our cases now on one day as opposed to basically we would come in in the morning on Tuesday so we might only have two hours on Tuesday and then we would have two hours on Thursdays. So now we're transporting eight hours a day on Thursday every week.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Permissive tax, why is it dropping so much; the county permissive tax from \$300,000-\$85,000?

Mr. Chodkowski: So there are two forms of permissive tax. One element of permissive tax is the city's permissive tax and that comes directly to us. There is another portion of permissive tax that is the county's that is proportionally distributed to all of the jurisdictions within the county. And so our account at the county will grow if we do not spend it. So what had happened was that account had grown for several years and then we spent that money on a very large project last year which was the ditch enclosure over on Brandt. So that's why that number was so large because we accessed those funds that were available to us at the county.

Mr. Fullenkamp: What are we expecting for elections this year? We have \$50,000. Are we expecting to do something? And we do we have any responsibility for special elections for Boehner's position? He doesn't represent us does he?

Mr. Chodkowski: Not anymore. No he does not. No, we reduce that value based on; let me back up. We had typically programmed a larger value based on a previous expense incurred by the city with regards to a special election and not knowing what the political mind might be for next year is what we just continued to plug in place for that number. And so that has not happened so we have dropped that number down. I would say that maybe \$7000-\$8000 might be a more accurate number. But again until we know what our issues are and what our proportionate share is.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's fine. I just wanted to get it in my head. The general fund, no cost for electrical, gas, water and sewer due to the fact that that is covered in our rental fee?

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes Sir.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Why could our actual electrical costs be going up? I'm looking at for the fire department and I'm looking at utilities. I'm seeing last year's budget of \$13,400 and this year's budget of \$13,500 with all of the energy savings that we have implemented.

Mr. Chodkowski: So now somebody has to cover the proportional square footage to heat and cool and light these facilities; these portions. So the reason the police bill went up is not because the cost went up it is because they are now responsible to heat, cool and light the space we are in. The same with the service department and the same with the fire.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I'll keep going but I don't know if I remember seeing anybody's electrical cost drop. And maybe I'm wrong on that.

Mr. Chodkowski: I can tell you what the; I have some notes here. So assuming that we were to stay here and that there was no movement, last year in 2015 we budgeted \$7000 in electrical utility responsibility to the administration. It is actually going to come in at about \$5000. So for next year; I don't know how many computers or whatnot that we actually upped to cover this space and our space at 5200. So fire, we had budgeted \$13,400 and the actual bill will come in right at around \$11,000. For 2015. Service, \$8100 will actually come in closer to \$6500. Police \$8000, closer to \$5200.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay, that's fine. I'm just looking for savings since we are doing this energy efficiency. Road salt, I see two entries for road salt; one under state highway fund and one under service department. Why is that? It looks like we are spending

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more; almost the same for road salt that we did this year that we did last year from the budget. Okay this is just the budget not the actuals.

Mr. Chodkowski: So basically what we do is, to make our service department dollars go further; the service department funds come from the permissive tax and the gas tax and I can't remember the other one and then there is a big huge transfer from the general fund. So in order to make those dollars go further the state highway fund allows us to spend those state dollars on state highways. So what we did was we ran a quick formula that said approximately so many lane miles that we maintain our state and so much of salt and so much of asphalt and paint, that's how we get that number.

Mr. Fullenkamp: The police department postage has doubled. Is there a reason the police department is sending twice as much mail out?

Mr. Chodkowski: They are not sending twice as much mail out but we are taking our postage machine with us. They still need to send mail from this location. They are the biggest user so they took the hit for the new machine.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay.

Mayor Flaute: Did our other postage go down?

Mr. Chodkowski: No, we have to have two postage machines now.

Mayor Flaute: But it is going to be the same amount of postage.

Mr. Chodkowski: Right, but you still have to pay for the machine and the fees and all of that jazz.

Mr. Fullenkamp: All right, that's what I have so thank you.

Mayor Flaute: Any other questions?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, I think Mr. Fullenkamp covered several of those. On the \$35,000 for the additional electronic storage space for body cameras, can you talk to me about that a little bit? What is that; what does that entail?

Mr. Chodkowski: So it might not be \$35,000 it might actually be lower. So what has been happening is our ability to stream data from the cameras into the hard drive. So when we started trying to analyze that problem there was a recommendation that came from the vendor that also came from CDO that was; maybe what we have is a storage capacity issue and so if you increase the storage you will be able to stream this information faster. And so as we continue to work through that and talk about what that might mean cost wise then there was additional discussion that may be there may be a way to facilitate that transfer of information faster by updated software systems. So we are now in the process to determine whether or not those available software updates, which would be \$4000 or \$5000, would actually be able to address that problem. On the worst side of things it would be that \$35,000 to increase the storage and memory. And then on the best scale it would only be a few thousand dollars to make the software updates so that we can integrate that information.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Thank you.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm really surprised because terabytes are real cheap now. I can buy a 1 TB hard drive for 100 bucks.

Mr. Denning: Yeah or you can buy 2 TB for less than 200 bucks.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Yeah so I'm surprised especially if you are going up to the cloud. That is cheap too.

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Mr. Denning: So what you just said is the problem is the downloading speed so it is a buffer issue. It just doesn't download fast enough and they don't know whether there isn't enough memory or the bottleneck is in between. Is that what you're telling me?

Mr. Chodkowski: Sure.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, also along that line there was a \$4000 budget item for cameras at Rohrer Park. I know that before that was only streaming into the police department. Is that still going to be the situation for the upcoming year?

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes Ma'am. That is our monthly service fee for that. And I would like to note that since those cameras have gone in we have not had to respond for any kind of vandalism or property damage as a result of vandalism.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Could you please; for my community's benefit if you could send me an email of that I would like to share that with the neighborhood watch group because I think that is important to them to know that that is going on.

Mr. Chodkowski: And you know we are going to jinx it by celebrating it.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Also under CDBG we have the \$70,000 for abandoned and vacant property. Do you have a list ready?

Mr. Chodkowski: We do not. Our hot topic was going to be the former RE Fair building where Mr. Flory was working out of, that was going to be our target. So depending upon what estimates we got back would depend on whether or not we would offer any additional structures.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, it is only a small expenditure but \$1300 for cot maintenance. Are we talking about a cot, cot? What is it?

Mr. Chodkowski: No Ma'am those are the medics. There are four of them so when you think on average, 10 responses a day and eight of those are medical related.

Mr. Denning: Wear and tear.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Okay, all right. Is it a maintenance program that we have established?

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes Ma'am.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Okay, so everybody knows they are on a fresh cot then. Thank you very much, that's just what I wanted to know. Mr. City Manager, with any additional dollars, because it is something that we talked about earlier and I'm going to mention since we are in the budget discussion, and Mrs. Lommatzsch I will try and be real fast about it. Councilman Curp brought up that we need to have a program, we need to have a plan, we need to have something. I'm going to encourage Council once again that we need to set up some committees among ourselves to look at those things and bring some things forward. I think it's time that we do that. I think we have a need and I think we need to start working on those things. So I'm going to encourage Council and asked that we get together whether it be a special meeting or work session or whatever to talk about that.

Mayor Flaute: Let's do a work session.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Because there are some things that; all of us have interests that we feel are important to the community.

Mr. Denning: If we would've done our strategic plan we would have that in there and we would know what we would be doing and that should be the first thing we should do.

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Mayor Flaute: And I sent that out to everybody and no one wanted to do anything. No one bit on it.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And I think that we need to look at that and maybe some committee work among ourselves.

Mayor Flaute: So put that on a work session item?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: That would be good.

Mayor Flaute: Mme. Clerk.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Thank you, that would be good. I appreciate that very much. I would also like to; if staff finds any additional money I think another proposal that Councilman Fullenkamp and Councilman Curp brought up was something in the community. I would like to see the Parks and Rec Committee be given some additional dollars, \$2500 additional dollars to plan some of those community events in the parks. Those hamburger and hot dog days. Councilman Curp and the information that he sent to us he mentions the Spring Fling and that was always the best time in the Avondale community. Spring Fling, flower giveaways it was just things that really brought a community together and I would like to see Parks and Rec in charge of that.

Mayor Flaute: Along that same line, are we going to be having the grand opening of the canoe launch this year or is it next year? 2016.

Mr. Chodkowski: That would be in 2016, yes Sir.

Mayor Flaute: So I think that would be a time that we need to have a party and maybe there needs to be some money set aside for that.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And a boat.

Mayor Flaute: I don't think were going to get a boat. We might get some hamburgers. Will you put some money into that and maybe that goes along with what you guys are saying. And along that same line, \$2300 for Walnut Grove. Do we get our money's worth out of that?

Mr. Chodkowski: We have.

Mayor Flaute: Is there another plan that is cheaper where we could still get our use at Walnut Grove?

Mr. Chodkowski: Well that \$2300 is down from the \$5000 that we paid previously so we have reduced our membership as low as we can get it. Now recognize that once we are in the new facility that may provide us the adequate space that we need to be able to have the kinds of meetings that we would typically have at Walnut Grove so there may not be a need for that membership beyond 2016.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Speaking of events, we need to set a date in January because I can't make that happen overnight.

Mayor Flaute: Yeah, when are we going to; I thought we had set a date.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: We set a date for December 10th but that is not going to happen. He wants to do it after the first of the year. I would suggest that we do it the second Thursday and my idea was that we would do 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. would be the building residents and the business people at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. would be for the public. Break it up so that we manage people.

Mayor Flaute: So the second Thursday? That would be the 14<sup>th</sup> of January. Is that what you said? You are just proposing that?

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Mrs. Lommatzsch: I picked when we don't have a Council meeting and we talked about doing it on a weeknight rather than on a weekend night because all of the business people are there.

Mayor Flaute: So when are we having our first meeting over there? On what day?

Mr. Chodkowski: It could be two weeks from tonight, however there is a difference between having a functional facility and a finish facility.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's why he suggested January.

Mr. Chodkowski: So we are talking about things like there is a lot of wall space to fill and I know that our nations parks was not the most popular thing but it was something to fill the wall so imagine this times 1000. So there are things that we need to do to kind of finish. So we will be able to have meetings right away; at least based on our report today. There is no issue that would preclude us from meeting there on the 19<sup>th</sup>. So it is just going to be things like finishing off the space.

Mayor Flaute: So do you want to wait until January?

Mr. Chodkowski: I would definitively say late January or early February would be my recommendation.

Mr. Denning: How about the fourth Thursday of January?

Mr. Chodkowski: We can invite everybody into a space that is brand-new, that has freshly painted walls but it doesn't have a piece of artwork or a map or a logo or a sign up on it or we can wait a little longer.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Why are we talking about it? Why wouldn't we talk about it.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Well it has nothing to do with his budget discussion.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: We were talking about money.

Mayor Flaute: I think we ought to have this discussion and finish this discussion. So we're talking about having the first meeting in the middle of January.

Mr. Chodkowski: No, the first Council meeting; you can have a Council meeting. We will be using and occupying the space. Staff will move in on the 16<sup>th</sup> and Council will be able to have its meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. But I cannot guarantee that the wall signage behind that Council chamber will be up then.

Mayor Flaute: I don't think we want to do that.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: No, I'm talking about January.

Mayor Flaute: That's what I'm thinking. We should wait to have the first Council meeting until we are ready to have the first Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Well that means all of staff has to come back over here from their digs.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's crazy.

Mr. Denning: Once staff is over there we should have our meetings over there if it is functional. It's not like we have a room full of guests.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, I know that our packet is going to be due that Friday that you all are having boxes everywhere and all of that. I know that this Council doesn't want to cause any confusion over that and Mme. Clerk has been kind enough to bring it to our attention that we need to recognize that and ask if you need the packet to be delivered Monday or Tuesday after you get moved.

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Mr. Chodkowski: I think we will know based on what comes out of tonight's meeting exactly how robust that packet may or may not be. But we have made arrangements.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Okay, but you need to let us know. You need to let us know Mme. Clerk.

Mr. Denning: I guess the answer is we are okay with that if that's what you need.

Mayor Flaute: Whatever works. So in answer to Mrs. Lommatzsch's question, January 28.

Mr. Denning: And that gives us plenty of time to get the date out there to the community and it is well after Christmas and all of that so I think it will work out better.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I just need to book the person who might do the food.

Mayor Flaute: Okay.

Mr. Chodkowski: And when is it?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: The 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Chodkowski: No, from what time?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: The business community from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the public community from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mayor Flaute: Why don't we just invite everybody?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: It will be too crowded. All the people who work there from the buildings will want to come.

Mayor Flaute: You know better about this stuff than I do.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think the flow of people and people who want to talk to these people and ask questions, I don't think you want it to be real crowded.

Mayor Flaute: You know better than I.

Mr. Chodkowski: Steve and Mike I need you there to answer the questions about computers.

Mr. Denning: We can do that.

Mayor Flaute: Alright, now we're back on budget. Does anybody else have any updates on budget notes and those kinds of things?

Mr. Denning: I had a question I asked in my suggestions; the additional property to Rohrer Park. Were you able to get a ballpark on who owns that? Okay, we took the fence down on the one side and we have all that honeysuckle, does the park boundary go beyond where the fence was?

Mr. Chodkowski: No Sir.

Mr. Denning: So somebody else owns that property that is totally vacant. Do we know who that is and approximately what they want for that property?

Mr. Chodkowski: We do not and I have to confess Sir that there are a couple of vacant properties that are adjacent to the park so I wasn't sure if you were going to the north or to the west.

Mr. Denning: As you go into the park I am going that way.

Mr. Chodkowski: So if I just kept on driving through the concession stand.

Mr. Denning: Yep, where all of the honeysuckle and everything is.

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Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Is that the Hildebrand property?

Mr. Curp: Yes.

Mr. Denning: I think they had offered it for a price a while back. But anyways I would like to find out. Not just specifically for the city but there are organizations that are even considering buying it and donating it back. But we need that information to be able to do that or the city can do part of it and they can do part of it or something. But I think if that property is available for that, I think expanding Rohrer Park would be a positive thing for both that community and the city. And then clearing it would definitely be good for the neighborhood because that honeysuckle just looks like crap.

Mr. Curp: But it serves a purpose.

Mr. Denning: Well maybe, yeah.

Mr. Chodkowski: So then my question would be, there is the \$130,000 that was programmed for the parking expansion and the basketball relocation and Council has suggested eliminating that. So would we just want to then reduce that amount to something that would adequately reflect that amount that we believe the value to be of that property and the removal?

Mr. Denning: I think that is a group decision, that's not mine. I would like to see us expand that for the community and I think there are organizations out there that would help us clear that and make it happen if the city bought it.

Mayor Flaute: So you're asking us to find out a price first?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I think you need to look at ownership because that may tied up right now.

Mr. Denning: But he needs to put a ballpark number on it too. If we just do that; and that's the question, is that something that Council is interested in doing?

Mr. Fullenkamp: Well I think it is something that the Parks and Recreation Commission should be involved in and talking about too. Since they are the ones that should be making recommendations, they should be involved in these sorts of decisions rather than everything being pushed down on them and them finding out after the fact that Rohrer Park has been changed.

Mr. Denning: I'm not suggesting that. I'm suggesting that we put something in the line item so that they have the ability to do that.

Mr. Fullenkamp: We know what's happened out at Rohrer Park when things have been changed without any discussion with Parks and Rec in the past and we need to get out in front of this and get them involved in this process.

Mr. Denning: But we have to have a budget line item in order to be able to help them make that happen if they choose.

Mr. Fullenkamp: We made decisions about tearing fences down and tearing out baseball diamonds.

Mr. Denning: We didn't make those decisions.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Well, they were made without inclusion of them in the process and they found out after the fact.

Mr. Denning: But that has nothing to do with this discussion.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Well sure it does. Sure it does, we need to get them involved in this process if we are going to talk about these things.

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Mr. Denning: All I'm saying is we need to put a line item in the budget so that they have the capability of doing it if they choose to.

Mayor Flaute: Okay, when is the next Parks and Rec's meeting before we approve the budget?

Ms. Christian: We have one next week.

Mayor Flaute: Okay, so to satisfy both of these concerns, bring it up to the parks.

Mr. Chodkowski: That would assume they have a quorum which has been their biggest problem. To the best of my knowledge they have only had a quorum three times.

Mayor Flaute: We need to put an email out that says this is a very important meeting.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Well the lack of quorum is due to the lack of action and ability to make any decisions in the recommendations. When you dishearten a group of people by not ever giving them any money or the ability to make a decision, yeah they walk away and ignore the process. I think we created the quorum issue.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: May I just ask a question? What is the plan if we expanded? What are we going to do? Are we going to do more soccer fields?

Mr. Denning: More soccer fields. The soccer association is the one that approached me about it. If they could expand and have more soccer fields then they could run tournaments there and actually make some money to fund their organization and make it better and stronger and be better for the community overall. So they actually approached me about where the property was and who do they talk to?

Mayor Flaute: Okay I suggest you bring it up to Parks and Rec and then we talk about it in the third proposal. Agreed?

Mr. Denning: I think we ought to just go ahead and if Parks and Rec chooses not to do it; but we need to get in the budget.

Mayor Flaute: It will be in the third proposal.

Mr. Chodkowski: Here's what we'll do, we will email; since the issue seems to be that we are not facilitating the Parks and Rec Commission to take action, we will email them about the meeting and let them know that Council would like to appropriate a significant amount of money for them to do certain programming and potential park upgrades and that Council is in the process of putting together the budget and it is important for them to be there to help them facilitate the resources for them to be able to make park improvement recommendations.

Mayor Flaute: Okay, very good.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I find that very redundant. We just talked about not improving the parks with parking and making it more user-friendly and now we're talking about buying property. It is very, very confusing in my brain.

Mayor Flaute: It's two different projects.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: You invest in the parks and make more soccer fields and make more cars but you are not doing anything to the entryway to make it more appealing and make the city look better when we have people driving in from all around the district, the area, the region but yet we are talking about buying more property to take care of. But we are not investing and improving what we have. Something is wrong with that picture in my brain.

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Mayor Flaute: Okay, that needs to be part of the discussion. If we are going to have more soccer fields we are going to need more parking so that needs to be part of the discussion.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: And the entryway, there has been nothing done to enhance it.

Mayor Flaute: Okay, anything else for the second proposal that we need to bring up? Okay so we are going to have a third proposal incorporating all of the stuff that we talked about tonight at the next work session?

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes. Based on how the timing will go between the Parks and Recreation Commission and the next packet going out I can't guarantee that we would have any updated information from them. I can say that we would have updated information with respect to Wright Point and we should have updated information with respect to the Brantwood Subdivision Phase I TIF.

Mayor Flaute: So do you want to wait until the first meeting in December? I mean that's okay.

Mr. Chodkowski: We work at your direction but the issue becomes there was the list of items that we talked about utilizing the carryover to spend. So based on the conversation and the comments that came about earlier we would move that money, that \$175,000, we would increase the total expenditures \$175,000 in 2016. And basically what my intent based on the discussion tonight was start ticking off all of the stuff that we talked about and that we had recommended to you where you said, hey maybe that's a good idea to spend but we should just budget for it. So we are going to add \$7000 to the budget in 2016 for the speed counter, we are going to add \$15,000 and we are going to just take off that \$175,000.

Mayor Flaute: Okay well you tell us then. Tell us when you want the third proposal. We will wait to hear from you.

Mr. Curp: I don't think there was that kind of direction that we were going to move all of this stuff and automatically add it because I am not in favor of a \$7000 speed counter. It seems to me like a solution in search of a problem. But there are these other things that Mr. Fullenkamp suggested, there are things that I suggested, there are things that came up in discussion and the question for me is when are we going to talk about those things in some measure of depth to decide yes we want to do it or no we don't. We'll deal with modifications so that the city manager and staff has some direction as to what to put in the budget and what not to. So my question is, are we having that discussion tonight or are we having that discussion at the next work session or are we going to schedule a work session in between? Because the only thing I understood from comments from the staff is that the next iteration of the proposed 2016 budget is going to have numbers that are a little more finely tuned because the staff is getting closer to identifying what the true year end carryover will be without any direction on what to do with it. Are we going to spend it for \$130,000 for parks? Are we going to spend it for \$130,000 to do more paving? What are we going to spend it on? Because we haven't said yes we are going to do that or no let's not do that. We have just talked.

Mr. Denning: And why don't we ask Parks and Rec whether they wanted that done either way?

Mayor Flaute: I thought the summary that we had in the direction that I heard was that we want roads, we want a sidewalk program, we want more aggressive vacant houses and the software thing. I didn't hear that we were going to be supportive of any more than that except for what we were talking about.

Mr. Chodkowski: And I guess to Mr. Curp's point, there wasn't any other direction from Council other than to say if you want this stuff don't throw it and in the end

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program it in the budget. So based on the fact that there hasn't been any other direction provided by Council; I'm not saying you should vote for it or not vote for it I'm just saying simply based on the direction that you provided staff and I we are just going to add all that stuff in there and come next week you can start striking stuff out. Now to Mr. Curp's point; maybe to our logistical issue, maybe the best thing to do is to take the next work session and have a more in-depth discussion about Mr. Fullenkamp suggestions, Mr. Curp suggestions and get that discussion out of the way and then to add a final third version because you have the three meetings in December.

Mr. Curp: We went through this same situation last year. We talked about some things leading up to budget presentations and budget discussions and in October I brought up about four or five items and nobody said anything. There was no support, there was no turndown we just talked. And we continued getting budget iterations and then in December I made formal motions to approve this item and to approve that item and approve these other items and what I was subjected to was a beat down. Well why didn't we put these on a work session agenda? So the question for you is when are we going to talk about these things so that in December I don't have to go through this all over again and make motions for amendments to the budget to add things because we don't talk about them.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I want to know why we haven't brought it to a work session. You've had an entire year to bring it and in November 1<sup>st</sup> ?

Mr. Curp: I am not going to let you subject me to another beat down from you.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I am just very curious. You had an entire year to bring these things in front of a work session and you have not and you are bringing the same things to us again.

Mr. Curp: They are not the same things.

Mr. Fullenkamp: The community safety is.

Mr. Curp: Then let's talk about them tonight.

Mr. Denning: I think we should have a separate work session on a separate night to discuss the budget and the special items. We still have business to do.

Mayor Flaute: So you are suggesting that each one of the items that have been brought in; that we should discuss each one individually as Mr. Curp is asking.

Mr. Denning: Maybe not individually but I think we need a separate night to discuss just that.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I think each of these items is a separate work session. I mean these aren't simple decisions. A half \$1 million for a drug task force.

Mr. Denning: We should be able to knock all of these out. You are either for or against it pretty quick.

Mr. Fullenkamp: But if these are serious problems we need to give some time to it and some time to consider what the merits of these things are. We are not going to cover each of these things overall in one work session. We don't have the experts here. The chief of police hasn't been involved in these discussions. Sure they'll take a half million dollars more if you're going to throw it at him.

Mr. Denning: So the answer is no.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Well the answer is why aren't we considering these things one at a time as we go through the year and why is this coming up at the last minute. We had this opportunity.

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Mr. Denning: Well if we would've done a strategic plan and all of this could've been part of that and we would know whether it is something we need or not.

Mr. Fullenkamp: We'll have the opportunity to take the bull by the horns and nobody took anybody up on it but they expected somebody else to do it and the same thing is happening here. We had an opportunity to discuss each and every one of these things and nothing until November 1<sup>st</sup>. This is crazy, it's not how you do business.

Mayor Flaute: Exactly and I tried several times.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think it is very timely, it is budget time and I would expect that leadership of the Council would have established a strategic plan.

Mayor Flaute: Okay well I asked about three times throughout the year and no one said they wanted to do this and no one moved on it so that's why it wasn't done.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: What was I supposed to do? The direction of the Council was to have a strategic plan meeting. What was I supposed to do?

Mayor Flaute: Well there were several times where I said, well okay we have these three people who want to run it, who do you want? No one said anything and then I brought it up again. If we are going to have a strategic plan what is it going to look like and nobody said anything so that's why we are where we are. That's why we are where we are.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's the rule of the leadership.

Mayor Flaute: Okay, okay. So Mr. Manager I guess we are going to have another work session item to discuss the items that has been brought forward. If anyone has any more items to bring forward, bring them forward.

Mr. Denning: A special meeting just for that?

Mayor Flaute: I would say just do another work session.

Mr. Denning: You're just going to do that at the next meeting?

Mayor Flaute: Yeah.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: That only gives us an hour and that's not really sufficient.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: What's on the next work session for the next meeting?

Council Clerk: I don't think we have anything yet except for budget stuff.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Mme. Clerk what is the schedule for the next meeting?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's what I just asked and she said nothing but the budget.

Council Clerk: We don't have anything except for the budget.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And so we will be in the new building at the next meeting.

Council Clerk: I don't know that.

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes we will.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: We are going to be there.

Mayor Flaute: Let's try another work session, is that what you're saying?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: We probably need to just set aside a night. Just a special meeting to go over these items and gather some information. I need the information if we are going to talk about the drug problem in our community I need the information I asked for tonight. I don't know how else I can determine if one additional dollar needs to be spent if I don't know where the problems are or if it is a problem.

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Mr. Denning: Or if \$500,000 is going to fix the problem.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: \$500,000 is a lot of consideration.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: We don't know that is the number.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And a meeting place for the seniors, that is something. I don't have any information on what they have to put into this, what dollars that they have available and grant opportunities that they may have. So I think a special meeting is probably the best way that we can go. And I know everybody's schedule is really tight now. It is getting into that time of year but if we look at November.

Mayor Flaute: We have the 12<sup>th</sup> or the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Denning: The 26<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving.

Mayor Flaute: So the 12<sup>th</sup> is a Thursday. That's only next week. That's too soon right?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That is the MVMAA dinner.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: What about the 18<sup>th</sup>?

Mayor Flaute: That is a Wednesday night.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's okay with me.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Is everybody okay with the 18<sup>th</sup>?

Mayor Flaute: I have a First Suburbs meeting but I guess I can miss that if I have to. If that's best for everybody we will go with that.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Can we start at 6:00? Is that too early for everybody?

Mr. Denning: So the 18<sup>th</sup> and where we going to do that here or at the new facility?

Mr. Chodkowski: We can do it there at the new facility.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: And who do you want at that meeting? Everybody?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Well I think if we are going to have the discussion on housing, if we are going to have the discussion on drug problems then I think the appropriate department heads need to be involved if they have information to share. If they have nothing to share then; I'm not sure I understood Councilman Curp's summary on the tree service registration and licensing. I'm afraid that will be construed in the community is something other than what it really is.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I had two at my door yesterday.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And I always call, the Chief knows I was call if there is someone in the neighborhood.

Mayor Flaute: Okay so it looks like the 18<sup>th</sup>. Is that acceptable to you Mr. Manager?

Mr. Chodkowski: I don't think that's up to me Sir I think that's up to you.

Mayor Flaute: Sounds like that's what folks want to do.

Mr. Chodkowski: One question that I have is based on Ms. Reynolds comment, should we invite Ms. Walters to the meeting? You referenced what the seniors have and what they can bring to the table and what they can't.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: We need to know that.

Mr. Chodkowski: So we can put that as the first item and have that discussion and at least get that information in there.

Mr. Denning: What they're really asking for, I mean we need requirements.

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Deputy Mayor Reynolds: They need to bring their information and how they can sustain themselves. Planning something out here; if you can't sustain yourself past the initial purchase of, we need to know that, what their business plan would be.

Mr. Fullenkamp: But I think that should be a multi generational sort of facility not just seniors.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Well that would be great.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That is something we probably need someone from Parks and Rec here to talk about.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And that's fine, that would be great because we have the youth that need to be served so if we can make it multi functional that would be good.

Mayor Flaute: Okay. So have the appropriate folks here. And if anybody has anything else to bring in please make sure we have it to the staff as soon as we can. Anything else that needs to be brought up at the work session? Seeing none we'll take a 10 minute recess. We will begin our regular meeting at 8:05.

**ITEM 7: RECESS:** The Council took a recess at 7:55 p.m.

**ITEM 8: RECONVENE:** The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

**ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE** Mr. Frank Browning, President of the Mad River Lions Club led all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2015 regular Council meeting.**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**ITEM 11: ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS**

There were no petitions.

**ITEM 12: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Chodkowski: Thank you Mr. Mayor. You have my monthly project and activities report included in your packet as well as several other pieces of information. Staff and I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have regarding these items prior to monthly staff updates.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Manager. Any questions for the Manager? Very good. If there were no questions or comments for the Manager we will move into staff reports.

**a) FYI**

**i) Council Request Sheets**

**ii) Council Agenda Calendar**

**iii) City Manager's Project and Activities Report**

**iv) Income Tax Score Card**

**b) Monthly Verbal Updates**

**i) Finance Department**

Mr. Garrett: I have a very brief report tonight. The October financials, we did close the month of October and have posted the October statements to the website so they are

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available. I did talk with the auditors today to see where the audit stands. They have some staffing issues or whatever and it was on the stack. They have done some work on the management level of review of our audits. They asked for a little bit more information but it is just closeout stuff so they are saying it is still one or two weeks away before they get back with this. The income tax status chart is in your packet so I will just point out that our year to date income tax is \$4.38 million and is the exact same as last year at this time. It is a coincidence and it just jumped out at me. But tax did kind of settle back below our projected trend line for the year in the last month or so. I guess that is about all I really wanted to bring up.

Mayor Flaute: Okay thank you Mr. Garrett. Are there any questions for Mr. Garrett?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Mr. Garrett you will be able to close the books out by December 31 or be prepared to close the end of the year?

Mr. Garrett: Well I always do. I've got to.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Anything that is major outstanding that needs to be worked on?

Mr. Garrett: There is nothing that jumps out at me.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Thank you very much.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Mr. Garrett, have you had a chance to think about the walk through of the software that you attended last night?

Mr. Garrett: I haven't gone and read any additional information. I did participate in the demonstration in Lebanon. It is a full-featured system but I don't have any idea what the prices are.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's not the question that I asked.

Mr. Garrett: No I haven't studied it much beyond that.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Thanks.

Mayor Flaute: Any other questions for Mr. Garrett? Thank you for your service.

## **ii) Economic Development Department**

Mr. Murray: You've got my list in front of you there and I will just run through that real quickly. The car wash on Linden, that is now in the hands of a Chinese restaurant group so that will not be a Taco Bell. This restaurant group owns two other restaurants in the Dayton area.

Mayor Flaute: So what you mean by in their hands?

Mr. Murray: They have it under contract now and there are examining ways to put a Chinese restaurant there.

Mayor Flaute: It's under contract. Have we ever gotten with DP&L to move those lines over?

Mr. Murray: They are still in the works.

Mayor Flaute: We are still scheduled to have that done because no matter who buys it you can't have flyers going over buildings. So that's scheduled?

Mr. Murray: Yeah, you can't work underneath those power lines. I don't know that that has been scheduled.

Mayor Flaute: Can you make sure it is?

Mr. Murray: We started and then.

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Mayor Flaute: If you can make sure that is scheduled it needs to be done and it could take six or eight months for DP&L to get that done; because wires go right across the building.

Mr. Murray: Let me see where they are with that. Absolutely. I was looking for the DP&L guy.

Mayor Flaute: He just left.

Mr. Murray: Of course. The corner gas station down the street, this is the place where we transferred the liquor license to and that is open now and called Linden Depot.

Mayor Flaute: I see they're putting up a new sign and they had that permitted and everything?

Mr. Murray: They have a permit in for that but I don't know if it has been permitted yet.

Mayor Flaute: They have the hole dug and are ready to put it in.

Mr. Murray: I saw that they had the hole dug.

Mr. Taylor: I have to check with BZA to see whether the permit has been approved or not.

Mr. Murray: Yeah they cleaned it up nicely though. It is real nice on the inside too. It is a great improvement of what was there. And U-Haul continues to work on Linden Plaza you can see that they are still doing the roof.

Mayor Flaute: Are they going to continue to park as many trucks as they have been on there? Is that okay I guess?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's what they bought it for.

Mayor Flaute: But they are on the front.

Mr. Taylor: We are communicating with them. That is not okay, that is the right-of-way. Dealing with the local branch is very pleasant. Dealing with the national office is not as pleasant.

Mayor Flaute: They had the same operation on East 3<sup>rd</sup> St. or something and you don't see all of those trucks out there.

Mr. Taylor: Correct. We are working diligently like I said trying to talk to the national branch who controls how the operation works and getting a straight answer from them has been tedious and a challenge. And so we don't have a definitive answer. We have asked them to back this up off the right-of-way to keep it online with where their current trucks are. They are in compliance with that on occasion.

Mayor Flaute: So they don't have to park them in the back or anything they just have to not be right up against the right-of-way?

Mr. Taylor: The answer is they are really not supposed be parking trucks there. That's the short answer.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: But they were aware of that weren't they? I thought that that discussion had taken place.

Mr. Taylor: Yes. And we are still continuing to try and get compliance on that. They are promising a plan; it will be next week, next week.

Mr. Denning: All bet if you towed about three of those trucks they would stop.

Mayor Flaute: No we don't want you to do that.

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Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Why?

Mayor Flaute: They're a good business for citizens; if we can just get them to comply. Okay thank you.

Mr. Murray: The next one is at the corner of the old UDF. It is now called United Food Stores. They will be looking to put in gas pumps there sometime in the future. And again it looks really nice if you go in there. I said Dunkin' Donuts wasn't in town; Dunkin' Donuts is knocking at the door at the lot between the Forrester's and the building across from that. The address there is 1310 Woodman. We have preliminary plans in and we are waiting for finals right now. But we are trying to work with them on that site. No progress on the Airway site yet, we are still waiting for final plans there. It is the building that was torn down right of the street from Wendy's. Radiance Technologies, right now we have had the two public notices in the paper, there is a pre-bid meeting on November 9 and we are accepting the bids on November 12. So this is to build out their space. Again we are estimating a budget of \$350,000 to devote the second floor to what they are looking for. Last week Radiance did receive a \$1.2 million state of Ohio tax credit. This was a promise of 129 jobs which would be created on our site and retention of 71. The actual prediction for Radiance is 300 jobs in Center of Flight and all of these are going to be close to \$90,000 which is a real big deal. They need this to fulfill their eight year contract that they have. So again this is a real good business for us in Center of Flight. We are still looking for the renewal from General Dynamics. I do have an accepted letter of intent from SB Global and I will be bringing that forward on the 19<sup>th</sup>. That is the start of a very big cooperative arrangement with Wright Brothers Institute. They have already sent another company to me that is associated with them and they go through the building on the 18<sup>th</sup> as well and I think that that lease would be accepted as well. Again this is the result of the relationship that we have with Wright Brothers Institute. Food trucks, finally November 12 we will be getting three food trucks at Wright Point for lunch. This has been a circus in a way. Apparently there are food truck wars going on and we had to figure out who was the right association to deal with. We found that association and we are satisfied with them. We will have our final meeting tomorrow morning and after that we will sign our permits and we look forward to seeing what happens on November 12.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So are the permits just for the day or are they longer-term?

Mr. Murray: I think there longer-term than that.

Mr. Taylor: It is either 10 or 30 days I can't remember.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay so they are pretty short term.

Mr. Taylor: Yeah.

Mayor Flaute: So then they will come back and renew it?

Mr. Taylor: That's how it is currently.

Mayor Flaute: Every 30 days.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: And that's Thursday? What time of the day will they be there?

Mr. Murray: 10:30 or around 11:00 and lasting until 2:00. That date was picked by Wright Brothers Institute. That is one of their busier days and so we wanted to coincide with what they were doing and that is the day that came up. This is our first attempt. We will start slow and see how it develops and go from there.

Mayor Flaute: Is it going to be every day?

Mr. Murray: Just Thursdays for right now. I'm not sure that we can sustain every day because Wright Brothers Institute's population vary so much during the week. Their

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busiest days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays so we pick Thursday as just a start. We will see about expanding it. Again the trucks have to be profitable and so they are really going to decide on how many days to be there we are not going to guess.

Mayor Flaute: But the permit is for the whole 30 days.

Mr. Murray: It is 30 days apparently so we will look into that.

Mr. Taylor: There are no fees on that.

Mr. Murray: There are no fees so this is just copying the same thing over and over again.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So are we going to talk to the people in the neighborhood and let them know this is happening or do we just want it to be for the complex there?

Mr. Murray: I'm going to do more than that. I definitely want to get to the school board and down the street.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm thinking of Huberville and we have people in Yorktown.

Mr. Murray: I don't know how to get to them real quickly in a short-term basis.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Well I do. You pass leaflets out.

Mr. Murray: Me, go door-to-door? No I don't think that's a solution.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm just saying if you want a crowd to turn out you have to let people know is happening.

Mr. Murray: Oh absolutely. We're going to Yorktown. Of course I am going to the school board and will be going to the other side of the street to the bigger businesses. And they have a very extensive website as well.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: They do social media.

Mr. Murray: They do social media big time. If I could get on Base I would do that.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay. I just don't want to fail because there are not enough people.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Who are the three food trucks Sir?

Mr. Murray: We left that up to them. It is winding down the season so all of them don't work during the winter. The ones that I was going after were Zombie Dog, McNasty's and El Maison and they're kind of ending it for the year but they are very much looking forward to starting out with us in March. We'll see how it goes. Its going to go great. Everybody at Wright Point is very enthusiastic about that. Of course we will pass around flyers to all of those people as well. We will do the best we can to get it advertised for sure. Maintenance items, we have completed most of these. One that came up recently is the water pressure tank on the fifth floor has collapsed. And we will have that; it is a \$5000 expense but we will be fixing it here shortly. It is a four week wait on the tank and we are two weeks into that. I'm looking to speak to the city of Dayton on the well field new legislation. I think that is a politician to politician deal right now. So I kind of backed off the well field program altogether and letting them know that we are not quite satisfied or are thinking about things. Now is the time to address that and see if we can step up and do something there. The next one is; as I told you a couple weeks in a row I was working with MVRPC for an app that would give a lot of economic development information to meet at my fingertips. The two maps that you see are what they developed and these are only two samples of what is available here. They differ in that the one that has the purple line on it, that is actually the bus route. So this map has a lot of different areas and it is primarily geared for me. We will have Tom Harner from MVRPC. He has made himself available next week

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for the service department and the planning department to see what kind of apps they would want. I think their information on this would differ remarkably from this one and so they are going to be able to put their two cents worth in. The coolest thing about that is it's on my phone and it is faster than sitting at my desk. So this is available, you've got the link there. I can send this to anybody; I've got MVRPC's permission to give it each one of you if you want it. You can bring in very detailed information about any property in Riverside that you want to look at. It is all public information. It is readily available it's just not all readily available in one space and they have done that for me. It is faster than lightning.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Is that the link that is on the page here?

Mr. Murray: Yes and I can send that to you very easily. And then I've got it on my homepage as a favorite and you just press it and it is all of Riverside.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Why don't you send it to all of us.

Mr. Murray: I will do that. And then finally there are two ribbon-cutting's coming up. The first one is the Youthland Academy. If you can remember this is probably a year old now that they took the space beside InfoCision and they finally got certified through the state of Ohio and they're finally accepting applications. This will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:00. The Chamber of course is organizing this. There will be food. This place looks great on the inside. I would like all of you to come. It looks like too much fun to me. I'd be there all day long if they let me but they didn't. The next one is Al-Mandi, and this is the new Mediterranean restaurant across from East Town Shopping Center and that is on December 2. And again that will be 11:00 to 1:00. And there will be food served at that as well. These are both coming up and again the Youthland is quite the place to see. They've completely redone that space and there are a lot of little kids running around.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: She is certified for how many children Sir?

Mr. Murray: I have no idea. I will have to find out for you. They had a real tough time getting through the state. I didn't ask that but I will.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Chief do you have to issue a certificate of occupancy to her for child care?

Chief Carpenter: It comes to the county and I don't have the number myself.

Mr. Murray: So that's it. If you have any questions.

Mayor Flaute: Okay, thank you Mr. Murray. Any questions?

Mr. Denning: Do we know who got the McDonald's; the old McDonald's?

Mr. Murray: I can bring that up for you in a heartbeat but I've already done that and it is a gentleman by the name of Chau Vu and he lives in Beavercreek right behind the mall. That's as much as I know right now.

Mr. Denning: Okay, we don't know what the plan for the property is?

Mr. Murray: Yes exactly, I'll find out.

Mr. Denning: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Murray: I'll try and track that down.

Mayor Flaute: The international grocery store, we're not finding anything? There's nothing going on?

Mr. Murray: The city manager and I talked about that and we think it might be time to go back down to the library.

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Mayor Flaute: Okay I agree with that.

Mr. Murray: I think that is a campaign that Riverside should support and we should start talking to some people.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Well I will be glad to go with you Sir.

Mr. Murray: Yep you and I we did it last time, we will do it again. Anything else?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I would just like to say that this morning the director gave our economic development director a lot of attaboys at the meeting because he is the one that instigated compiling three different functions into one and immediately everybody's hands started going up about can we get in on that. He got a lot of attaboys this morning.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Thank you Sir.

Mayor Flaute: Good deal.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Because it was your idea.

Mayor Flaute: Okay any other questions or comments? Thank you for your service.

### **iii) Administration Department**

Ms. Christian: In terms of hiring it is a continuous process and I'm sure you're aware of that. Currently we are in the selection process for maintenance workers in the public service department and a part-time administrative assistant. Unfortunately the person that I had in mind last time I spoke with you didn't work out so we put the ad in the paper again for that and on the website. So we held the first phase of the selection process for maintenance worker this week and we will be narrowing the field to half of those individuals to go on to the second phase which is more of a hands-on exam and that will be happening the week of Thanksgiving is when we are planning for that. And then we will be accepting the applications and resumes for the part-time position until tomorrow afternoon. I would expect that both of those positions will be filled hopefully by the end of this month or early December. So that's where we are at with that. The city manager and I have been working really closely with Republic Services to make sure that that transition to the new waste collection and recycling collection provider will be as smooth as possible. We did post some updates on Facebook and our website this week. We will be continuously tweaking those updates and adding frequently asked questions and making sure that as updates become available that we are putting those on the website when we get questions. Republic Services will be sending out a postcard this week that is basically the heads up, first interaction that they are having with the residents. They will also be sending out a tri-fold brochure later on this month or early December all in anticipation of the invoice which will be coming in the middle of December. So they want to make sure that they have that interaction so the first interaction is not the bill. We did also meet with the city of Dayton today to discuss the retrieval of their waste collection carts and recycling carts. That will be happening with regular collection starting December 26. So essentially residents put out their waste and recycling on the regular days and the city of Dayton will get the trash and they will also take the carts with them as well. We are hoping that they will be able to retrieve the majority of that equipment during that pass but we do realize that people will be out of town, it is the holiday time so they would more than likely be doing another pass or two in January for that. We will be putting that information on the newsletter and in the brochure that Republic sends out so that everyone will be aware of what's happening and hopefully Republic will deliver the new carts very soon after Dayton takes the old ones so that you have a cart to put your trash in but there is no confusion of who owns what cart. So that's kind of my long-winded update on that. And finally we have some employees that are celebrating their November anniversaries.

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Officer Angela Jackson	Police	14
Officer Darrin Anderson	Police	8
Tyler Ullery	Firefighter	8
Jenna Voelker	PT FF	7
Ryan Boone	PT FF	2
Jim Reheman	Equipment Operator	1

Ms. Christian: Congratulations to them and if anyone has any questions I would be happy to answer them.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you Ms. Christian. Any questions for Ms. Christian?

Mr. Fullenkamp: So for the scheduling for the trash pickup, are we going to retain the same schedule?

Ms. Christian: I'm sorry I should have said that but yes.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That is all remaining the same.

Ms. Christian: Yes.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's good.

Mr. Denning: Are they going to pick up on holidays?

Ms. Christian: No. They will delay a day for holidays.

Mr. Denning: And I'm okay with that.

Ms. Christian: I don't know all of the holidays offhand but New Year's is definitely one of them. So those that have a Friday collection date which is Friday, January 1 will have their collection on Saturday, January 2.

Mr. Chodkowski: And those dates are in the newsletter article that will go out. We do have them; we just don't off the top of our head have them.

Mr. Denning: And I'm okay with that, it was just a curiosity point on my part.

Ms. Christian: And that information is already on the website.

Mr. Denning: Alright thank you.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: So they do work Saturdays if the holiday falls on Friday.

Ms. Christian: Yes.

Mr. Denning: Or Monday. It falls on Monday everybody will be back a day.

Mayor Flaute: Okay if there are no other questions, thank you Ms. Christian.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Actually I want to follow what Mr. Denning said. If a holidays on a Monday everybody gets pushed back?

Ms. Christian: Yeah. So I guess they are fortunate that January 1 is on a Friday. It will only put you back one day for the first week.

**iv) Planning and Program Management Department**

Mr. Taylor: Thank you. What I want to start with tonight is some of our code enforcement activities that we have been working on. When we first moved to the new UDO in 2014, what it did was change the code and change some of the map. What we ended up doing was creating some businesses that have a nonconforming use or a nonconforming condition which sounds more dangerous than it is. And so what we did

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is we have implemented a program that helps identify those properties or businesses and then creates a path for them; I don't want to say log but for us to identify what those conformity's are. So seven weeks ago we started that process. We started with six businesses and we have been updating that process. If anybody else on Council would like to learn more I would be more than happy to discuss it. It's kind of a lengthy process that I don't want to go into tonight with the time that we are at. The long and the short of it is for us to better regulate businesses equitably. We need to know what's in them and so if you have a nonconforming use it doesn't mean you can't use your business it just means that we need to know what you are doing so that if you want to change in the future or sell your business we are able to ensure that the new owners; or that it can grow and how we can regulate that. That is kind of the short of the long of that. On a more fun note, the City Hall relocation is on schedule. We will be moving on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be okay I promise. We will be opening up our operations on the 16<sup>th</sup> and everything should be up and running on a technical basis; the phones, computers, our server networks; all of that will be changed to run that Saturday so if there are any glitches we have the weekend to fix that. Signage, we will have interior directional signage going in next week. A quick kind of example of what is going in, and please bear with me this is just paper, right. So we have on the outside, this is a close representation. It will be on metal standoffs about an inch off the wall with a rubbed oil bronze knob that holds it off the wall. It will all be acrylic with the white and blue motif and the handicap accessible. This is kind of the size and the shape of the entrance sign and that's as you walk into our suite. And then throughout, this motif will be mirrored through each office. So you will have the director of planning and program managers that will kind of mirror this acrylic motif throughout with the standoffs. And again in city Council our nametags will also be attached the dais so that kind of gives it a more standardized operation. It is pretty slick, the process that we have so that we can get rid of these nameplates and have a more permanent and professional look. So this will be going in on Thursday. We are also working on some art that I was hoping to show Council tonight from LMG. Those renderings weren't ready to present to the public. They weren't at a professional enough level; they were very rudimentary and I didn't want to spoil the motif. But basically we are talking about the city of Riverside logo behind the dais and then what is going in front. Of course you will see what it looks like on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The signage will be in but the rest will not. That's pretty much all I have.

Mayor Flaute: Okay any questions for Mr. Taylor from members of Council?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I'm sure that each one of us will be able to do a rendering of something for your wall. Do you want us to get with you this week?

Mr. Denning: Crayons.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Crayons and fingerprints we can do it. We are good.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I know some street artists.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Laugh Mr. Taylor its okay. Laugh.

Mr. Taylor: Did I mention that I am moving all of City Hall in like a week right?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Just don't take those three pictures.

Mayor Flaute: Any other questions for Mr. Taylor? Seeing none thank you for your service.

### **ITEM 13: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Flaute: We do have someone that would like to talk to us about agenda item 15-R-2104 and so at this time I would like to have Keith come forward from the Lions Club and talk about your issues.

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Keith McGuffie: Hi my name is Keith and I am the chairperson of Project Share, the Christmas fundraiser for the families of Riverside. I am representing the Lions Club along with Mr. Frank Browning who is the president of the club and also my assistant on this thing this year. This is my first year running it, but I hope to help more families this year than we have in the past. I've gotten a couple outside sponsors to help us too so I am looking to raise our numbers this year from the normal that we help usually. We normally get just enough to do 125. My goal is to do 150 or more this year. I've gotten other outside sponsors that we haven't had in the past and with your support and your help this year it will help us even more. So I do look to help a lot more families this year than we have in the past.

Mayor Flaute: Okay great. Any questions for Mr. McGuffie?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Mr. McGuffie, what do you spend per family?

Mr. McGuffie: Per family we spend \$33.68.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: And that provides them with what Sir?

Mr. McGuffie: It provides a turkey, it provides milk, it provides eggs, it provides; I think we get some fresh fruits and vegetables, it also provides any canned goods that they may need that could not have been put in that we collect from the donations throughout the city.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Thank you very much.

Mayor Flaute: Are you going to stick around for the meeting? I would like to talk to you after the meeting.

Mr. McGuffie: Yes Sir I can stick around.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you. Any other questions?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Thanks for all you do.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you very much. Thanks to the Lions. We appreciate it.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: There is a fish fry isn't there?

Mr. McGuffie: Yes, next Friday actually we have a fish fry starting at 6 p.m. It is \$13 or \$15. Everyone is welcome, there is plenty of fish and there is plenty of everything.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think it is \$13 ahead of time and \$15 at the door.

Mr. McGuffie: Yes, \$13 ahead of time and \$15 at the door, thank you Ma'am. There are going to be door prizes, there are going to be 50-50 raffles, there are going to be everything so stop on in. We usually get a pretty good turnout. So there will be a lot of people there so everyone is more than welcome to come in.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: It is at the Union Hall on Woodman.

Mr. McGuffie: Yes.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you very much.

#### **ITEM 14: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **a) ORDINANCE**

- i) Ordinance No. 15-O-575 an ordinance providing for the construction of certain public infrastructure improvements within the city by creating an Incentive District encompassing a certain parcel of real property, declaring improvements to such parcel to be a public purpose, exempting such improvements from taxation, requiring the owners of such parcel to make service payments in lieu of taxes,**

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**providing for the distribution of the applicable portion of such service payments to the Mad River Local School District, establishing a Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of the remainder of such service payments, describing the public infrastructure improvements made or to be made that benefit or serve the parcel and approving and authorizing the execution of one or more project and development agreements.** (Second Reading and Consideration of Approval)

Mr. Chodkowski: This ordinance is brought forth for the creation of tax increment finance district relative to the Brantwood Subdivision Phase II. This is the second and final adoption.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 15-O-575. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Mr. Mayor, what I am seeing is 33 houses and we are subsidizing them at \$1.9 million, \$60,000 a house. We are subsidizing \$250,000 homes and we are using a 30 year TIF that will extend beyond all of our lifetimes. I believe we should roll this back to a ten-year TIF, include the school district and get out of this business as quickly as possible. And I guarantee you that if we turn this down I will bring forth a ten-year TIF and will support it. I will hold my nose but I will support it. I realize it passed the last time but I think it is time to move away from this sort of subsidizing the rich. I mean \$60,000 on each of those properties, that is engineer's estimate. But I think we should move to a ten-year TIF. It makes more sense for city and I will bring forth a recommendation to go with the ten-year TIF if we put this down tonight. That's all I have to say.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Again I would renew my concern about the length of the TIF. I don't think that it is good for the community. I don't think that it should be and I know that we have an obligation that we have to serve everyone in this community and I don't think this is serving them well. Thank you Sir.

With no further comments a roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, no; Deputy Mayor Reynolds, no and Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion passed.**

- ii) **Ordinance No. 15-O-586 an ordinance enacting a new Chapter 182, Sections 182.01 through 182.99 and amending existing Chapter 181, Section 181.04, effective period, of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Riverside, Ohio pertaining to the levy and collection of income tax.** (Second Reading and Consideration of Approval)

Mr. Chodkowski: In accordance with the provisions of House Bill Five this legislation is brought forth to establish tax code relative to the provision of House Bill Five.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve the second of reading of Ordinance No. 15-O-586. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only. With no further comments a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**ITEM 15: NEW BUSINESS**

**a) ORDINANCES**

- i) **Ordinance No. 15-O-587 an ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Riverside Codified Ordinances, and declaring an**

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**emergency** (First Reading, Suspension of the Rule, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption)

Mr. Chodkowski: This ordinance is brought forth to provide for the replacement pages of the codification; the necessary codes to the city. This legislation is proposed as the first and second reading and adoption as an emergency.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-O-587. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance in its entirety.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So Walter Drane Company will have this up in their format when?

Council Clerk: I have requested to get our bill for this codification to see how much money we have left in our budget for codification. If there is enough money left I will go ahead and make the purchase to have this put on Walter Drane's website. He estimated that it would take a couple of months and the reason for that is because a lot of municipalities that they are codifying are having new tax bills put in so they are really busy right now so that is why it is going to take probably several months.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So what fund are you paying this out of?

Council Clerk: The codification.

Mr. Fullenkamp: There is a codification line, okay.

Council Clerk: Yeah. So this year we paid \$75 or \$80 to have the CD made of it and that's what I copied and gave all of you. All of these things come out of that line item.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So we don't know if there are sufficient funds or not?

Council Clerk: I think there should be but I want to be sure before I spend more money.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay thanks.

Mr. Denning: If there isn't enough then let's make sure it is in the budget for next year so that we can get it done. If it is going to take that long anyways we will make it part of next year's budget and make sure that it gets up there.

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

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 15-O-587. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 15-O-587. Deputy Mayor Reynolds seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

## **b) RESOLUTIONS**

- i) Resolution No. 15-R-2104 a resolution recognizing the Mad River Lions Club's "Project Share" as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the citizens of the City of Riverside.**

Mr. Chodkowski: This resolution is brought forth to recognize the Mad River Lions Club Project Share as a function that promotes the public health, safety and contentment.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2104. Deputy Mayor Reynolds seconded the motion.

Mr. Denning: Is there a dollar value that we put on this?

Mr. Chodkowski: \$250 is the amount that Council traditionally provides.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I would like to increase that if Council would consider it to \$500.

Mr. Denning: That should take care of 15 families.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: That's right.

With no further discussion a vote was taken to approve the amended resolution for the donation of \$500. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

With no further discussion a vote was taken to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2104 as amended. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

- ii) **Resolution No. 15-R-2105 a resolution by the Council of the City Of Riverside, Ohio authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement regarding public safety dispatching with the City of Huber Heights.**

Mr. Chodkowski: As previously discussed with Council this resolution is brought forth to approve an agreement between the city of Riverside and Huber Heights for public safety communication services.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2105. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

- iii) **Resolution No. 15-R-2106 a resolution by the Riverside City Council authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield to provide health insurance and Anthem Life Insurance Company to provide life insurance to eligible officers and employees of the City for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.**

Mr. Chodkowski: This resolution is brought forth to authorize an agreement between the city and Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield in regards to providing health and hospitalization insurance to city employees.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2106. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

- iv) **Resolution No. 15-R-2107 a resolution affirming the City of Riverside's intent to incorporate Complete Streets principles and treatments in its 2015 Map-21 application project (East) Springfield Street general road condition and Museum Entrance improvement project. (Replaced old 15-R-2107 on original agenda)**

Mr. Chodkowski: This resolution is brought forth to affirm the city of Riverside's intent to comply with Complete Streets principles with regards to East Springfield Street Map 21 application.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2107. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

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**v) Resolution No. 15-R-2108 a resolution authorizing the City Manager to seek requests for proposals for general engineering services.**

Mr. Chodkowski: This resolution is brought forth to authorize the release of an RFP for general engineering services to be provided for the city.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2108. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Mr. Fullenkamp: There needs to be an addition to the equal opportunity aspect of this. There is no provision for age and the EEOC would call out an age discrimination. But there is no provision in there for age.

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes. We accounted for everything other than age? I will be sure to let them know that their intent is missing that information.

Mr. Fullenkamp: If you want the information it's out on their website, EEOCagediscrimination.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Mr. City Manager, under E, insurance should the limits be greater than the \$1 million-\$2 million? I know it is an iffy situation but when you look at the list of claims for injury to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work performed by the contractor, the contractor's agents, representative employees, subcontractors. It just seems like a lot; should we increase those dollar amounts or is this the standard amount? I don't know what firms would carry as far as liability insurance.

Mr. Chodkowski: I don't have the answer to the question of what the typical amounts are with regards to those insurances but what I can say is that I did asked the law director to review this document and make sure that the information and what we requested with regards to those items was to her satisfaction and she did confirm the numbers were satisfactory.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: If you go on over to the second paragraph on the following page of exhibit A, it says if the contractor maintains higher limits, that statement I'm not sure I understand exactly what all that means. Right above fees for service.

Mr. Chodkowski: So in other words what that says is that if the firm carries insurance at a higher level or a higher value it is required to indemnify the city. So it has to indemnify the city to that higher amount. So if they are carrying liability to \$5 million they have to indemnify us to a total of \$5 million not \$1 million.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: Okay. Thank you Sir.

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

**vi) Resolution No. 15-R-2109 a resolution affirming the City of Riverside's intent to incorporate Complete Streets principles and treatments in its 2015 Map-21 application project (East) Airway Road general road condition improvement project. (Added to agenda)**

Mr. Chodkowski: This resolution is brought forth to affirm the city of Riverside's intent to comply with Complete Streets principles with regards to its Map 21 application for East Airway Rd.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 15-R-2109. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**ITEM 16: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** There were no comments.

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**ITEM 17: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Denning: I believe the football game between the police and fire is this Sunday?

Mr. Chodkowski: Saturday.

Mr. Denning: So bring your canned goods out and watch the police and firemen beat each other.

Mayor Flaute: In a nice way, in a competitive way. Very good.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: I just wanted to mention to Council that I had the opportunity to have dinner with these two young men, the most delightful young men I have met in a long time and they do such good work and they are so dedicated to it. And gentlemen I appreciate that very much. I appreciate what you are doing for the community, I appreciate that you were at the Head Start open house and you just were in there and involved in everything going on and thank you for that also because it was a really important evening for those children and for that community there. So thank you very much. I wish you well on your endeavors and I know you both will. I believe you want to be a police officer Mr. McGuffie and Mr. Browning is going to be the vice president and probably president of PNC very soon. Very kind young men and I hope you will get to meet them. Thank you.

Mr. Fullenkamp: This is just a personal note, thanks to everyone that sent cards, flowers, from staff, Council on the death of my mother a few weeks ago. They were much appreciated; my family really appreciated it. Mr. Smith came and visited us up at the viewing and that was very nice of him to do that. I can't thank him tonight but he was there and it was something that my family really did appreciate. So again thanks to everyone it was a tough time but we all got through it with your help so I appreciate it.

Mr. Denning: I want to thank everybody that voted. It was what it was.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds: You are all winners.

Mayor Flaute: Okay just a couple things I have. When I was out on the campaign trail I happen to run into Joe Loy's wife and then later Joe. If you remember Joe was taping our meetings for DATV and he had to stop because he had so much equipment. Well now I am told that now all that equipment can fit into a suitcase and is willing to start taping our meetings again so I said I would ask everyone if that's okay under the same terms that was last time and we will be back on DATV. Is that okay with everyone?

Mr. Fullenkamp: Yes, I want you to be involved in this but I want the city to make an investment in some video and then he could come and run it for us. I think the city needs to invest in some of their own infrastructure regarding video recording. I appreciate it; it is a generous offer to get us up and running. That is very cool and we do appreciate what you did in the past but I really do want the city to invest in some video and figure out a way to stream and produce it and maybe that's the role that Joe can play for us. He is very good at what he does and last time it was a shoestring operation. He would provide me a CD or a memory stick and I would upload it to YouTube and then we had the viewings on DATV also. I don't want what Joe is offering to stop us from making some investment in this particular process and it is not that expensive nowadays to buy a little mixing and some cameras. But I think he is the person we would go to, to consult with and help us and to actually do the production for this if he is willing to do that.

Mayor Flaute: That would have been my suggestion too is that he meet with Mr. Taylor and make sure that the setup; now is the time to do that and make sure that set up is acceptable to everyone and we can be back on TV.

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Mr. Denning: But I thought the issue with us actually doing it was public records issues not whether or not we wanted to do it. I thought if we did it ourselves we had public records issues.

Mr. Fullenkamp: No, I mean every city does it.

Mr. Denning: That is what I remember. The major part of the discussion was that we had to keep everything forever.

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Manager, that was not an issue because.

Mr. Chodkowski: Because he was choosing to do it as a citizen and he was not doing it as an agent and on behalf of the city. So there are certain things that we would need to address. Those are not now insurmountable but those are things that if he is going to do it on our behalf as our agent then we would need to make certain considerations and accommodations. I don't know that they would be difficult but at this point I don't even know how to work the phones at 5200. I think we may be a little ahead of ourselves with trying to get the camera to operate effectively from day one.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I just don't want to be totally dependent on Mr. Loy for everything.

Mr. Chodkowski: And my understanding is we will be able to turn the camera on and it will be able to record the meeting but it will be the one shot up at the dais. So Joe we appreciate the volunteerism but I don't know that we will need it right away.

Mr. Fullenkamp: But you run into the same issue right? Whether there are three cameras or four cameras you still run into the same issue.

Mr. Chodkowski: Yes but at the end of the day there are going to be the issues of if you want to edit it and you want to have the multiple views and those types of things. So the new facility will be a mile ahead of where we are but it is just the first five minutes of the race so maybe perhaps we should just get to the 26 miles in due time.

Mayor Flaute: Well I have his contact information so if you would please contact him as to when and how we are going to do it, it would be appreciated if that's okay with Council.

Mr. Fullenkamp: It's time we move ahead on this.

Mayor Flaute: Okay very good. I did go to a conference. I was honored to be one of the bipartisan presiding officers for the zoning workshop and so I do have a lot of information here from the conference but the special ones that I wanted to point out were; the domestic use of drones was a very, very good work session and then the EPA's discussion on things we need to look out for. So if anyone has any interest in these they are here. I'm going to be giving all of this information to the city manager so he can look through it and see if there is anything of interest that he can use. The drones thing is very interesting. The FAA doesn't care what happens to anything 400 feet or below and communities are just experiencing all kinds of things from neighbors shooting them down and privacy issues. So we may want to look into that and see if there is something we need to do there. Also, we found out that there are two people who will be retiring from the OML and the first one is Mr. John Gutherman. Mr. Gutherman is the law director for OML and he has been there almost 50 years. 50 years he has been with the OML. He is retiring and the executive director Ms. Sue Cave has chosen to retire in March. Sue has been a hard worker for the league and so we will be looking for a replacement on that and of course the Ohio Mayors Association will be very involved in that. I emailed everybody the article today from the Dayton Business Journal that showed Riverside in a very fond light as being one of the best livable cities in the United States. We hit number 336 so we've got a long way to go but we were ahead of Troy and Fairborn and somebody else.

Mr. Chodkowski: Kettering.

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Mayor Flaute: Kettering yeah. So it's a big deal, that is a big deal. Sometimes you wonder what people are feeling about your city and that is just good news for Riverside. We just have to keep pushing that number up so we can be number one. We can be if we continue to work at it. So kudos to the staff and Council for making that all happened. There is a House Bill 201 that you might be interested in. It is the Senate that wants to include property and land when violence occurs in drug houses. So if anyone is interested in Bill 201 and you may want to contact your legislatures. It is a good bill and it is moving through the legislature. I did four weddings in the last three weeks so they're down a little bit. Maybe I wasn't there to answer the phone because I was out walking. They're down a little bit but I think they will come back up. Anything else from members of Council?

**ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting ended at 9:07 p.m.

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William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council