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ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Flaute called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL:

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

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

ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

Mayor Flaute: Mrs. Reynolds emailed me yesterday and said she wasn't going to be here tonight. She did not give me a reason, but she did email me. We should have all gotten an email from Mr. Smith today. Do you want to handle them both at the same time or would you like to excuse them separately?

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Curp to excuse Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Smith. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Curp, yes; Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Denning, no; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; and Mayor Flaute, no.

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

The agenda was revised prior to the start of the meeting.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the revised agenda as submitted. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

- A) Board Interview – Kyle Winning for Parks and Recreation Commission

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Winning, if you would come forward and tell us a little about yourself and we will move from there.

Mr. Winning: Mr. Mayor and Council, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to be considered for an appointment to the Parks and Rec Commission. I will start by introducing myself, I moved to Riverside in March of 2009 when I purchased my first home. I am a father with two wonderful, well sometimes wonderful, toddlers. I am a frequent user of the City's parks, as my daughter likes to change things up depending on her mood of the day. I graduated early from West Carrollton High School back in 2005 to follow my dreams and become a firefighter/paramedic. I served 7 years as a firefighter/paramedic at the Beavercreek Township Fire Department before deciding to become a stay at home father.

I feel like I would be an asset to the Parks and Rec Commission due to growing up in the community that for years has had many of the same struggles as Riverside faces

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today. It was a landlocked community with an aging population and stagnant growth. They were able to overcome their struggles and grown their recreation opportunities and I believe we will be able to as well. I also have experience as a public servant, serving the community gave me a wonderful opportunity to interact with citizens on a personal level and often may be insight that many people are not able to experience.

As a member of the Parks and Rec Commission, some of my goals would be to grow our current recreational opportunities within our current parks by finding ways to add new features and amenities to attract new users while maintaining parks users we currently have. Some of my ideas include adding things such as a community garden plot on unused land, taking things such as our dog park that is in one park and expanding it to other areas of the City since we are a geographically divided community, and I want to add some programming to engage citizens and draw them into our park and actively bring them in instead of a passive program. As a father of young children and an outdoorsman, I value what our parks can offer to our community and would like to keep people from being able to say they are bored or they have nothing to do. I believe investing in our parks can help with our crime and drug issues by giving our youth in the community something to do instead of going out and finding trouble. Again, I thank you for the opportunity and would like to answer any questions you may have.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you, Mr. Winning. I appreciate that. Are there any questions or comments for Mr. Winning? Mrs. Lommatzsch: They just moved their meeting. Ms. Arnold: They just moved it to the 4th Wednesday of every month. Mr. Winning: I can make any day work. Luckily my wife has a very flexible schedule.

Mayor Flaute: I just have one question. If you could describe how you make decisions when you are part of similar boards or commissions? How do you go about making those decisions or making that work for your benefit or the benefit of the City? Mr. Winning: I like to pride myself on educating myself on any topic before I decide I want to form an opinion. Let's say we were talking about putting a splash pad in a park. I would go about contacting other communities that have a splash pad, get their real world feedback, do some research on my own on what benefit it can provide, what does it take to run it, and will it be a plus to the community or a minus. I feel like I am very open-minded and I can sit and talk with anybody about anything, we might not agree about it at the end of the day, but we can respect each other and have a conversation as an adult. Mayor Flaute: Very good. Any other questions or comments?

Deputy Mayor Curp: Tell me if you would just one idea that you have for bringing more people to the parks. Mr. Winning: One of the big things and I will admit I use Beaver Creek's parks fairly often because they have programming. They have activities and my 2 toddlers go and they do story time and they play little games and skits. A lot of times we go to C.I. Beaver Hall because they have programming to draw people in versus just having a playground. The playground is nice, but after so long my daughter gets tired of the same slide and swing and she wants some variety. I want to look at maybe hiring some part-time individuals in the summer to bring some programming in and maybe looking at adding some features. Right now we have soccer in one, baseball in another, and everything is kind of spread out. To be honest to go from one side of the City to the other can be a 20 minute drive, so I think if we can kind of spread our resources out better. I personally don't use the dog park, even though I've got 2 dogs. By the time I load them up in the car and I drive them over there and they play, it's just too stressful versus just walking them through the neighborhood. I feel like we could draw people in by spreading those amenities out and maybe taking a small ¼ acre, putting a fence up, and now we have a dog park that's another amenity for a couple thousand dollars tops. Deputy Mayor Curp: Thank you. Mayor Flaute: Any other questions or comments? Thank you, Mr. Winning.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to bring forth legislation to appoint Kyle Winning to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

B) Board Interview – Francesca Hary for reappointment to Personnel Appeals Board

Mayor Flaute: Ms. Hary, would you please come forward and talk to us about what you have been doing in the City these days.

Ms. Hary: Well, I've enjoyed my residency here in the City. My name is Francesca Hary and you might also know me as the Branch Manager of the Burkhardt Branch Library of the Dayton Metro Library System. I stand before you asking to be reappointed to my favorite, all-time Board which is the Personnel Appeals Board. We have yet to meet once, so that is my favorite kind of meeting. I am very eager to help out in any way I can for the City or with the City, so I do ask for your support and nomination to be reappointed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to bring forth legislation to reappoint Francesca Hary to the Personnel Appeals Board. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Ms. Hary: Any questions for me? Mayor Flaute: You've been doing a great job. Mr. Denning: We have heard no complaints. Mayor Flaute: Nope. Ms. Hary: Actually I think you all have been doing a great job because there's no complaints for me. Mayor Flaute: The staff. Ms. Hary: Thank you very much. Mayor Flaute: Thank you. Thanks for coming in.

There was no further discussion on the motion.

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

C) Presentation – Medical Cannabis Education from Parker Lawrence with Extra Step Assurance

Mr. Carpenter: This is Mr. Parker Lawrence with Extra Step Assurance to come and inform us on Medical Cannabis. Mayor Flaute: Welcome Mr. Parker. We are glad you are here and I'm sure you will enlighten us with many good things.

Mr. Lawrence: I will. Thank you so much for having me tonight. My company is based out of Bellefontaine, Ohio, not far from here. We also have offices in New Jersey as well. Again, my name is Parker Lawrence. I'm from Urbana, Ohio; born and raised there, so very local to Ohio here. With Extra Step Assurance, what we have put together over the last 2 ½ years is we are not necessarily looking at having a dispensary, grow operation, or cultivating center, we are strictly looking at the education, compliance, and information in this specific industry.

Looking at the challenges we have seen in the news lately over the last year since Ohio has passed medical marijuana, we see tax dollars thrown around, jobs, and a lot of different things going on in communities. One of the things that we want to look at is how are the communities that are going to have medical marijuana be accountable for their actions. Looking at the concerns, I have given you all packets tonight with a lot of our information in there. One of the documents in there is what we have put together over the United States. We have 64 questions that are common to people looking to have marijuana either in their communities or their states. These are some questions that you all are probably getting questions about now or you will in the future once we start talking more about medical marijuana. Looking at the concerns on those questions, the answers are very delicate of how you handle that situation. What we have done to be able to answer that information is we have looked into different industries.

Looking at different industries, my company and my partners come from a very diverse background not from the medical marijuana side, but industries that are very compliant. We come from DEA audit checks. Over the last 20 years we have handled scheduled drugs and gone through DEA audit checks regularly. We have

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pharmacy ownership throughout the United States and multiple states, so we understand what pharmacy compliance is about. We've also been a part of alcohol and beverage control along with regulations on serialized item numbers for the ATF, Alcohol, Firearms, and Tobacco Industry. With those 2 ½ years that we have looked into medical marijuana, we have taken all of this knowledge from different industries and put it towards the medical marijuana laws. Extra Step Assurance is an Ohio based LLC that we started here in Ohio and we started looking at dispensaries for the compliance and that division, we have different divisions under our LLC, so that first division is ESA Certified, it's where we look at dispensaries, grow operations, and processors. Then we started looking at, okay, we have dispensaries now what about the rest of the spectrum because we basically go full circle with our divisions so we started the Cannabis Phone Line National Call Center. We started Cannabis Expertise. It is a national accredited CE division, Continuing Education Division, to teach healthcare professionals. Then we looked at the retail consumer side. We wanted to get a pulse on what's going on the consumer side, so we started Marijuana Surveys Online. We have a following on social media of around 30,000 followers on that.

Looking at the ESA Certified side on the medical marijuana, standards are very important. I don't need to sit here and tell you that standards aren't important, especially in the medical marijuana industry. We are really looking at the regulations and monitoring of different states is what we are looking at when we look at the standards. When we go into different states for dispensaries to certify dispensaries, this is a snapshot of our certification process that we do. When we go into different states, we don't sit here and just look at the bare minimum. A Lot of companies do that just to get by, with our company compliance is key. We look at what the state is requiring, what the federal government is overseeing, and also we look at best practices. For an example if we look at Arizona, in Arizona they have very detailed laws. The security cameras in Arizona could say that you have to have at least a 12 megapixel camera for your security. Ohio might not necessarily require or list what the megapixel should be, but we are showing best practices across the industry not just that specific state. When we advise people for dispensaries in the State of Ohio, we would advise them to go above and beyond what the State is requiring for that 12 megapixel or better camera.

Looking at our dispensary application, we've caught the eye of different insurance brokerage across the nation. With insurance, it's a really tricky situation with dispensaries because in a lot of states it's all cash businesses, so it's a high risk industry for insurance companies to get into. These insurance companies are charging anywhere from \$60,000.00-80,000.00 a year for insurance for these dispensaries. What we have done is partner with different brokerage firms across the country to be able to have these dispensaries certified and be held at a higher standard. They should be able to get price breaks on their insurance throughout the year because they are going to be less of a liability in the long run. To put it in perspective, an example would be if you have say ADT or a home security system on your home and your home owner's insurance values that prospect of you being more secure than others, they could potentially give you a price break on your homeowner's insurance. That is the same thing we are doing with the Cannabis industry.

Looking at that for the insurance side, we finally went into the education aspect. We started looking at education for the healthcare providers, so without healthcare providers being educated the program will be smothered out at the very start of the program in different states. Looking at healthcare professionals, physicians, and doctors, we have put together the most comprehensive CME event in the country, Continuing Medical Education, it is called Cannabis Expertise. Looking at this slide here is the dispensary aspect. If people aren't trained to the fullest extent, especially in a new industry such as Medical Marijuana, it is going to take down the legitimacy of that industry. This is an example of that, this study was run in January and only 55% of the employees had training at that specific location. This was a lot of in the west, where it is boomed very fast out there. The east is helping a lot better with the compliancy of the trainings, but that is one thing that we really look at and we pride ourselves on with the education, the compliance, and really looking at the information

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because without training we are going to have this over the country. Cannabis Expertise is a 2 ½ day educational event in Downtown Columbus right by the State House, so for the first night we are having dinner and bringing in legal advice and counsel from across the State. The second day we are really diving deep into the endocannabinoid system and really looking at dosing. This is very important for the physicians in Ohio. The second day we are looking at the disease states and the qualifying conditions across the country.

With education comes questions and what we found is as of right now in 2017 there are 30 states that have medical marijuana on the books right now, laws for those states. That's close to 200 million people that live in those territories that are able to access medical marijuana. What we found is there is not one central phone line or website you could look up information. When we first started Cannabis Info Line, we really looked at it and we were diving in deep to find any information that we could get up on the industry as fast as possible. I know I've done it and I'm sure people have here as well, you go to Google or Yahoo, you type in your question word for word what you want to ask, and it comes right up in the first 1, 2, or 3 responses. That's the power of the internet. The majority of those are blogs, so you think great the first question word for word is what is going to answer my question. Not necessarily because blogs, anybody can right on there. When you look at that question, there could be 3 or 4 different answers that are completely different. What we did with Cannabis Info Line, we took pharmacy, call center technicians and transferred them to the Cannabis Info Line. We've put together thousands of hours of research, development, and training for these call center techs.

We have call center representatives in our Bellefontaine, Ohio office and our New Jersey office and we have over 5,000 frequently asked questions that we can advise any patients, caregivers, or physicians, or someone that just wants basic knowledge. Looking at the Cannabis Info Line, we say it out front: We are here to listen, help, and support. When we started the Cannabis Info Line, we thought that we would just get people calling in that would have basic questions: What's the phone number? What's the email? How can I talk to my doctor? What we found since we launched the Cannabis Info Line over a year ago is that we are getting very, very intense conversations from people that want to have somebody to talk to because they don't have this option anywhere else. Their doctors are busy. They only get a ½ hour time slot from their doctors. We thought we would start this out as we would get people calling that would be a 3-5 minute conversation and what we have seen is we are getting 5, 10, or 15 minute conversations with people across the country. One of the great things about the Cannabis Info Line as well is it is a national service, so we are advising on all 50 states even though only 30 have medical cannabis laws on the books. I just want to say I thank you so much for having me here tonight and having me.

One of the main things that we look at being so close to you in Ohio is we want to make sure that if you do decide to look into having medical dispensaries or grow operations or processors in your town that you have the ability to talk with us. We have taken 2 ½ years to put a lot of our information together and it's a lot of hard work that goes into that looking at all different states, not just what Ohio is doing. With the packets we have given you today are a lot of our services and our brochures. If you have any physicians in the area, we would love to have them at our seminar in Columbus or if you have anybody family, friends, acquaintances that have basic questions about the Ohio law on medical marijuana or different states, we would love to hear from them from our call center as well. I'd love to take any questions or comments.

Mayor Flaute: That's a lot more information than I thought we would hear tonight.

Wow. You have been in business 2 ½ years, how do you get paid or who pays you?

Mr. Lawrence: We are a privately held company that is a subset of Direct Success Pharmacies and Direct Success Services in New Jersey, but we are currently going after different states and different contracts for states as well. Mayor Flaute: Why did you choose Ohio or why did they choose Ohio? Mr. Lawrence: I was born and raised in Ohio. We wanted to go after this initiative and we had business partners in New Jersey, so it was kind of one of those things where New Jersey already has

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some of their laws and dispensaries set up. What we really wanted to do with our information and technologies that we have put together is we wanted to get into states early and often before they put their rules and regulations into place because that way like I said we have been working with the State of Ohio for the last 2 ½ years now and that way we can help benefit that state right off the bat instead of trying to retrofit things into that specific state.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So how would you help a city make a decision about dispensaries or grow facilities? Mr. Lawrence: With different cities in the State of Ohio, you can put rules, regulations, and laws on top of what the City or State is requiring, so we can partner with the City and give basic knowledge from across the industry of pros and cons of what we see on different states that have already passed it and what they are doing and the added benefit of being able to certify that dispensary or grow operation before they even have one speck of medical marijuana in that location to make sure they are held to the highest compliance and standards possible.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Do you find zoning to be an issue or are medical marijuana dispensaries treated like pharmacies? Mr. Lawrence: We see a lot of, especially I'm from Urbana, Ohio not far from here. It is a small town of about 10,000-12,000 people and we really looked at some of these small towns and with the zoning laws in some of these small towns it is going to be very hard to put dispensaries and that is a thing that we suggest. Right now the State of Ohio has a 500 foot occupancy around any preschools, playgrounds, libraries, churches, and any sort of that nature, but in other states it's 1,000 feet. We would come in if we were advising and we would say, "Ohio is requiring 500 feet, but these other states are requiring 1,000 feet." We would look at best practice overall and let your City know what we see on that side. Mr. Fullenkamp: So you would help us meet the State requirements and apply even stricter best practices. Mr. Lawrence: Yes.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Another question I have is you do have this whatever you call it hotline. Mr. Lawrence: Cannabis Info Line. Mr. Fullenkamp: Info Line, I'm sorry. Is the database available online in terms of just the information, the papers, the research? Mr. Lawrence: It's all proprietary information that we have spent thousands of hours putting together, so we don't have it available for somebody to go online and potentially grab that and try to sell it the same services that we are. We are the first national call center in the United State for Cannabis and we pride ourselves on that. We are the one and only national call center that has live call center agents in wait Monday through Friday that we can advise any patient, caregiver, physician, or someone that just wants general knowledge on the industry. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm particularly looking at the agenda for this conference. Mr. Lawrence: That's the Cannabis Expertise Conference. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm looking and some of the things that are catching my attention are cannabinoids and pain, harm reduction for opioid abuse, so how other than calling your info line how can people inform themselves about? You've given us a list of 64 questions and I don't see any answers. Mr. Lawrence: That's what you need to talk with me more about. Mr. Fullenkamp: Here's my card, give me a call.

Mr. Lawrence: With the conference, I understand where you are coming from. We have partnered with and it's very hard to get continuing education credits, so we are nationally accredited to train these doctors and give them the continuing education credits that they need year in and year out to be a physician. What we have done with that is partnered with the top doctors, not just in the U.S. but internationally as well. Our keynote speaker is from Maine, he has 2 practices in Maine, and he has one in Massachusetts and he has helped treat over 18,000 patients with medical Cannabis so he is one of our keynote speakers at the conference. That's where we are getting our literature from for the conference, but for the Cannabis Info Line we have taken thousands of hours to put that together. We have researched all of the state websites and looked at dispensary owners and talked with dispensary owners, talked with State Officials in every state that has medical Cannabis on the books, and we have put together those questions and answers to be able to give people that call our line factual information whether they are on the phone with us at that time or if they completely stump us, we are going to follow-up with that person and give them a factual answer in 48-72 hours.

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Mr. Fullenkamp: Because I'm very and one of my real interests right now is the opioid problem and there has been a number of scientific articles out that are pointing to how this is more about harm reduction than it is about solving that problem, but it is hard to find these things even using Google unless you have the databases available to you to actually publish this medical research information. It's difficult using a product like Google to dig it up. Mr. Lawrence: It is and that's what we saw especially putting together the factual questions and answers for the Cannabis Line. It had to come from a certified website or we couldn't have it in our database because that's one of the things I talked about with the blogs anyone can get on there, even Wikipedia, people can get on there and change things.

Mr. Fullenkamp: You give me a link and I'm okay. One last question, so if the City engages with you is there a contract involved? If you come and give us advice on how we formulate our plan. Mayor Flaute: Tell us the process, I guess. The State of Ohio says that we are allowed to have them in our towns now, what would be the process that we would go through to make this happen? Mr. Lawrence: The State of Ohio is putting out the licensure for the grow operations and the dispensaries in the next 3-4 months. We are going to know exactly who gets those licenses and there are towns coming out right now that are completely for it, they want the businesses there and you are seeing some of those; one example is Akron, last week or the week before they came out and said, "We want to start interviewing people that are going after this because we want this business in our town." Other towns such as Piqua just came out this week and said they are completely against this and do not want any part of this and are completely banning this from their town. It's really give or take with the different, I think the City of Riverside has a great opportunity geographically wise as well to host something like this in this industry.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So how would you engage with the City? Mr. Lawrence: We could put something together. It could be a consulting firm or something like that looking at the next 30 days or the next 60 days. Looking at the dispensary certification, what we do on that side looking at different states and the contracts that we have there is we can put together and say, "Hey, City of Riverside, you've got a dispensary." We are going to come in and certify that dispensary every quarter for the first year and then we are going to certify every year after that for three years and then it's every 2-3 years after that we are going to certify. There's timelines set up that you are only as good as your worst employee basically per se, so looking at the first year we would be open to the certification process and what not.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I guess what I'm after here. Mr. Denning: What's the cost? Mr. Fullenkamp: It's a cost issue and it is also how do we inform decision makers about whether this is a good thing to engage in or not? Mr. Lawrence: The cost aspect, we would really have to look at what it entails. That's the same thing with our dispensaries and grow operations because you have some dispensaries that have 3 employees or you have some dispensaries that have 25 employees and all of the employees need to be trained. Looking at talking back and forth, that's something that we could draw some paperwork up with and look at the consulting. When we really look at the dispensary aspect, that's something that the City could put in place that the dispensary would potentially have to pay for that to be in your City limits. Mr. Fullenkamp: That's correct. That could be part of the fees we impose. Mr. Denning: We could put in our Code that they must be certified to a certain level in order to and that cost is on them. If they lose their certification, they lose the ability. Mr. Lawrence: That's one of the things that we look at when we are reviewing different states. The State of Colorado has around 1,200 dispensaries and they only have people from the State going in to about 30% of the dispensaries each year. Mr. Fullenkamp: Can we steal someone else's legislation? You are not going to tell me.

Mr. Denning: Do most of the other states treat the dispensaries similar to pharmacies or alcohol state stores? That's where they fall under in their standard Zoning Code? Mr. Lawrence: That's a great question, so the states are able to set up their own rules, regulations, and laws just like the State of Ohio is doing right now. The states have passed at different times, so you can kind of see the structure of what states passed before others. Testing is a big deal in this industry because you are growing

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from a plant, there are fertilizers and pesticides used so to put your point into an example Colorado right now passed medical marijuana before they passed recreational marijuana. Recreational marijuana has to be tested at testing facilities, but they haven't redone their rules, regulations, and laws yet for their medical side that passed years before that, so they don't have to test for medical marijuana right now in Colorado. Mr. Denning: Okay. I'm more concerned about where do the dispensaries fit into the Zoning Code. Do they fit in the same area as pharmacies and/or state stores? I'm not too concerned about growers because there isn't a whole lot of space around here. Mayor Flaute: We've got 49 acres. Mr. Lawrence: Again it's different states. Some states are more compliant than others. Arizona, which Ohio has taken a lot of Arizona's information and turned it into their own, treats them like pharmacies more than other states.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Is there really any risk for a city to not have a moratorium? Can a dispensary just move in and impose their own rules? Mr. Lawrence: They would be illegal at that time if they didn't have. The dispensary would be an illegal dispensary. Mr. Fullenkamp: No, what I'm saying is if they strictly comply with the State rules, could the City after the fact impose stricter standards on them? Mr. Lawrence: With this industry they have to show and prove what they are going after, so it would be tough for them to be compliant and sneak under the nose of a city that doesn't know what is going on would be my answer to that. Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay.

Mr. Curp: So it would be similar to a bar getting an alcohol license from the State? Mr. Lawrence: Somewhat. Mr. Curp: The State issues the license, but the municipality determines where they can have a bar. Mr. Lawrence: Yeah, so they would have to fall in line with the rules, regulations, and laws that state put into place. Say for your specific town that if somebody won a license and you welcome that business in your town then they would have to follow the State requirements of not being 500 feet within one of those protected areas.

Mr. Curp: I understand that. I want to go back to the call center or help desk, that sort of thing. It appears that because you have proprietary information that this must be fee driven in some way. Mr. Lawrence: It is not. This is a free service and anybody can give us a call. Mr. Curp: Okay, but do they have to pay a fee? Mr. Lawrence: Nope. Zero dollars. Mr. Curp: My colleague on Council can't go out there and see the database. Mr. Fullenkamp: They won't give me the database. Mr. Denning: You can call them and ask every one of those questions and write down the answers. Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't care about that.

Mr. Lawrence: With our call center, the reason we started the call center is we had a family member that was terminally ill with end of life cancer and we had zero options to give somebody a call to talk with them about what our options could be because she had every single symptom that marijuana could help; the nausea, the eating, the sleeping. We had no options to talk with someone and it just would have made us feel better if we could talk to someone to say instead of your grandmother taking thousands of pills this year, we could supplement with some medical marijuana. That was the main reason we started the call center. There are 200 million people in the United States that live in a territory where medical marijuana is legal and there was not a central, toll free number that can answer questions. To answer your question about the fees, in certain states like the State of New Jersey these states have it written into their laws that they have to have a call center, but it made us very frustrated that the call center was a glorified voicemail answering machine. That's the main reason we started this call center so we can talk to live call center agents throughout the week. The new states that are coming online for the fee structure, call centers are mandated for new states coming online. Ohio is mandating that they have a call center such as ours.

Mr. Curp: I'm thinking if I want to do some repairs on my own car I can go out on YouTube and there are a lot of people who will put something out there and you may be able to find it. On the other hand, if I want to look at the Chilton's Series of Automobile Repair books I would probably have to subscribe to Chilton's except if I get a library card and I can probably go to the library's website and they will have probably contracted for a master subscription program that allows their card holders

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to go out and see the information that my colleague wants for the public to see. Mr. Lawrence: So we have over 5,000 frequently asked questions that we have in our database, so we have the ability. It's basically on demand question and answering, so we have the ability to either email, send a text message, or letter to this physical person that's calling in to answer their question. We can send you a letter, an email, a text message about your specific question; we just wouldn't send you the entire database.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I understand. I'm literally interested in the research, not just an answer. I want to see the numbers. That's what I do. That's okay, I understand how you are trying to do what you are doing and I appreciate that. Mr. Lawrence: What we've done too is we've have the unique opportunity that in the medical marijuana industry the technology that is used comes from different industries as well. There's a lot of Point of Sale systems that are used from restaurants, to bars that are used in the medical marijuana industry right now and we have had the unique opportunity that all of our divisions that we have set up we have set up our own proprietary software and information that we don't have to buy off the shelf and then try to morph it into what we want; we have created it to what we wanted it to do as well.

Mr. Curp: Services in your literature and in your discussions this evening, you have talked about different segments that you provide in varying levels of education and training, I guess primarily education. What about education and services for first responders such as Fire and Police? Mr. Lawrence: I think that is something that we could look at. I know with the Fire and Police they would have their own structures internally for training. What we have put together is looking at bringing in the physicians and healthcare professionals together to get training that might have small practices, but that's a great idea of going after the Firemen and Policemen. I think that is definitely doable and we have the information and technology.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Two things: I don't think we want this growing in front of the Air Force Museum. Mayor Flaute: That 49 acres over there. Mr. Lawrence: That's a great question. That is some of the type of the questions that you see on our 64 question sheet. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'm not done yet. I wanted to ask you what it is that you are proposing we do and why are you here? Mr. Lawrence: We like to talk to anybody that likes to listen. We are very passionate about this industry. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I understand about the education and that is awesome and I appreciate that. Mr. Lawrence: Thank you. The reason that I am here is I don't want to sit here and tell you that you should have medical marijuana or you shouldn't have medical marijuana. That's what you are going to decide. I'm here to show you that there are options for information and education in the state and we can help you along the way if you do decide to have medical marijuana in your town. Another thing too with growing it right in front of the Air Force Museum, there are a lot of rules, regulations, and laws set in place for the State of Ohio and it has to be internal, inside grows; it can't be grown outside. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Well but people would learn to recognize the buildings. Mr. Lawrence: Yeah. I thank you for coming. I just didn't understand exactly where you are asking us to go with you presentation. Mr. Lawrence: We would love to support you in as many ways as we can, if you do decide to have medical marijuana in your town.

Mayor Flaute: If we didn't have your help us, we would just... Mrs. Lommatzsch: Do it on our own. Mayor Flaute: Well that it's okay to set it up and hope we can figure out where everything goes? Mr. Lawrence: Go with the flow. Mrs. Lommatzsch: There are other places to get information. Mayor Flaute: You don't have to say who, but are there other companies like yours out there? Mr. Lawrence: There are some, not to the extent with our background and knowledge in the compliant areas that we come from. Twenty plus years of DEA compliance checks, we are getting these dispensaries DEA compliant and understanding DEA laws and regulations before the Federal Government and the DEA even steps in. I think that is where we have our high points compared to other companies. Mayor Flaute: I sure learned a lot. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Thank you for your time. Mayor Flaute: Thank you very, very much. Mr. Lawrence: Thanks for having me. I appreciate it.

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Mayor Flaute: Thanks for coming by and we will be in touch. Thanks, thanks. So does Council want to think about this for a little bit or do we want to ask the Manager to move forward on getting information? Mr. Fullenkamp: I think we should consider and continue to consider it with some guidance in Best Practices we probably can move forward in a way that makes sense for the community with a company like this that will help us move forward. We know we have experts representing us and how we formulate our laws and our zoning. Mayor Flaute: So you have suggesting that the City Manager move forward with doing something and I agree. Mr. Fullenkamp: Whoever moves forward, I think we need to really think seriously about this. This isn't recreational marijuana; this is medical marijuana that helps people. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I understand that. Mr. Fullenkamp: If Riverside has to be the only place in the region that has a dispensary, well that's okay.

Mr. Curp: Didn't we already put this out to the Planning Commission and ask them to put the chickens to the side and deal with this because we are dealing with the moratorium? Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't know that the Planning Commission needs to have a lot of involvement, but I think even the Planning Commission ought to be working with somebody like this versus just guessing. Mayor Flaute: If that's the way we are going to do it, yeah. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm sorry. Mayor Flaute: I guess what I'm hearing is we are in favor of moving forward and getting a plan together. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We need to know what our charge would be.

Mr. Denning: I thought we already had or had we not made the suggestion we move forward and find out exactly where we would put or where dispensaries would fall into our Code. I believe Mr. Taylor told us that they would probably fall in the same under B-3 or whatever like pharmacies and if that's true the question is do we want to put any other tighter stipulations on what the state law reads and I think we need somebody to look tighter at that law and tell us what is really there and maybe we do want to make it 1,000 feet instead of that 500 feet. The other part of that is where would that allow people to be if we did that and I think that's the information we need more than anything. We have 80 some churches in our community and 50 bars, but we don't necessarily want to zone them completely out. What's the answer? Is the answer 500 feet or is the answer 750 feet or is the answer 1,000 feet and there's 4 places in the City that would be able to have. I don't know what the answer is, but I think we need that information. Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't think we need to treat them like strip joints. Mr. Denning: I'm not saying that. I'm saying we need to know what the answer is. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think people like him can help us make that decision. That's to me that valuable thing is that they know something about Best Practices and they know what is common in other communities. Believe me, I'm going to Akron's website tonight and will see what they have done. Mr. Denning: And we need them to be certified because we don't want just anybody. Mayor Flaute: Right.

Mr. Curp: It could be that the Attorney General's Office has somebody at the state level that is probably going to handle certification. The Attorney General's Office may have programs that will bring people here that will provide the kind of information that we are talking about or they can point us in the right direction for other sources if we want to look at other sources. Mr. Fullenkamp: And we can do our own research. We are all capable of going online. Mr. Curp: We just can't go to his website. Mr. Fullenkamp: But we can ask questions, right? Mr. Denning: We can call up and ask questions. Mr. Fullenkamp: We know communities that have already said okay and we can go look at that legislation and maybe talk to those communities about why they made the decision the way they did. I always think it is good to have experts working with us to make these decisions not just other cities; other cities might make mistakes. You guys would never make a mistake, would you?

Mr. Carpenter: Is it also, do we want Planning Commission to have some time with this or will we just do it simultaneous doing our research and come in with proposals as the Planning is doing their research and proposals? Mr. Denning: We've only got until August. Mr. Curp: We are looking at the same support staff. The Planning Commission itself is not doing the legwork, the people here are doing the legwork whether they do it for us or do it for the Planning Commission or they do it for the

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Planning Commission and give us the information at the same time. We only have one group to do legwork.

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Winning has a question. Real quick. Mr. Kyle Winning: Not a question, just a clarification. If you are looking for a cultivation site, you have about 7 days. On June 1st Ohio is going to start accepting applications and having a moratorium on the books is an automatic denial. The Council could call the State and say we want them in our State so accept these applications, but if we have a moratorium on the books it is an absolute denial. They will not look at the application, so if it is something you want to pursue you might want to look at saying we will lift the moratorium on the cultivation since we know the rules and leave it on the dispensary until we know the dispensary rules. I appreciate the Planning Commission being involved, but at this point it is very time sensitive. June 1st applications are accepted and by September 1st they expect to have the first license issued and ground broken, if that helps clarify where things are.

Mayor Flaute: The moratorium is on until September, so we would have to lift that very, very soon. Mr. Denning: If we want cultivation. Mayor Flaute: Do we want to do that at the next meeting then? Mr. Fullenkamp: That's too late. Ms. Arnold: Our meeting is on June 1st. Mr. Fullenkamp: Oh, it is on June 1st? Mr. Curp: Do we know of any entities that are looking at our community to put a cultivation site here? Mayor Flaute: Probably not because we have a moratorium. Mr. Fullenkamp: We have a moratorium. Mr. Curp: That doesn't mean that they aren't looking. Mr. Fullenkamp: We have some real estate that would work and these are closed sites. It's a big pole barn so you don't know what is going on inside; it's not a greenhouse. I'm okay with it. Mr. Winning, do you think...I'm asking an opinion and I hate doing that. Ms. Arnold: He has to come to the microphone or I won't be able to hear him. Mr. Fullenkamp: He's going to speak real loudly. Ms. Arnold: Holler for me.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So June 1st is the deadline? Mr. Winning: June 1st is when they are starting to accept applications. They have not issued a deadline and they have not said when applications close, but to the question of are there businesses that might want to come to Riverside there are 12 license per state and the state is split in 4 geographical regions. Each region is getting 4 licenses, 3 major and 3 minor. In Southwest Ohio right now there has only been 2 places mentioned that are willing to accept a cultivation site, Yellow Springs being one. They are currently working on that and that was just in the news for about a \$2.5 million economic impact and Harlan Township in Warren County is the other site that has been mentioned. Otherwise Southwest Ohio is pretty covered with moratoriums. Huber Heights does not have a moratorium, but Huber Heights has in a roundabout way expressed that it is not something they want at this time.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So the reason I am asking this question is does the moratorium have to be lifted by June 1st? Mayor Flaute: Mr. Lawrence, do you know the answer to that? Mr. Lawrence: I do not know the answer to that. Mr. Winning: My understanding reading the actual rules is they will not even accept an application if a moratorium exists in that community. Mr. Fullenkamp: But they will accept an application after June 1st? Applications are open to be submitted after June 1st. Mr. Winning: June 1st is the best guess. The State hasn't actually said it, but they have hinted at June 1st. They have not hinted at a closing date because I don't know if they fully expect to issue all of the cultivation licenses immediately. If there are not places to put them, they can't issue a license. Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay. We have some homework to do. I don't think we are going to resolve this tonight. Thanks.

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Manager, you need to check into that and if you need Mr. Lawrence's opinion on that because this is all new information. Mr. Carpenter: I can find out about this. I will make a phone call tomorrow about the deadline and the moratorium's impact. Mayor Flaute: I guess then if we want to then have some kind of legislation for the next meeting if this information is all accurate, would Council be in favor of legislation? Mrs. Lommatzsch: Have we decided that we are going to allow growing? Mayor Flaute: We have to have legislation and we haven't decided yet. Mr. Taylor: Does anyone even know where growing operations can go? Mr.

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Fullenkamp: We have to lift the moratorium. Mr. Taylor: I think you would want to know that.

Mr. Curp: Mr. Lawrence, I have a question. Is there a typical size for a growing operation? Mr. Lawrence: It's different per state. Different states have a different count. Some states have square footage and the State of Ohio is going after the square footage model. Mr. Curp: Okay and do we know what the recommended perimeters would be? Mr. Lawrence: There are two different license fees for the square footage. The larger license fee starts at 25,000 square feet and it can go up to 75,000 square feet. The small license is a lot smaller, they had it started out at 1,500 and I think right now it is at about 3,200 for the small license. Mr. Curp: Roughly how many employees in a 25,000 square foot site and how many at a 75,000 square foot site? Mr. Lawrence: I'm not sure of that and I don't want to guess.

Mr. Curp: Here's where I'm going with this. My question is is our interest in having a grow site because we want to have something close for access by our residents or because we want the revenue from the jobs? Mr. Fullenkamp: We want the revenue. Mr. Curp: We won't get any revenue from the sales of the plants or the product itself because that is a sales tax and that goes to the County, we don't get anything from that. We only get wage tax revenue from the employees. Mr. Fullenkamp: Plus property tax. Mr. Curp: I don't know what the State has done as far as exemptions. Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't know what the improvement is. Is it \$5 million or \$10 million for a 75,000 square foot? I don't know what the investment is and the property improvement is. I've heard numbers on the order of the large side of 60-80 people. Mr. Lawrence: It really depends on a lot of factors. Are they having one shift? Are they having two shifts? From what we can tell starting grow operations is an initial investment especially for the larger in between \$2.5-8 million that people are going to invest in structures or brand new structures being built.

Mr. Curp: Again I am still going to go back to that issue of are we looking at this from the revenue standpoint or from the standpoint of convenience of our residents. Mr. Fullenkamp: Revenue. For a grow site, revenue. For a dispensary, convenience. Mr. Curp: I'm not from a convenience standpoint. I'm not so sure that our citizens are no less served if it is the first parcel over in the next county because we are right next to the county line. That's where I'm going with this. Mayor Flaute: I would say revenue. Mr. Fullenkamp: For a grow site, absolutely. It's revenue. Mrs. Lommatzsch: A dispensary doesn't make you anything. Mayor Flaute: Well I guess that would be convenience. Mr. Lawrence: The dispensary benefit would be sales tax and the added benefit of citizens of our town or county not having to travel great distance. Mayor Flaute: Because we would have income tax if a lot of people are working there. Mr. Lawrence: A lot of these people too are using medical marijuana there is right over 20 qualifying conditions and these conditions a lot of them are life ending conditions that there are only going to be to start out the system in Ohio there are only going to be 60 dispensaries in the whole state. If you put it into perspective, there are only 88 counties and some of these people that are ill are going to have to travel quite far to get their medical marijuana.

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Taylor, is it okay if you say something? Mr. Carpenter: Absolutely. Mr. Taylor: I need to go back to Councilman Denning's question about where these can go and I think this is important for what you are discussing at this point because when you talk about these square footages currently the only places in our Zoning Ordinance we only have 7 districts. The only places most of this can happen is a grow operation in a B-2, and I'm working from memory here, and I think it was a B-1 as well. A B-2 for sure. The other issue that I think you guys need to think about which is scary to me is that the only agriculture we have that we talk about as agriculture and we don't define agriculture other than agriculture is in a R-1 use. As it sits right now, if somebody wanted to do what Mr. Lawrence described as a small operation which was 1,500-3,200 square feet, you are now talking about R-1 Zoning Districts. We have quite a few of them, so we have nothing that would stop if you took the moratorium off right now today you have nothing to stop somebody doing a grow operation in their backyard for medical marijuana other than maybe we could try to stop it because it is wholesale. The way our agricultural reads, cultivating

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marijuana is an agriculture use which Mr. Denning could do in his yard because he has got an acre and a half.

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Lawrence: Could you address that? Mr. Denning: As long as we would meet all the State requirements with the cameras and the fees and the structure and everything else. Mr. Lawrence: We are talking \$80,000.00 licensure fees per year. People that are going after these licensure fees, and it is not going to be you want to grow and you want to grow and you want to grow so we are picking all three of you, right now the State of Ohio has put out an RFP to be able to judge these cultivators on who should be able to get a license because there is going to be a lot of people lining up and people that are going to have financial backings, but might not necessarily be the best in business practices. It's going to be a blind audition per se with this RFP with the State of Ohio put out to see who gets these licensures. Mr. Taylor: So yes, they would have to meet those requirements, but the fact remains someone with enough money could do one in their own yard and we couldn't stop it at this point. I just thought you needed to know that. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm not sure about that. Mayor Flaute: I'm not sure about that. From what you are saying, you have got to get a license. Mr. Taylor: No matter what you are doing you are going to have to get a license through the State, but it sounds like there is a process thought the State to get that license and if that date is January 1st to apply for that license I'm assuming that most of those people, and this is the positive thing, those people have already selected sites and talked to municipalities of where those are going and I don't think that anyone has talked to us. Again in the off chance one of those smaller, less desirable permits in this area could if somebody ends up here could buy or REAP a \$2,000.00 house and then pay your permits, pay your license, do that and then put it on an 1 ½ or 2 acres and grow your own marijuana here in an R-1 district.

Mr. Lawrence: To put it in perspective of these places have already selected where they are going to go like we were talking the City of Akron just came out last week and said they would like to have cultivation centers. They are taking interviews and I think they interviewed between 4 and 9 people last week of businesses that want to come to their town since they have come out and said they are welcoming medical marijuana in their town. Mr. Fullenkamp: I think removing the moratorium changes the dynamic of the whole thing and we could quickly put something in place that says upon approval by. Mr. Taylor: Agricultural use is a conditional approval by Planning Commission and then by Council, so there is that. Mr. Fullenkamp: So we are already protected to some degree. Mr. Taylor: Somewhat, yeah. Mayor Flaute: So we are back to whether we want to lift the moratorium and have people come talk to us pretty much? We should at least consider that on June 1st at our next meeting, Thursday, June 1st. Mr. Carpenter: Yes, sir. I am going to call and talk about the time sensitivity of the applications and impact and then we will have some legislation. Mayor Flaute: And if it is then we need legislation. Thank you all very, very much. Very interesting.

There were no additional questions or comments.

Mr. Carpenter: This is a presentation about our website redesign and I'll let Chris do the introductions. Mrs. Lommatzsch: You have all that family waiting out there for 7:00. Mayor Flaute: Do we want to move it before we do the next one? Mrs. Lommatzsch: It's at Council's pleasure, but I think we can't ask them to wait out there for 45 minutes. We asked them here as our guests. Mayor Flaute: Okay, Mrs. Lommatzsch is asking if we can move the agenda around. Chris, how long is your presentation? Mr. Lohr: I will try to keep it brief, but if we would like to do the presentations for the Firefighters that is fine. Mayor Flaute: It's 5 after 7:00. We will just do a 5 minute break and then do the presentations, is that alright? Mr. Curp: Do the Firefighter presentations and then do the break. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Do the Firefighter thing now. Mayor Flaute: Okay, Chris we are going to let you sit down for a minute and we are going to take a 5 minute break. Mrs. Lommatzsch: No, we are going to do it now. Mr. Denning: Then take the recess. Mayor Flaute: Okay, bring them in and then take a 5 minute break.

ITEM 7: PRESENTATION:

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Swearing in of Fire Lieutenant Brett Wenzler and Full-Time Firefighter Jason Evans.

Mayor Flaute: The Fire Chief would like to make a presentation here and we will get going. Chief Stitzel: Welcome everyone. On behalf of the City of Riverside and the Riverside Fire Department, I would like to thank you and welcome you to the swearing in for Fire Fighter Jason Evans and Lieutenant Brett Wenzler.

Briefly we are going to start with Firefighter Evans. He has been with us for about 3 years now as a Part-Time Firefighter and he's done a great job in developing as a new Firefighter and learning our City and learning the system and doing a tremendous job. He went through the hiring process and he ended up getting to the point where we needed a person and he shined up above the rest, so we are really happy to welcome him into the Fire Department as a Full-Time Firefighter.

Mayor Flaute administered the Oath of Office to Full-Time Firefighter Jason Evans.

Chief Stitzel: Our next one is Lieutenant Brett Wenzler. Mayor Flaute: Are you going to make any statements? Chief Stitzel: After we get done we will have a pinning ceremony and they can bring their families up. Brett, come on up. Brett has been with the Fire Department for almost 11 years now. He's been a Full-Time Firefighter with us for 11 years. We had an opening for a Lieutenant, he went through the process, and again came out on top. We are very proud of Brett in what he has accomplished here. He has put forth a lot of time and effort into the Department. He was very instrumental in getting our new fire engines spec'd and purchased and put in service. He has done a lot of work above and beyond the call to see that happen and he is in charge of our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Program. This is a great thing and I am very honored and happy to be here to be part of Brett's promotion here.

Mayor Flaute administered the Oath of Office to Fire Lieutenant Brett Wenzler.

Chief Stitzel: One of the traditions in the Fire Service is the pinning of the badge when somebody gets appointed to a Full-Time position or promoted having somebody special come up and pin the badge onto their uniform officially for the first time. They both have individuals they want to come up. Brett, yours is your daughter, come on up. Jason, your dad, come on up. Go ahead. Congratulations guys.

Mayor Flaute: Congratulations again. To all our Firefighters, thank you all for coming and please stay safe out there. For all our guests, you are all welcome back at any time. Thank you so much for being here tonight. It's so important.

ITEM 8: RECESS:

The Council took a recess at 7:21 p.m.

ITEM 9: RECONVENE:

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS: *Continued*

A) Presentation – Website Redesign from Assistant City Manager, Chris Lohr

Mr. Lohr: Good evening. Given the time, I will do my best to be brief. Brent Cox is here from the Cox Group and I certainly want to give him the opportunity to introduce himself and talk a little bit about his company. Just very briefly, I want to give tonight my and the two things I want to accomplish is to give Council and the public an idea of what the process is going to look like, introduce Mr. Cox, and give an idea of the opportunities for involvement both for Council and for residents of the community. So just briefly, a very quick overview, the contractor that we selected for our website redesign is the Cox Group. I'm going to let Mr. Cox come up here and tell a little bit about his company in just a minute. We have an estimated cost of around \$8,000.00,

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which is I think a very good deal and much lower than the \$25,000.00 that we had budgeted for this year. That has worked out well for us. We are going to be about \$80.00 a month for maintenance and we are going to try to wrap this project up within the next 12 weeks. We are in May right now, so May, June, July, so by the end of August hopefully we will have a brand new website up and running for us.

A new domain name; we are going to be looking at changing over from the riverside.oh.us to riverside.oh.gov. Mayor Flaute: So we are all going to need new cards then? Mr. Lohr: No, that was a question that I got. What we will do is retain the old domain, both for emails and the website, so anyone that sends an email to the old email addresses, riverside.oh.us, will just be forwarded to the new emails. Anybody that tries to go to the old domain name will just be forwarded to our new domain name. It's going to help us as we are building the new website having that other domain platform to build on and test on and then when we finish that up we can transition over. With that, I'm going to let Brent Cox give a little bit of information about his company.

Mr. Cox: Thanks, Chris. Mr. Mayor, Council, and others, thanks for the time this evening. I appreciate that. I'm Brent Cox. I've owned and operated a small business here in Riverside for 23 years. Mayor Flaute: Is that right? Mr. Cox: The Cox Group. It's a sole proprietorship out of my home. Previously I worked with a couple of large advertising agencies and the latest one went bankrupt in the early 90's and that kind of threw me out on my own and gave me the opportunity to go on my own. I have been on my own with the exception of 4 years in 2012. Due to the economic situation, I found a job locally at a 3D printing manufacturing company, which was really exciting, and something I really wanted to be challenged technically and such. That was a 4 year stint until February of last year, at that time their sales were down and I have gone back on my own as the Cox Group. I grew up in Dayton. My wife and her family and our sons graduated from Stebbins. My brother-in-law is Joe Greene, the famous jumper and Olympic athlete.

So I have worked with some large companies, some corporate companies, and a lot of smaller companies and businesses. Really my thing is I like the relationships. From Oberer, Gold Key Homes, James Free Jewelers, Dayton Superior, and Dayton Public Schools, I have had a lot of relationships and a lot of business that way and kept some of those for the 23 years. I think I have a pretty solid core client group that has stuck with me for many years. At the previous Marketing Director job, we worked on several different websites from 3D printing, e-commerce, a pretty robust e-commerce website, to other WordPress sites and this is what we are proposing for Riverside is a WordPress platform. I am excited to be chosen to take this under. I do some of the development work, but I do mostly the strategic side of it. It's finding out what we need as a city and how to get people involved as much as we can through a website and social media interaction and such. I also have a specialist, Tom Lempner, that is the developer and will be a developer on this and also help with the strategic side of it. We will be teaming up to take this project on. That's about it. Mayor Flaute: Thank you very much. Are there any questions or comments for Mr. Cox? Seeing none, thank you very much for your patience and we look forward to the new website.

Mr. Lohr: Okay I have a couple more slides and we will make it short. The City Manager along with Brent Cox and myself worked very hard to create a process here where all the stakeholders for the website are going to be able to have some say in what the end product looks like. We are going to have staff involved. We would like to have the City Council involved. We would like to have a representative from the Chamber of Commerce and also some residents from the community. There are going to be two main groups who work on this at different phases of the process. One is what we are calling the Staff Focus Group, which we have tried our best to incorporate all the people who actively work on the website. It includes Ms. Arnold, Ms. Artman, and myself because we all do updates on the website and of course the City Manager is involved. Lori Minnich is our new Economic Development Specialist and has a great background in marketing and that sort of activity so we are going to involve her. Emily Wheeler is our Zoning Administrator and she is going to help us with some of the applications and forms that we would like to have on our website.

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I'm looking for a couple of other staff that I still haven't identified, but I would like to get some department heads who will either volunteer or I will go and nudge them to get them involved in the group.

The Community Focus Group, Lori and I are going to be on that group as well. I would like to ask 2-3 members of the Council to volunteer to be on that group to provide input on what the end product is going to look like. I would also like to talk to Lynn Domescik with the Chamber to see if they would like to send a representative, either Lynn or somebody else who has expertise in that area. Then we would also like to go out to the residents in the community and get 2-3 residents to come and provide their input. Those are the two focus groups that are going to be involved.

Mr. Fullenkamp: How do you see the roles differing between the Community Focus Group and the Staff Focus Group? Mr. Lohr: Let me show you what the process is going to look like and I think that will give you a little bit of an idea of what I have in mind. I realize on some of your print outs the colors didn't really pop the way I wanted, so hopefully you are able to see what you are looking for or what the information is. I'm going to skip to the second slide here. The first step in the process is going to be with the Staff Focus Group and that is going to start next week. We have a meeting scheduled on Tuesday where we are going to review some of the content and look at the existing pages that we have. We have a questionnaire that we are going to go through and fill out and have that ready for the meeting next week and discuss that with Mr. Cox and go over that. The end product we would like to come up with at the end of the that meeting is some new content and some good direction for The Cox Group to start drafting and get a basic plan of what it is going to look like and what the content is going to look like and how it is going to work.

From there we are going to put together some very rough information that we can take to the Community Focus Group. The objective of that meeting is we would like to have the opportunity for that public input to go and have a second set of eyes look at the content and also the general aesthetics and the look of the website. We are looking at doing that in June after we have had some time to process all the information that we get from the Staff Focus Group and put together a basic draft of where we want to go. Immediately following the Community Focus Group, we will bring it back to the Staff Focus Group and kind of do a de-brief, re-review that information, so we can move us along to that final draft.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So let's look at this page 2 that you have been looking at. You are going to meet and prepare, you are going to have the staff review the current content, and then you are going to talk about the new content; that's the second column. Mr. Lohr: That is correct. Mr. Fullenkamp: You are going to make preliminary updates. What does that mean? Mr. Lohr: Brent, would you like to hop in? Mr. Fullenkamp: Is this the kind of thing that will be live? For instance preliminary updates, could those be viewed at home? Mr. Lohr: No, the part where we go live is going to be towards the end. Mr. Fullenkamp: You answered the question since you said no. So you are going to do the preliminary design work and then the Focus Group will get to see what in that column 4? Mr. Lohr: They will get to see a very rough draft. Mr. Fullenkamp: It is going to be a piece of paper. Mr. Cox: It would be live. Mr. Fullenkamp: So at that point it will be available either internally here or it will be a web address, correct? I just want to understand. Mr. Cox: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: So 6/22 it's live to specific users. Mr. Cox: Correct. Mr. Fullenkamp: Alright, I'm sorry. I just want to make sure I understand what's happening.

Mr. Lohr: Going back to where I was in the process here, the final draft after we go through the focus groups and we give them some very good direction on where we want to go, we look at the rough draft with the Community Focus Group, we are going to put together a final draft and then we are going to do pre-launch testing. We haven't determined how long that is going to be, but the idea is the staff that have been involved, as well as all of City Council, the residents that have been involved in that Community Focus Group would get a password to get access to the final draft online to play around with it, navigate through it, see what we like, what works, what doesn't work, provide some final comments, and then we would incorporate those before we actually launch it towards the end of August.

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Mr. Fullenkamp: So the question I have about that phase is how much of this \$8,000.00 is being saved for those modifications at that point? Mr. Lohr: The way that we have worked out the quote and the agreement, we have staggered payments of 25% throughout the process. By the time we would get to the pre-launch testing, we would have paid 75% out and then at launch we would provide that additional 25%. Mr. Fullenkamp: You must have scoped the project out for them already for them to give you a quote. Mr. Lohr: That is correct. Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay. Mr. Lohr: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: So the size of the website and the amount of content must already. Mr. Lohr: Yes, in the quote there is a number of pages. That is correct. I can provide that if you are interested. Mr. Fullenkamp: That's okay.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I want to go back to the first one here. Sorry you make these letters so small for me, but I have to do this. What were your criteria for selecting the vendor? Mr. Lohr: We had 4 vendors that we interviewed. We had a list of features that we wanted like an interactive calendar and Mr. Carpenter hop in here at any point. So an interactive calendar, we wanted to be mobile friendly. Mr. Carpenter: We wanted to have the capability of linking our Facebook and Twitter and all those things to direct people to the website. We want to explore the idea of putting forms on the website, making sure that we would have the capability to look at paying fees on the website, and also people could sign up and we could distribute newsletters that way or other information automatically as a blast. Mr. Lohr: I think that's pretty much it. Mr. Carpenter: We looked at the maintenance fees, the overall cost, timeframe, and those kinds of things.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's the specification, but what was your criteria for your selection of the vendor? Some of them wouldn't do some of those things? Mr. Carpenter: They all did most of it, but we incorporated all the different objectives and the price. Mr. Fullenkamp: So price drove? Mr. Carpenter: Not totally. If I recall the maintenance fees might have been a little less on some companies, but their development price was higher. It was all the different components, what the capabilities were, which most could do the same. It was more I guess you could say the price in the overall cost. Mr. Fullenkamp: Because I am pretty criteria when you are doing a selection process, there ought to be criteria associated and a rationale of why a company is selected. This is in general. This is not this project. Mr. Carpenter: We had a list of items. Mr. Fullenkamp: So you scored them. Did you score these people and these groups? Mr. Carpenter: I can't say we gave them a number. It was more of a yes/no. Mr. Fullenkamp: Who was on the selection group? Mr. Carpenter: Chris and I. Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay. Thanks. Mayor Flaute: Thank you, Mr. Lohr. We are looking forward to seeing what you come up with. Thank you, Mr. Cox.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Maybe one of the other City employees might consider a Fireman or Police. There is an opening for two more people from the staff? Mr. Lohr: That's correct. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think it would behoove us to have some of our professional Officers because they might have some input on some information that would be valuable on the website. Mr. Lohr: I think that's a great idea. Mr. Fullenkamp: So might our Finance Director. Mr. Lohr: Yes.

There were no additional questions or comments.

B) Presentation – University of Dayton Survey Follow-Up from Planning and Program Management Director, Brock Taylor

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Taylor, if you would come forward and give your presentation.

Mr. Taylor: Good evening. Let me get this loaded up real quick. I know we are going way over tonight. So what you have in front of you Chris and I look the same only mine is a little bit longer, sorry. I also gave you some of the raw data from the UD survey that they conducted with a Facebook group called the Wives of Airmen. If you notice pages are missing, they had some identifying questions that place them with where they might be or where they are now with addresses. If you really wanted to be a super sleuth, you might know who these people were so we have pulled that out

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so you can't so this is just the raw information. What is really important here, I think, is really some comments from these Airmen's wives about how they selected where they live, how they chose the community they lived in when they got there, how their husband or they got there appointment to Wright Patterson Air Force Base and so there is some telling information and I will touch on that. If you have questions later as you go through this material, feel free to contact me and we can go over it and talk about what it might mean.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Can I ask something real quick? Mr. Taylor: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: What is this? Mr. Taylor: That's that. Mr. Fullenkamp: That's that first thing we mentioned? Mayor Flaute: The responses are on page 20? Mr. Fullenkamp: 3-43. Mr. Taylor: Yeah and it starts out real basic with where they did live and this is kind of what name of the city in where you living and where you were stationed at Wright Patt. Most of the folks they interviewed are no longer in this region.

Mr. Taylor: Basically we have been talking about this survey for a while and I want to talk about and go through how the presentation is laid out. We are going to talk about the motivation of how this kind of developed and why. A quick project description, the highlights, and then some outcomes that we kind of derived from speaking with the students after the presentation they did on April 17th and then the last bit will be about areas where we probably explore some more because this was kind of a broad survey conducted by students that covered a lot of ground and there are a lot of areas where we could probably spend some time and money and find some more information out. That's the wrong button.

Basically the motivation when I started, which is kind of funny actually today is my start date two years ago, you come into a new position and you start thinking about the city that you are at and you go through the demographics and you look and do some research, but it is hard to know exactly what the community is like when you just start. I started with the Pride, Progress, and Possibilities that you guys went through. When I think about progress for me and for the Department, what does that mean? It's sustainability for the community. Before you can have progress, you've got to be able to provide the services, maintain those services and infrastructure, and have programs in place so that everyday stuff is in place. The progress comes when you grow in additional services or infrastructure or new parks or improved parks. That's kind of what I was thinking about, just kind of a community development outlook.

I also think about housing and trying to make the residents or new residents feel as comfortable as possible. We always talk about possibilities and we always talk about Wright Patterson Air Force Base. To me I think about Wright Patterson Air Force Base and I think about a lot of high-income families. I have friends that work on Base, their husbands work on Base, their wives work on Base, and they make some significant cash and they live in places like Huber Heights and Fairborn, Beavercreek. Mayor Flaute: Oakwood. Mr. Taylor: Not my friends. Mr. Denning: Washington Township Mr. Taylor: So I'm thinking how come if these folks who have these good salaries are living in those places, why are they not choosing Riverside? That's kind of where I was going with this. We are close to the Air Force Museum and we are always trying to figure out how we can capitalize on that. Of course, the biggest possibility I think we have here in Riverside is something that people don't always think about and it is our location. That incomplete sentence there, we are 5 minutes to just about anywhere. You can go east and you are 5 minutes to a large university, major shopping outlets, 675, you are 5 minutes to downtown Dayton, you can be at the ballpark, you can be at Webster Station, UD Arena. Five minutes north you can get onto 70, 75. We are close to everything. I think people forget about that. Our number one benefit is in Ohio, this region has the largest paved bike trail system in the nation and we are smack dab in the middle of it; nobody else is, but we are. I don't think people realize that.

I made some assumptions and observations and some of the things that I see and some of these might be questions: Are we competitive? Have we been competitive? At times it seems we are not and what I'm talking about is competitive housing and the housing market. How many days on the market? Are they longer than our

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comparative communities? I'm assuming we have lower sale prices. You have these assumptions and I don't really have any data to back that up, so that was the motivation behind trying to get a survey to find these things out. Of course then we have a regional perception of Riverside. I think if you ask people outside of the community when you talk about Riverside, I think we get some negative perceptions from folks. Then we have identity and when I talk about identity I think about if you ask somebody from Columbus or even closer like Darke County or Troy and ask them about Riverside you don't know anything about Riverside. They might know that we are the home of the National Air Force Museum. They might know about Stebbins High School or sometimes I get a lot of people that think Riverside is just the little section on Valley Street and Harshman. That would be where the Bob Evans is and the trailer park and Avondale. Some people think that is how big Riverside is, they don't realize we are much bigger than that. That's kind of the assumptions or observations that I have seen in my last two years and thought how can we improve this?

Some of the goals, as I have talked about already, was to confirm or deny these assumptions. Hopefully we can come in here and find some of these assumptions are real and now we can divide programs and use resources to fix them or an assumption we think is real isn't and we end up spending resources on it and we don't want to do that. That's another reason for the survey and of course we want to do some comparisons with our area and find out how our residents feel about the services we are providing, possibly find out why they choose Riverside, and then find out, which is great from the Wives of Airmen, why they didn't choose or why they did choose Riverside. So just to get an outside look and an inside look.

The project itself was done by UD, as you know, it's a two semester program and these are students who are getting their Master's in Public Administration. They are not analysts, they are not surveyors, some of them are going to be City Managers, some of them are going to be Executive Directors for non-profits at some time in their life, so the survey isn't their expertise and that comes with some nuances and limitations. Of course we had Dr. Ambrosius, who is running the program. What the students did was they took a lot of neighborhood data and this is where they pulled it from, some census data and some from Montgomery County. We worked with the Dayton Area Board of Realtors to get some information. They did the survey, of course. We sent out 1,000 invitations to participate and we only received about 112 responses and out of that 1,000 about 900 of the addresses weren't good anymore. We will have to update that database. Really it was 100 people out of 900 responded and the interviews with the Facebook group.

Here is the slide with the information on it, so this is kind of just a quick overview and what's going on here is this is our community data and this just tells what we are. What this is really telling us is that we are no different than the surrounding communities, those communities that we selected where Beavercreek, Xenia, Fairborn, Trotwood, and Riverside. The reason those were selected, of course, we were looking around Wright Patt and that's why Beavercreek is in there. You can kind of see that they are at the top of the end on everywhere, but Fairborn and Xenia were very comparable and then Trotwood is almost our identical twin here. We wanted to get that demographic to see how that compares. You can see the most concerning thing on here is our owner occupied median home value is the only person we are winning against, if you will, is Trotwood. I think there are some various reasons and we can go into that, but basically what they found here is that we are very comparable but we are lagging significantly especially in housing values which is hurting our property values, it's hurting our growth, it is hurting us from attaining those possibilities.

What's hurting our housing is what they did and it is in your packet that was sent out a few weeks ago, the analysis and what they are calling the Riverside Effect. Basically when you zero out all the factors that they accounted for on an equal footing, an equal house in an equal neighborhood, just because ours is in Riverside we automatically get a \$21,000.00 decrease in property value. When you add in things like age of home, size, and some other factors that can bring up or down the price and median value, but we are already starting behind \$21,000.00 and I think when we get further down here it gets to a perception problem that we have that we

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have talked about and I think we know about. You can see again \$82,000.00 is the average selling or listing price and that's \$52.00 per square foot, so we are the lowest per square foot cost and that's where that \$21,000.00 is reflected. One of the positives of this slide is the median days on market. If you average all these numbers, it is about 117 I think if my memory serves me right and we are at 114. One of my perceptions, which was wrong, is that our houses are sitting on the market longer than anyone else and that's not true.

Some of the conclusions of the satisfactory survey, the concerns that people had were drugs, crime, schools, and street maintenance. Overall they were satisfied with many aspects of life in Riverside except for only 1/3 of the respondents said if they were to move today they would pick Riverside which is something I think we need to look into more when we talk about places to explore deeper. We are getting this conflicting information, but again because we only had the low response rate and if you see if Riverside survey respondents reflect the concerns of the broader public. There is some question here, so the survey isn't what you would call statistically significant. Basically what happens is you could have an 8 or 9 point swing, so when there is a percentage of 80% that could be either 71% of the responses reflect the whole population or 89%. There is a huge swing, so it doesn't make the survey garbage you just can't bet on it. It's not significant enough to say with 100% certainty this is true. This is stuff we should look into or when you combine it with observations I think you get some merit.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Can I ask a question? Mr. Taylor: Absolutely. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm looking at the average prices and I see that there are 4 different models used, one is the American, it was that big multi regression. Mr. Taylor: You have the old one. Mr. Fullenkamp: I've got the old copy. It's that big multi regression and there are four different models and there seems to be big variation, one says \$21,000.00, one says \$5,000.00, one says \$8,000.00. Mr. Taylor: Yes. That first column, and you might have it in front of you but I don't have it in front of me. That first one is that \$21,000.00. Mr. Fullenkamp: That's the American Survey. Mr. Taylor: Yes and then the next column they have taken out Beavercreek because we all know that Beavercreek is one of those outliers, so when you take out Beavercreek it's like an \$18,000.00-19,000.00 difference. Mr. Fullenkamp: So the other two then the 3 and 4 is Montgomery County and Greene County. Mr. Taylor: Yes and that's newer data that again didn't have enough. The data was newer and was less complete, so it didn't have as many statistics as you could pull from because there weren't a lot of sales that year from that. Mr. Fullenkamp: Exactly and these multi regression models you have to be very careful about some of these things, but I just noted the big variance. You are saying model 2 is where they pulled out Greene County? Mr. Taylor: Beavercreek. Mr. Fullenkamp: They pulled out Beavercreek. Mr. Taylor: Because Beavercreek as we saw in the comparables they are way off the charts. Mr. Fullenkamp: So that reduces it to almost within the noise level. Mr. Taylor: Well it's like a \$3,000.00 reduction, so you still have almost a \$19,000.00. Mr. Fullenkamp: No, it goes from \$21,000.00 down to \$5,000.00. Mr. Taylor: I'm not sure what this number is, but this is the negative \$21,000.00. So it's almost at \$19,000.00 Mr. Fullenkamp: So it's pretty minimal then. Okay. Mr. Taylor: If we have more questions, we may want the Dr. to explain that because this is way outside my. Mr. Fullenkamp: Yeah, I don't have enough information to look at this table and really know what is going on. Mr. Taylor: We can get in contact and have that conversation I think because I can't explain that really well other than the basic and what I have talked about. What it is showing is when you pull Beavercreek out we still have almost a \$19,000.00 Riverside Effect for just being in Riverside.

The last note here that I want to talk about more later, hence the asterisk, they asked the questions: Do you feel the City is going in the right direction, do you feel it is going in the wrong direction or do you have no opinion? We will get there, but it is a very interesting graph and it tells a big story. Some of the concerns residents had, 77% of the people who responded were concerned about drug activity and crime. This is an area we want to delve into more because it conflicts with the 77% satisfaction rating with the Police and Fire. 91% of the respondents involved do not have a neighborhood association, 92% of them are not engaged at all in our government and they want to be and 72% said they want advertising, communication,

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meetings, volunteer options and all of these things, but in the comments there was no specifics given for how to do that. There was no we want Facebook. There was no anything like that. This is an area that we need to talk to and find out from our residents how they want us to communicate. Mr. Fullenkamp: In the additional comments, the 72% said they want better advertising, communication and that came from the comments. Mr. Taylor: Yes and some of those comments and I am going to put together a word cloud that kind of talks about those, I just didn't get it done tonight. I will get that out. Basically they talked about they feel disconnected. They never know when there is a government change like a policy or a law. A lot of Republic hate about changing that and why you never noticed and never told us. There were comments like that. When I told the students we have 24 meetings a year (*sic*), Planning Commission, BZA, Parks and Rec, so we have something like 72 events annually where people can come in and give their feedback, get feedback, we have the newsletter and the Facebook page. I explained this to the students and they said, "That's great. It's not working." Whatever we are doing is not working, but there was no suggestion and we will talk about social media later. In the comments there was no a specific "do this." Mr. Fullenkamp: You need to ask that question. Mr. Taylor: We need to ask that question, exactly. We didn't know and now we know that is a problem that we are not communicating.

Basically from attracting military families what we found out is they are basically looking for 3-4 bedrooms, single family houses, they don't want to live on Base which is a positive because we are not on Base. But here is where some of my assumptions were wrong, we are not just competing with those 4 others that are next to the Base, people are willing to travel up to 20 miles away. They identified Oakwood was #1 and then Kettering, Beavercreek, Fairborn were next. They look for safety, security, quality of schools and quality of housing. They go to different websites to find this. There's a Base organization that helps, but only about 30% go there, the rest go to the internet. They Google it and go to grade schools. They go to Zillow. We tried it here and Riverside doesn't even pop up. That's what you see on the right hand side, 1/3 had no idea we existed. You can't even compete with that.

Mr. Denning: Can I make a comment on that? My son has been looking for a house, but 80% of the houses that are in Riverside are listed as Dayton. It's difficult even if someone was looking specifically for a house in Riverside, they are not necessarily going to find it because it is not listed as Riverside it is listed as Dayton. I don't know how you fix that. Mr. Taylor: I will buy lunch for the first person that shows me a Google search when you type in any one of our addresses where it comes up with that address, Riverside. I will buy you lunch if you can. Just the first person. Mr. Denning: It goes back to possibly getting. Mr. Taylor: Like your own zip code or post office. Mr. Denning: We have to do something. The best the post office could do for us was if you put Riverside on there they will still deliver. Mr. Taylor: If you put your Mom's name on there. Mr. Fullenkamp: Part of it is our business's willingness to use Riverside as their address. Mr. Taylor: So there are issues there and the are systematic issues that we might not be able to fix, but we need to find a way to overcome this.

Of course a quarter, and we get this a lot in Code Enforcement, will say, "This ain't Oakwood and it's never going to be Oakwood." Well if you kept yourself there a quarter of these folks that are coming here are comparing us to Oakwood or they are selecting us over Oakwood. We may not be able to compete with Oakwood today, but I think that is something we want to aspire to is have an area that can compete with Oakwood. If we want to attract these families, we need to stop that mentality that we are not Oakwood because we are being compared whether we like it or not. Of course you can see the demographics here that 26-45 was the average age, they have huge incomes between \$90,000.00-250,000.00, and 10% of the respondents had over \$250,000.00. You talk about generating revenue; it's skipping right over us. That was kind of interesting right there.

Some of the outcomes and directions and the issues that I have identified here was housing options; that kept coming up. You don't have the right housing options for us. Infrastructure was a huge, huge in the comments. Then of course you talk about the perception problem and talked about the schools. There was a 47% response

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that they didn't like the schools. Again, if you look at the demographics of who answered a lot of them were 50 and over from our citizen survey and then they have been here a long time, so they haven't had experience with the school recently. That may be there, but that's another place we could probably look because we have a great school system. The identify where they don't know where Riverside is. Some of our respondents and I think I'm going to make a t-shirt that says, "The Islands of Riverside" and just have all the islands on it because nobody knew which island they lived in and couldn't identify on the map where they lived. That's an indicator that we have an identity problem.

Some of the directions we could talk about is develop new housing. I'm not exactly sure how we do that yet other than developing some sort of marketing strategy. When we do think about our new housing and where it is going to go, we need to think about and it needs to be in conjunction with Economic Development because Brantwood is a great subdivision and it is doing really well. Section 2 is halfway full already, so we only have about 10 more lots vacant. When a developer comes in and looks at if they want to build here, they can check the traffic counts but then they check houses with incomes in them. They do a 1 mile and a 2 mile radius and if you are trying to develop Center of Flight, Brantwood doesn't enter into that equation so that housing although it is good doesn't benefit us in an Economic Development standpoint. We want to try to think about where we want new Economic Development and where do we want housing and where do those two fit within each other and develop a plan. We need to continue to develop some of our neighborhoods. When I talk about encourage their potential, every neighborhood is going to support a certain level of price point and houses as we have seen neighborhoods are like waves and they go up and down. We want to make sure those neighborhoods are reaching their full potential. I'm not talking about gentrifying neighborhoods, but I'm talking about making sure our streets are paved, making sure the sidewalks we discovered at the last meeting are in good shape, people are maintaining their homes and that when houses are being bought and sold or renovated, they are being renovated in a way that encourages higher property values. We are trying to do that through the Stebbins Rehab Project. We are looking at an Avondale streetscape program, which I will talk about more maybe next Council meeting and of course Cooperative Code Enforcement, working with the residents like we are in Avondale to try and create a positive vibe like we did with Community Clean Up Day to get people energized to clean up and keep their property maintained. Those things help and of course then develop an infrastructure plan which we are working on with the storm water and the 20 year paving plan, so we have started those steps already.

When we talk about the perception and identity problems, some of the directions that came up were communication. I probably should have written social media on there one more time because that is what the students were hitting on, social media, social media, social media. When we talk about social media and we talk about our Facebook page we have 800-900 people that follow or like our page. The Police Department has double or triple that and then we are all familiar with the Valley Plat Street Rat page and they have like 3,000 people. We are severely lacking in that game of encouraging. Mr. Fullenkamp: Most of those people don't live in Riverside. Mr. Taylor: That could be. Most of the people that like our Facebook page don't live in Riverside either because like 30 of them are my family. So we have this problem and here is my lecture and I kind gave Planning Commission and I will give BZA the same lecture is when we post something, share it. There are 7 Council members, there are 5 BZA, there are 5 Planning Commissioners, we have 8 executive staff. That's 30 people or 20 some people and many of our pages or things that we have put on there have 3 likes or 4 likes and 1 share. We need to get his out and it is our job in house to do that. Another thing to do would be working with the Chamber, working with Mad River, of course with the Police Department whenever they post something we should be sharing it and whenever we post something they should be sharing it, so you get this energy of growing that page and that will help hopefully what we are doing out. That takes staff time and there is a lot to do there. They suggested talking with some of the Airmen Wives and hiring them part-time to take care of that. Another thing they talked about was hiring a marketing agency so when you go to Google and type in Riverside there are ways that articles or magazines and

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you try to get them to do a piece on you maybe in a travel magazine and it pops up in the first or second or third hit on the Google. That builds a better image. Of course we can coordinate with Wright Patt Housing. We should be advertising there about our schools and why we are here and different things like this. Mr. Denning: You have to worry because if you put Riverside in 90% of the time you are going to get Riverside, California. Mr. Taylor: Yes. Mr. Denning: They are a lot bigger than we are though. Ms. Arnold: It works in our favor sometimes because we get phone calls for them. Mr. Denning: I know. Mr. Taylor: That's my favorite. "I've been looking for your building and driving around the block." Well you aren't driving around the block here. They talked about having a regional draw, like an event. We kind of talked about working with the Base or working with the Museum and they were pretty adamant about having this be Riverside specific. We can coordinate or collaborate with those folks, but when you do an event with the Museum and Google the Air Force Museum, people are going to think they aren't sure if it is in Beavercreek or is it in Fairborn or is it in Dayton? Again, Riverside doesn't pop up so when you do an event with the Museum it really is not Riverside specific. They were talking about finding some sort of event, make it happen, work on a regional draw and then the national draw.

This last slide here is where we could look for some more information and this is Riverside Apathy. This is where that question about where is Riverside going. Is it the right direction, is it the wrong direction, or no opinion? 36%, so 112 people and 36% is like 38-40 people said we are going in the right direction. 35% had no opinion, so that's 37 people out of 112 who cared enough to answer our invitation to do the survey and don't have an opinion. That means there are 800 other people that we can only assume because they didn't answer or respond that don't care either. Why is there this apathy of our residents and I think it kind of goes back to that communication. They either feel disenfranchised because they were promised something that didn't happen or we haven't reached out to them or we haven't heard them or they haven't spoken. That's an area I would really like. You could draw 100 questions out of what direction the City is going in and create a whole other survey.

I talked about the high crime and drug concern. We know that the opioid problem is rampant and then crime. Our crime statistics really aren't any higher than the region, so that's a perception problem. I think we would like to look and see what it is about the crime that people are concerned about? What is it they want us to do about drugs? What can we do about the drug problem? What is it you really like about the Police Department and what is it you really like about the Fire Department? They got a 77% satisfactory rating and they were combined, so maybe we want to separate those out and see where they lie and get a better feel. We want to talk about and figure out how to do more communication and outreach. That's kind of what we got out of the survey and kind of where we are going. I'm looking for any other feedback or questions you have got.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I think we have a very skewed survey here. Just looking at the numbers here for registered to vote and votes regularly in elections, 95% of the people responded they are registered to vote. So we have a select sample here. If we really got a true slice of the community, I don't know that they would look anything like these numbers. Mr. Taylor: That's very possible. Mr. Fullenkamp: 10% came from Forest Ridge and I don't know how you determined that. It would be very interesting to look and see how the different areas varied in their responses. Mr. Taylor: One of the things we talked about when we did this survey is we wanted to do individual surveys in the different neighborhoods, but they didn't have time to do that. The way I understood and the feedback that I got from residents and some Council was that the way we selected they didn't want staff involved because they didn't want us to try and pick our friends or pick people. I don't exactly know how that worked, but I gave them the list that we use to send out our newsletter and all those addresses I gave to them in an Excel spreadsheet and they did some sort of random number generation and that's how they were selected.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Just like having experts telling us about grow sites, I think a real survey company coming in and an expert coming in and knowing how you do an excellent survey. How do you get a true sampling of the neighborhood? Mr. Taylor:

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Like I said, this is a class and this isn't what they do. We spent \$460.00 on mailings. I don't know what a real survey if we had a professional come in. Mr. Fullenkamp: It would be \$10,000.00-20,000.00. Mr. Taylor: So what's great about this is it gives us a direction to look and if we want to really get that. Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't know that it does, but I know what you are saying. Mr. Denning: I think the real answer here is you get what you pay for. Mr. Taylor: I think there is good information here. Mr. Denning: If we want a real survey and if that's where we think we need to go and whether we break it up into 7 islands and separate and put surveys out, however. We need real information and more solid than we sort of have an idea because this tells us that something is going on, but I think if we do like Mr. Fullenkamp said and bring in a survey company in here or we've got how many universities in the area that teach this so that people will do it. Maybe we can get somewhere in between the \$20,000.00 and the \$450.00 survey and get a better feel for it. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm reluctant based on this data to support or not support something. I'm just that unsure of the data and whether I would base a decision that I make on this data. That's not being critical and I know they are students. I've been there.

Mr. Taylor: You don't think there is any merit to the 92% respondents that said they feel there is no communication? If we look here we never have a big turnout. We send out newsletters. Mr. Fullenkamp: We know that's a problem. Mrs. Lommatzsch: This isn't the survey that has told me that. That was when we started doing more newsletters and that's when we have done other things and they continue to say we don't communicate, but if you want to know what is going on in Riverside you can find out. The problem we have is I can't get my neighbors interested in coming to this meeting because they say that's why they put me here. You look at who attends other Council meetings. There are not many attending those unless there is a problem. That's what happens here. My concern is we can't get people to run for Council, that's not new news. We can pay \$20,000.00 for a survey and we are going to get the same results. We've paid for surveys over the years. They are on the bookshelf. Mr. Fullenkamp: There is more important information than that. There is other important information we could be gathering and looking at, so there is value in that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I know what my house is going to sell for when I decide to move out of it and no survey is going to change that. Mr. Fullenkamp: I found that an odd question, a resident's opinion of their house value versus just going to the Auditor's website. Mr. Taylor: We had the actual value though. Mr. Fullenkamp: I know you did. Did they correlate?

Mr. Taylor: When we want to talk about one of the goals are some of our perceptions. Mr. Fullenkamp: I understand it is an assumption issue. Mr. Taylor: We can have and we do have the best location, we have great schools, everyone wants to be close to amenities and we are. This is clearly telling us we have a perception problem. Mr. Fullenkamp: I will tell you one thing that drives people away from surveys is when you ask questions about their political affiliation and their liberalness and stuff. I think that was a mistake. I think people said why are they asking that question. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think that is very true. Mr. Denning: They are going to shut down. Mr. Fullenkamp: That may have shut some of them down, but I don't know what percent. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'm not suggesting we should stop anybody that has a better idea, I think let's go for it. I'm not opposed to that, I just don't know we need to pay for it. We need to pave roads. I don't know that we need to spend more money to go ask questions to get answers of things we already know. Mr. Taylor: I am not asking for that and that is not one of my suggestions. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I know you didn't ask to do it. Mr. Taylor: If I'm going to ask for more money, I'm going to ask for more people.

Mayor Flaute: The apathy thing, I would love to see what the other cities have as the apathy people. Mr. Taylor: You can see right here for Dayton and I'm not sure where they pulled this information from. Mayor Flaute: It's not apathy. Mr. Taylor: It's 20% of the respondents have no opinion. The national average is below 10%. Mr. Denning: This class does these type of surveys other places on a regular basis? This is part of their class. Mr. Taylor: Last year they did this in New Carlisle and the response rate was in the 30%. Mr. Denning: That's what I am trying to find out. Mr. Taylor: They did it the same way. Mr. Denning: My question is that's one, but in the last 10 years so that would be 5 surveys, right? What's the average of respondents

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to what they send out? The average is 30%. Mr. Taylor: They are looking for a 20% response rate.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I mean at some point we have to determine what the residents want. It's not about apathy or anything else, it's about what the residents of this community want. That's something we don't have a very good handle on as a City, as a government, as Council. We don't have that information. We have small samples here and there. I wish our streets were better and we know that's the case because it's almost a physical measurement to go out and look and say yeah that's ground truth. At some point if we are going to do long term planning for this City, we have got to know something about what the people will find acceptable and get behind. That's the kind of information I think is important to gather in a survey. Mr. Taylor: I think the one where it talks about people are satisfied and I can't remember the percentage that is in there or how satisfied they are with Riverside, but then you as if they were to buy a house somewhere else and 1/3 of them said no. That's another place, what's going on there? Why is that? That's the benefit of this survey.

Mr. Curp: What did you want to get out of this survey? Mr. Taylor: Like I said, I had some assumptions and I wanted to see. I've heard rumors about the houses on the market for an eternity and they are turning over 3-4 days on the market in other areas. That wasn't the case. It's kind of a market indicator because our market bounced back after the Recession. Are other people's housing markets stronger? I wanted to check and I kind of knew we didn't have housing markets in the above \$200,000.00 or a lot over \$200,000.00. Are people looking for that from the Airmen's Wives? Yes, they are absolutely looking. You saw that their wages were \$100,000.00-200,000.00, which are huge wages, but they are living in houses that are \$250,000.00-300,000.00. Mr. Curp: Well let me interrupt you, if that is the case then why are we building senior housing over here and over at the driving range we are looking at putting in apartments? Mr. Taylor: I would also caution against apartments because when you look at the survey and you talk about the Airmen Wives talked about where they want, they want a single family house, a duplex, or a condo and 0 want an apartment.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I can say we have a lot of surveys on the bookshelf. Mr. Taylor: Yep. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Over a long period of years and I challenge you that they won't look much different than this. Mr. Taylor: If you look at the Comprehensive Plan compared to this, the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, I think that was sent out. Did I send that out? I can't remember. Yes, it was sent out last week or 2 weeks ago. It again talks about housing and housing options and development. Mr. Curp: We have other studies we commissioned even before that and the results are the same. If I looked at this and said, "Well this confirmed what we learned 20 years ago." Mr. Taylor: I guess the question is. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Where do we go from here? Mr. Taylor: If that is what our surveys have said in the past, what have we done to try to curb that and if we haven't done anything what can we do today to try and curb that?

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Exactly and I would try to challenge anybody if they want to know what the residents want, come go grocery shopping with me. Come to some of the City functions where people show up because they don't reserve themselves when they stop me in the grocery store. Mr. Denning: So the answer is we need to go to them whether it is Ms. Patterson's Community Meeting or whether we could get someone to have a community meeting at Shellabarger. That's what we need to do is go there and ask some of these same questions of those people and find out and get the answers. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I will start making that happen if you promise to help get people out there. Mr. Denning: Have I ever turned you down? Mrs. Lommatzsch: No.

Mr. Curp: The question is how do we get to more people and other people, not that I don't want to hear from the people that we continually hear from but we want to find out new information and we have to talk to other people also. The question came up that we need to find out what people want. I will tell you what they want because I mentioned it and it came back to me 15 years later. They want good basic services and they want to be left alone. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Exactly and they want their streets paved. Mr. Denning: Well that's good basic services. Mr. Curp: There are other

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things that could be considered basic services too. Mr. Denning: They want the streets paved, they want good Police service, and they want good Fire service. Mrs. Lommatzsch: And we have those.

Mr. Fullenkamp: But you said an important thing, you can't get a skewed sample. You have to go out and get a representative sample from the entire community and going to these little groups is going to give you a skewed sample with the activists and the other people. That's what concerns me about just using that approach to move forward on anything. That's what a good sample gives you, it gives you a real slice of the community. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I think the proof is in the number of people who failed to even respond. I think that's the leave me alone part. Mr. Fullenkamp: Maybe and maybe you have to reach out to them in different ways. Maybe you do phone surveys. Maybe you go knock on doors or do web surveys. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I don't answer a phone number that I don't recognize. Mr. Fullenkamp: All I'm saying is not everybody is web savvy. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I know about that. I'm one of them. Mayor Flaute: Alright. Thank you, Mr. Taylor. We appreciate it. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I don't want you to think it is to no avail. All the information we can get is valuable.

There were no additional questions or comments.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Flaute: Due to the late hour we are going to continue on and start our regular meeting here. We had asked to have a moment of silence before we do the Pledge of Allegiance for the remembrance of a fallen Officer Larry Safreed. Every year I have the opportunity to go and watch the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial, which is a very moving event. At this event we honor all of our Officers who have been killed in the line of duty in Montgomery County. One of the Police Officers that is always honored is Larry Safreed. He was a Riverside Police Officer and his end of watch was October 2, 1984. Patrolman Safreed was killed when his cruiser was struck head-on by a drunk driver. He was adjusted on his shift around midnight and was several blocks from the station when he was struck. He was able to call in that he was involved in an accident. He was transported to the local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. At this time, I was going to have his wife here because she said she was going to be coming here tonight, but I don't see here.

Police Chief, Frank Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 10: MINUTES:

Mayor Flaute: We do not have the minutes for an unknown reason at this point, so we don't have any minutes and we will have to approve them at the next meeting.

ITEM 11: ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MONTH'S CITY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Carpenter: Thank you, Mayor. In your packets is the Finance Report. Are there any questions?

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to accept the April financial report. Deputy Mayor Curp seconded the motion for the purpose of allowing the vote to go forward.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

ITEM 12: COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 17-O-624 approving a change in the district boundaries as shown on the Zoning Map of the City of Riverside, Ohio as initiated by a Resolution of Council for the properties located at 1708 Brandt Pike, Parcel ID No. I39 00518 0013, from B-1 to B-2 Zoning District.

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Mr. Carpenter: I was going to ask Mr. Taylor just to comment about this before we open up the hearing. Mr. Taylor: This is a Zoning Map Amendment basically changing a B-1 and it's a little commercial building at 1708 Brandt Pike. It is right there if you are eastbound on Community Drive into Brandt. It's just kind of a skew of that intersection to the north. It's just a small commercial building. The folks who own it called Authorized Properties have owned it for a really long time. They have several properties throughout Riverside and the area. We never have any Code Enforcement issues and they maintain their properties pretty well. When the Zoning changed in '14, they were called a B-3 which allowed them to do more automotive type stuff; I think a repair shop or sales. The gentleman that runs the company now, it's a family-owned company, his father is elderly and he just learned that it was changed to a B-2 and felt that his property values had decreased because we had changed it to a B-1 and he wasn't able to use the property similar to how he had before 2014. He has a tenant in there now that he has for a while. He has no desire to do anything right now, he just wanted to change that to be more equitable to what the Zoning was prior to the '14 change and a B-2 is the closest thing to that. Planning Commission approved and passed this on the 17th and staff recommends this. There is a large B-2 section just to the south, which I believe is Jergens. It's not out of line there. Mayor Flaute: Thank you, Mr. Taylor.

Mayor Flaute opened the public hearing at 8:41 p.m.

There were no requests by the public to comment in favor or in opposition of the proposal.

The public hearing was closed at 8:42 p.m.

Mayor Flaute: I will now open the floor for Council discussion and any action of course that we will take later. Is there any discussion from Council?

Mr. Curp: First of all, Jergens is a little further south than this property. This property is right across the street from where Community comes out onto Brandt Pike and it is right next to what was an RV camper sales place. The lot is still there and I think it is primarily a vehicle storage place. I'm not sure what that is zoned. I'm not sure what the commercial property is across the street and across Brandt Pike or the other corner of Community is zoned.

My question would be why it was rezoned to this classification because there must have been some rationale behind changing this to the zoning classification that it is today. The concern I have is we go through all this time and effort and energy to put a new UDO in place with new zoning classifications. We take a look at land uses and what they should be regardless of what they are, but what they should be as we are trying to move the community forward and we adjust the zoning classifications, we make those changes, and then we start cherry picking. We had one several months ago. If we are going to do that then, I don't want us to spend anymore time on UDOs because it is keeping us from getting real work done if all we are going to do is look at policies and re-write policies every time new staff comes onboard or a new City Manager and new staff because we did that with the previous City Manager. We couldn't get anything done the very first year because none of our policies were any doggone good and we had to re-write all of our policies and then we found out that those policies didn't work and we had requests to do more things.

I want us to take a look at what we are doing because when we take a look at these surveys and it says people don't have positive images of our community because of blight or whatever it's because we aren't spending our time out in the neighborhoods addressing blight in every neighborhood instead of just one neighborhood. We have a program now for one neighborhood, but what is happening with the rest of the neighborhoods? Are we letting them go because we want to focus on one neighborhood? That's how other neighborhoods decline. I'd rather have staff doing that than doing a new UDO every couple of years and if we are going to do rezoning and change the classifications, we must have some decent rationale behind why we

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did it and I'm not sure I want to go through and cherry pick and just do spot zoning here and there every time something new comes up.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I know I missed the very first part, but he is using it now as a B-2. It says existing use of property is B-2. Present zoning district is B-1. Mr. Taylor: His use that he is using in there, I can't remember what business it is, the business currently fits a B-1 and would be approved as a B-1. Mr. Fullenkamp: Why does this form say existing use B-2? Mr. Taylor: I can't answer you that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Would that not be grandfathered? I am not in favor of spot zoning any place and we get in big trouble with that because then the neighbor next door wants to have theirs changed. Wouldn't it be grandfathered if it has been there for 23 years? Mr. Taylor: He has different uses that he has done in there, but the uses he has done in there would qualify if it was to change or to do something or if he was to remodel or something drastic his current use right now would fall under a B-1. What he is doing and he hasn't changed anything, so currently he is as you said be a non-conforming use of whatever it is and all he's asking for is just that to go to a B-2 which was a similar use beforehand.

To answer the questions from Mr. Curp or the statements, I don't think I have hid what I think about the UDO or the current Zoning Map. I've looked for that information where there was exhaustive studies, focus groups looking at the Zoning Map as it sits now and how that was derived and frankly I can't tell you how 90% of the Map became what it is and there is no documentation of showing what was done behind that or to it. If you looked at it from an independent review, you would look at it as the Map itself looks like it has been previously spot zoned as it was with little input. There is no record of community forums or what people said or how the Map developed from what it was into what it is and I think that's kind of the issue there. Another point to address, well I'll just leave it at that.

Mayor Flaute: So what's around it? Mr. Taylor: Directly to the south is a B-2, across the street is a B-1, which would be that business, and then it is surrounded by a larger R-1. Mayor Flaute: So we want to make it a B? Mr. Taylor: He is asking for a B-2. Mayor Flaute: And everything else around it is a B-2 pretty much except for the residential? Mr. Taylor: Except for the R-1 which is a large field. I think there is a map in here that shows. Mayor Flaute: So we really are correcting spot zoning there. Mr. Curp: We don't know why they rezoned it. Mr. Fullenkamp: Do we know what it was before? Mr. Taylor: It was a B-3. Mr. Fullenkamp: It was a B-3 before and it got shifted to a B-1. Mr. Denning: Because we only have B-1 and B-2 now. Mr. Taylor: We went from 27 Zoning Districts to 7. Mrs. Lommatzsch: To do away with this kind of crap.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So is his argument valid that increases his property value? Mr. Taylor: It's hard to say. Mr. Fullenkamp: Any evidence? Mr. Taylor: No, there's no evidence and the way staff looked at it changing it is a benign risk. We look at of course the Code is based on the health, safety, and welfare for the residents, so changing the Ordinance or changing that Map from a B-1 to a B-2. Mr. Fullenkamp: What is that risk? Mr. Taylor: I think it is very minimal because you are talking about the B-1 set up as a neighborhood business district and those are typical businesses like bakeries, grocery stores, things that if you lived in a neighborhood you want to get close and if there is something you need that's where it is. A B-2 is more designed for your general commercial, like Airway Shopping. If you think about Airway Shopping, it is right next to a B-3. We talk about buffer yards, so if he was to change any major use of this he would have to be, which I explained to him. I said, "If you wanted to put an auto dealership here." First of all he isn't going to be able to because he doesn't have enough property to meet the buffer yards, the parking, and setbacks like this. To him it was something that was based on principle. "I had a B-3 and I could do these things if I wanted them and now I can't." There is some suggestion that their may be loss of value there, however I don't know how great that would be. Again, a B-2 opens you up to some other uses that might get you more money, but that lot doesn't lend itself to doing those things which I explained to him. I told him the risk, Planning Commission didn't see an issue with it, and the worst thing that could go in there. Mr. Denning: Car repair. Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't like making decisions based on principle. I want to be making rational decisions based on what's

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right for that neighborhood. If this is just a matter of “I used to be able to do this, I should still be allowed to do this, and I didn’t challenge it before, but now I’m going to.” Mayor Flaute: Interesting. We will get to that legislation a little bit later.

Mr. Curp: Just for the edification of anybody with great interest in where the Zoning Map came from. The Zoning Map that preceded the UDO came from the County when the township merged with the Village of Riverside. Prior to that all the zoning for Mad River Township was handled by the County and one of the few communities that did not do its own zoning. When the community came into existence after the merger, then that Map was incorporated as it was as the official Zoning Map for the Municipality of Riverside which then became the City of Riverside. There were adjustments over the years, but essentially the Map up until the UDO continued to maintain its basic form. That’s the history of that Map. Mrs. Lommatzsch: I sat on Montgomery County Zoning Commission.

Mr. Taylor: It’s the 2014 Map that is and I have no idea how it was designed. Mr. Denning: Well then I believe staff at the time and Planning Commission was given that they wanted to go from 27 different. Mrs. Lommatzsch: That was Mr. Bryan Chodkowski. Mr. Denning: Well I understand, but it came down and the Planning Commission worked on it heavily. The idea was to make it simpler and go from 23 or whatever it was to 7 and that was about as much logic as I ever heard. Mr. Fullenkamp: You were on the Planning Commission, correct? Mrs. Lommatzsch: I was on Montgomery County Planning Commission. Mr. Fullenkamp: No, this Planning Commission for this 2014 legislation. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Yes, I was. Initially for 2 years. Mr. Denning: Before the UDO was finished, but that was my understanding was to try to get the number down to make it easier for Zoning to control things. Mr. Taylor: I do want to point out that the last one we had was for the residential houses up on Old Troy. Those were B-2 and there has never been a business there, so that fact and this is all over. There are several other places like this that I call into question. Mr. Denning: Why is it that if it is or why is it residential if it is a business? Mr. Taylor: If it’s been a house, it has always been a house. Like all of Valley Street. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We didn’t know what kind of business was going on. Mayor Flaute: Okay. We will get to that Ordinance in a little bit.

There was no further discussion or comments.

ITEM 13: ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN CITIZENS PETITIONS:

Mayor Flaute advised citizens to fill out a form if they wished to speak about agenda or non-agenda items.

ITEM 14: CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Mr. Carpenter: Thank you, Mayor. In the packets is the Project and Activities Report. If you have any questions, I would be glad to try to answer those. Mayor Flaute: Great. Thank you, Mr. Manager. Are there any questions or comments from the Manager?

Mr. Curp: If we could in the future instead of having entries here that say “No Update”, can we have what the current status is? Mr. Carpenter: You mean the previous? Mr. Curp: You could leave the previous comments if there are explanatory comments, but having just the phrase “No Update” doesn’t explain anything to me as far as where we are with something. Mr. Denning: Whatever the last update was, I would like that information instead of “No Update.” Mrs. Lommatzsch: Thank you.

Mr. Denning: I asked and then we never got the answer. Do we have an update on when, I mean they really seem to be working on that bridge and getting really close? Can you give me a ballpark? End of June I hope. Mrs. Lommatzsch: It might be in his report. Mr. Denning: I’m sorry. Mr. Miller: It is going to be in my report. Mr. Denning: We can wait then.

There were no additional questions or comments.

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- (2) Monthly Verbal Reports
 - a. Police Department

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

Chief Robinson: Thank you, sir. I will try to be brief. Personnel wise we have been working this month to hire some Police Officers. The test is actually Saturday morning, so hopefully we will be able to get some folks from there and get that process onward and upward. I just wanted to mention personnel wise we had 2 babies born at the Police Department. Major Close, who is no longer with us and went to the FBI, his girlfriend had a baby, a little boy named Cohen. Sergeant Safriet and his wife had a baby girl and he is expected to be back to work in mid-June. If you get a chance if you see them just give them just to congratulate them, you probably will not see Close because he has gone to Quantico and he's probably hating life right now.

Our Detectives have been really busy and there is a lot of training going on. We always help with the Cell Bright machine for the phones and we actually trained someone else for the use of that because the only other person that was trained in that was Major Sturgeon, so we had to move on and get someone else to train in the Cell Bright. He's doing very well, Detective Cooper. Also in there we have a lot of new Detectives in the Detective's Section, so we sent all of them to homicide training. Hopefully we never have to use that training, but if they have to obviously we needed to train them for that. Also the new Detectives went to interview training as well this week, so we are doing a lot of training for them.

If you remember we went to Miami Valley to do our evidentiary things and some of the things they don't offer. Let me rephrase that, we went to BCI and left Miami Valley for financial reasons, but there are some things that BCI doesn't do and one of those things is they do not identify shell casings and things like that when guns are fired. We have been looking very hard to find someone that can do that kind of work for us and not cost us anything, so we were able to hook up with Detectives in what's called NIBM. It is a ballistics database and it is out of Cincinnati, so we were actually able to send them about 25 different shell casings this past week that we could try to identify and they could have been used for and some cases that we have ongoing. We are lucky to get them to do that for free, so we appreciate them for doing that.

In the Patrol Section, once again we had a lot more training. We did some and this is going to sound really strange to you, but we did some strangulation training for domestic violence. That sounds crazy to you and it is because the unfortunate problem is this class is just based on trying to, and I've got my hands like I'm strangling somebody, it's just basically training for the Police Officers in reference to how to observe and what strangulation would be when somebody actually isn't wanting to tell you what's going on and to be able to identify it and then help the person get some help and the assistance that they need, of course. Also, to testify to it in court as well.

We started the GROW program this week on Wednesday. We had Wendi Jackson from the County come out on Wednesday and she went out with, we were supposed

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to have 3 Police Officers there, but only 1 went out with her. On FOA member came out and went with her as well, so we started the program. They went to 7 houses to see 11 people. The unfortunate problem is one of those people actually went to the hospital and they actually passed away at the hospital and we did not know that until they got there, so we made a knock on a door of someone who had a family member who had passed away and that was a little rough. It is a start and we did make contact with all of the people we wanted to make contact with, the other 10, and gave them all the information and where they can get assistance for their problem with the drugs. I would just like to say we are doing and branching out further and further and we are doing more and more to try to get ahold of this problem that we have and obviously it is all over the country. I just wanted to mention that the Fire Department was also involved in this as well, so they have one of their members go out with us next Wednesday and starting then. Hopefully it is going to do some good things and get some people the assistance that they need. That is our goal.

We also had the first Bike Rodeo this week and it was very successful. We did a lockdown drill at the Virginia Stevens and I actually went there myself and walked through the halls. I have to be honest with you it was probably the best lockdown drill that I have ever seen and the kids there were absolutely amazing. It was quiet as a church in there or quiet as a library in there the whole time. We knocked on the doors and tried to get them going and they didn't budge, so they did a really good job at Virginia Stevens.

I know you guys want to hear some stuff about Tina because she is very exciting. She has been very busy and the unfortunate problem is when she is busy we are finding stuff that we wish we never had, but unfortunately she did locate quite a bit of heroin this week and about 10 grams in just one stop. She located a gun in a car. She also did a track for Springfield with the apprehension of the suspect on that. She's getting some work in.

We did a lot of training because we are really trying to be up to date on everything we are doing and we tried to do a lot of the state-mandated training as well this past month and we had training blocks from culture diversity and community relations and things like that. We are trying to keep up on all those things.

Upcoming events that we are working on now is the St. Helen's Festival, the Bike Rodeo is on June 10th, and the Vice President was supposed to be here and he will be here I believe on Saturday at the Base. We are not actually involved in that anymore. We were working very hard for this month for them to tell us yesterday that we are not needed and he will not be leaving. He will go to the Base for a very short amount of time and then he will have to take off because he has to go to 4 other Bases in the same day. We just won't really have any a need for us, but we worked on that for a month to get prepared and then they kind of got us shot down yesterday.

The last thing I have is we talked about the Montgomery County Drug Blitz and we will have portions of that here next Wednesday. You may see a lot of activity next Wednesday in Riverside. That's all I have.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: Do you know when the Night Out Against Crime is going to be?
Chief Robinson: Say it again ma'am. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Do you know when the Night Out Against Crime is going to be? Chief Robinson: Oh, the National Night Out? Mrs. Lommatzsch: Yeah, whatever. Chief Robinson: August 1st. Mrs. Lommatzsch: The 1st. Chief Robinson: Yes, ma'am. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Thank you.

Mr. Curp: I saw an article over the last couple of days, and it might have been in this general region, a Police Officer OD'd from doing a search in a car that they had stopped and had used gloves and might have used a mask, but got fentanyl on his skin. His skin absorbed it and he wasn't aware there were going to be any adverse affects, he started feeling the affects, he OD'd and they had to use a couple units of Narcan. My question is what are we doing to protect our Officers? Chief Robinson: After hearing that story, we actually have been encouraging any time we do a traffic stop where we think there may be drugs involved we have been trying to use a mask to put on their face to keep it from inhaling it. The other part is that it is very difficult to

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say if they are going to get it on their skin and absorb it through their skin because they are obviously not going to tell us until we get a hold of it, so it is very difficult. We are just being more cautious to what we are doing.

Mr. Curp: Do we need to look at our protocols, Mr. Manager, as far as perhaps sending an EMS crew out when we know there is going to be this type of drug search? Chief Robinson: That would be a lot of activity for the EMS I would think and for the Fire Department to come out. I am more than welcome to get them out of the beds, sir, if you would like. Mr. Denning: If it saves our Officers lives, we would appreciate that. Chief Robinson: Absolutely. Mayor Flaute: I don't think he wore gloves though. Chief Robinson: No, I think he patted him down real good and some of it came off some of his clothing. Mr. Denning: It was East Liverpool. Mayor Flaute: They need to be more careful too. Chief Robinson: There is new stuff called Gray Death, so it's a little more brutal than fentanyl. Mr. Curp: Is that the elephant drug? Chief Robinson: Yeah, it could probably knock an elephant out right now. Mr. Fullenkamp: Well that's carfentanil. Chief Robinson: Exactly. The thing about fentanyl is that it's not meant for you to take. A lot of times they take it off of those patches and scrap it off and then the put it into the mixture of the heroin. The problem with that is that the patch is for a long time and you are supposed to leave it on for hours and then it would be for pain relief, but unfortunately that's not how they are doing it they are scratching it off and putting it right in there.

There were no additional questions or comments.

b. Fire Department

Mr. Carpenter introduced Chief Stitzel for the monthly update for the Fire Department.

Chief Stitzel: Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mayor, and Council. We are moving forward on our capital projects that we budgeted for this year with the upgrades to our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and our radio upgrades. The Bluetooth connection between our face piece, voice amp, and the radio is going to greatly improve our communication abilities when we are wearing our face piece inside a fire and it muffles out a lot of the outside noise, so we are looking forward to getting that started. I went to FDIC and got all the required information that we were waiting on and the PO's and placed on order, so those capital projects are moving forward pretty quickly. The bay lighting also, we are getting quotes from Bonham Electric and we are starting to install our LED lights into the bays at Station 5 which is another part of that project.

The crews completed their annual Region 2 Protocol Testing for the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council. This is the annual test and evaluation of skills that we go through to qualify everybody to operate using the drug bag out of the system for the exchange program. Just yesterday we did a drug bag update. They added 2 more vials of Narcan to the current drug bag, so now we are actually carrying 14 milligrams in it now because of the Gray Death and some of the other drugs that we are coming in contact with we are actually running out. We had an incident here recently where we had 3 overdose victims at the same house at the same time and we ended up having 3 medic units respond in and we gave a total of 14 doses of Narcan on that one incident. I'm currently carrying Narcan in my car and we are going to be utilizing some other avenues to have additional resources out there to continue to combat this problem that we are having.

With that just to tag onto what the Chief was talking about with the GROW program, I went to the Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition meeting today and I met with some of the people there and they are looking at and did a presentation on the Bridge Device where it is an electronic device that hooks up next to your ear and it puts little electrodes around your ear and it shoots electrical impulses into your nerves and it relieves the withdraw symptoms. There was a young lady there that had just got on that device this morning and she says it is a miracle device. It is good for 5 days and it gets the off the drug to the point where they can start using some of the other medication for more long term, but that is something that is coming out that shows a lot of promise right now is this Bridge Device. We are keeping an eye on that and

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seeing how we might be able to kind of steer people into that direction through our GROW efforts.

At the meeting also we spoke with the lady from Cornerstone and we are starting our training for the Fire Department. We have a representative that's going to be going out every week with the Police Department, as the Chief mentioned, and they will be carrying a cache of Narcan with them also. It is going to be kind of a fast response vehicle. While they are out, if an active overdose call comes in because our representative is a paramedic plus we have the Police Officer with us we will be able to respond to calls occasionally. We are trying to get something in place so that person could be available during the day at least to kind of help with a little bit more of a rapid response. Just making a lot of progress and that and hopefully coming up with some additional resources and some plans to continue to combat that. We are getting the packets with all the information for the addiction recovery services. Those packets will be on our medic units next week and every time that we go to an overdose one of those packets will be left with the victim or the families and there will be a little conversation about treatment options and things if they so choose to get into that. They prelude to the DOOR program that we are going out on Wednesdays, but we are right there and as soon as we give them Narcan they wake up and don't want to go to the hospital. We can start giving them literature and information on how to get help and tell them that we will there to help get them to the facility. We will actually give them a ride to the facility if they want. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Can we get a copy of what goes in the packet. Chief Stitzel: Absolutely, as soon as I get them I will have some brought in. That's it.

There were no additional questions or comments.

c. Service Department

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

Mr. Miller: Thank you, Chief, City Manager, Mayor, and Council. To answer your question for #19 on the hit list, the Harshman Road Construction anticipated project date will be completed September 1st. The week of August 2nd the bridge will be entering phase 2 and some traffic patterns will start to change on the 8th of August. Traffic will be shifted to the recently completed bridge section on the east side. September 1st is the official date that it is supposed to be completed. Mayor Flaute: June 8th. Mr. Miller: No, August. Mayor Flaute: You said June 8th there is going to be some traffic. Mr. Denning: It's August 8th. Mr. Fullenkamp: He said August. Mayor Flaute: Okay.

Mr. Denning: So what I just heard was they should have traffic flowing in both directions before school starts, so that will help a lot with the buses. Mr. Miller: I think they have another section they are going to be working on and I think they are almost complete, but there is a walkway section that I think they are also. Mr. Denning: They just put up the barrier for the walkway. It's up. So September 1st is the official date. Mr. Miller: That is the official date. That could change, but as of now that is the official date of September 1st of this year. Mr. Denning: Thank you. Mr. Miller: You're welcome.

The guys have been addressing multiple flooding issues with all the rain we have been having. A lot of times it involves catch basin repairing and cleaning. They have been patching all over the City with blacktop. If you see anywhere that needs to be patched, please don't hesitate to call in. The parks, we have been having issues with graffiti on some of the buildings. They also have been working pretty diligently on Eintracht's cemetery and cleaning it up. I wish I had taken a before and after picture. It is pretty impressive what they have done. We moved 64 trucks of salt to Dayton for storage. They have always been real good about allowing us to store in their huge facility the salt. Sign installation has been actively going on including signs that were installed as a result of the Woodman Speed Study. We have replaced multiple guardrail in different areas on State Route 4 and State Route 35 and Springfield overpass. That's pretty much it.

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There were no additional questions or comments.

d. Planning and Program Management Department

Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Manager. It's been 3 weeks, so we did a Planning Commission tour last Saturday at their request. Saturday morning we took all the Commission members around the City and showed them what our plans were, what some of the different neighborhoods look like, what are the conditions of the neighborhoods, the Code Enforcement issues that we tackle in each neighborhood and how we address those throughout the City, and then kind of the differences in the neighborhoods on how that approach goes. We talked about the Comprehensive Plan and how that might relate to the City. I got a lot of great feedback from the members on Monday. There were parts of the City they had not been to and issues that they had heard about, but didn't think they were that bad. Once they got out there it really opened their eyes and hopefully we will build on that success there.

The Wicker Place or Bonnevieu property at 2313, that demolition is complete as of yesterday afternoon. It looks really great. We did some additional clearing, so the one building is gone now and I've got to get some boards up on the other building. That's progressing nicely.

Sparky's, we've got the environmental study done and now we are collecting bids for the demos. There was no asbestos found in there, so we will be proceeding. The only hiccup there is we may have to do a competitive bid process because it may go over the \$25,000.00, so we may have to do a bid process there.

I kind of mentioned the Avondale Streetscape Plan. I'm working with Choice One to address the several issues down there. When you see there is lighting, parking, storm water, and then road delineation. Where's the road and where's the right of way? We are putting together a conceptual plan that we will be able to present to Council. They said 90 days which puts us at September, so hopefully I will have something and we can explain that and show and I am going to try to push them to get that done sooner because it is kind of an interesting idea that we came across.

Other than that CDBG, the grant is due tomorrow and I think it is in our packet we are voting on that. We can discuss that more at that point. We will be dropping that off at noon if everything is okay. That's where we are at.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Kind of on a related note, are we still working on getting a schedule of when submissions should go in so that we are ahead of the game? I know that is something that has been on the Council Request Sheet for a long time. Mr. Carpenter: I have some of the more common ones. I haven't asked staff to submit grants that you may apply for that you don't traditionally apply for. That's the data we need to collect. Mr. Fullenkamp: So you have the more common ones. Mr. Carpenter: The ones we do annually. Mr. Fullenkamp: CDBG and OPWC and whoever. That's something I think is important for planning so we don't have to run it down at lunch time tomorrow.

Mayor Flaute: So with Sparky's is anybody going to pay for that or we are just taking it out of the General Fund to do that? Mr. Taylor: As of now there is one entity that is going to be responsible and that is the City. There is nobody else. The man who was squatting there and running the business has no real property, he rents. He clearly has no insurance and he says he has no money. You aren't paying rent, you aren't paying insurance, I don't know where the money went. He was also collecting rent on the house next door. We are looking into his income tax, but it doesn't appear that he was paying income taxes as well. We are not sure and we are still checking that out because he is kind of hard to track down. Mr. Fullenkamp: It is not really the City, it's the CDBG funding correct? Mr. Taylor: It's the CDBG. We have \$35,000.00 on the table for that. I have an estimate, but I haven't looked at it yet so I don't know where we are ballparking that at. I'm thinking there might be some City funds. We might be at \$40,000.00-42,000.00. I will know more in the next week or two. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Well we need to track him down further. Mayor Flaute: Yeah, get that owner. Mr. Taylor: I don't know. Once we track him down, somebody who has no

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money, no insurance, no property. Mrs. Lommatzsch: We don't know that. That's what they might be telling you. Mr. Taylor: We know he has no property. He owns no property. We know that. We don't know what his bank account information. Mrs. Lommatzsch: Are you sure he doesn't have land in Kentucky? Mr. Taylor: I am positive. We have the LEXIS NEXIS program and we have searched him. He doesn't own anything except a couple of cars.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Who is really responsible the guy that ran the place or the guy that owned the property? Mr. Taylor: The guy that owned the property has been dead since '01. Mr. Fullenkamp: I know, but there is property in his name over on Brandt Pike. Mr. Taylor: There is. Mr. Curp: Somebody still owns it. Mr. Taylor: That's what you would think. The church has been paying the taxes because it is \$40.00 a year. I guess the question would be first I don't know if we have the legality to take that property; we may or we may not and I could check that out. Mrs. Lommatzsch: If we spend \$25,000.00 or more on it, then it ought to be ours. Mr. Taylor: This the church property on Brandt. The church is there and they maintain that. We may want to go after that, we may not. I don't know. The properties we are demoing we have already submitted the application or will be submitting the application to foreclose on those. We haven't done that because we want to make sure that if we end up owning it and we've got a grant to do an environmental. If the environmental survey comes back that it is super toxic, we may not want to own it. Most likely whatever we put into this above and beyond CDBG we are going to eat.

There were no additional questions or comments.

ITEM 15: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no requests to speak before Council on agenda items.

ITEM 16: NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

I) Ordinance No. 17-O-622 approving employee position titles, number of positions and pay ranges and to repeal Ordinance 17-O-614, adopted February 2, 2017.

Mr. Carpenter introduced Ordinance No. 17-O-622 approving employee position titles, number of positions and pay ranges.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the reading Ordinance No. 17-O-622 for the first time in its entirety. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 17-O-622 for the first time in its entirety.

Four were in favor; Deputy Mayor Curp opposed. **Motion carried.**

II) Ordinance No. 17-O-623 making supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2017.

Mr. Carpenter introduced Ordinance No. 17-O-623 making a supplemental appropriation.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the reading Ordinance No. 17-O-623 for the first time in its entirety. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 17-O-623 for the first time in its entirety.

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There was no discussion on the motion.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the reading Ordinance No. 17-O-623 to suspend the rule that dictates the number of days between consecutive readings of ordinances. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to read Ordinance No. 17-O-623 for the second time by title only and approve its final adoption. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 17-O-623 for the second time by title only.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

- III) **Ordinance No. 17-O-624 approving a change in the district boundaries as shown on the Zoning Map of the City of Riverside, Ohio as initiated by a Resolution of Council for the properties located at 1708 Brandt Pike, Parcel ID No. I39 00518 0013, from B-1 to B-2 Zoning District.**

Mr. Carpenter introduced Ordinance No. 17-O-624 approving a zoning change for 1708 Brandt Pike.

There was no motion to read Ordinance 17-O-624 and therefore failed to be voted on.

B. RESOLUTIONS

- I) **Resolution No. 17-R-2262 advancing \$35,000.00 from the General Fund to the CDBG Fund.**

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2262 advancing to the CDBG Fund.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2262. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

- II) **Resolution No. 17-R-2263 authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application for funding under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA-SVAA), and authorizing the expenditure of matching funds.**

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2263 authorizing the submission of a VOCA-SVAA grant application.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2263. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion on the motion.

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

- III) **Resolution No. 17-R-2264 setting forth the reappointment of Rick Kaufhold to the Planning**

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Commission for the remainder of the term ending April 6, 2021.

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2264 reappointing Rick Kaufhold to the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2264. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

IV) Resolution No. 17-R-2265 setting forth the appointment of Freda Patterson to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the remainder of the term ending August 2, 2018.

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2265 appointing Freda Patterson to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2265. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

V) Resolution No. 17-R-2266 setting forth the reappointment of Penny Humerick to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board for the remainder of the term ending February 14, 2019.

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2266 reappointing Penny Humerick to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2266. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

VI) Resolution No. 17-R-2267 recognizing the fundraiser for a POW/MIA Chair of Honor as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the citizens of the City of Riverside.

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2267 making a donation for a POW/MIA Chair of Honor.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2267 with a donation in the amount of Two-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

VII) Resolution No. 17-R-2268 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the lowest, responsive and best qualified bidder, Apple Farm

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Services, Inc. for a New Holland T6.145 Tractor and accessories for use by the Service Department and to repeal Resolution 17-R-2253, adopted April 6, 2017.

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2268 authorizing the purchase of a tractor.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2268. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I see that we have gone from a T6-160 to a T6-145 New Holland. What's the difference? Mr. Miller: The horsepower. It's still twice the horsepower than we currently have and it's a 4-wheel drive, so it will give us better traction and we will be able to pull more. Mr. Fullenkamp: But that's what the T-160 was for, correct? Mr. Miller: Correct. That is correct. Mr. Fullenkamp: So does it have all the same features that in the T-160? Mr. Miller: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: So we are not going to need to add anything to it? Mr. Miller: Well, the only thing I have got to verify is whether it includes the loader. It's supposed to be built for a loader, but I'm not sure whether or not the loader is included on that. Mr. Fullenkamp: I didn't look at it very closely. I lost my train of thought, sorry. So it's the same price I see. Oh, the question was. Mr. Miller: It's being built right now, the other one was about 3 or 4 years old something like that.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Are you getting barbed tires or are you getting turf tires for this? Mr. Miller: For traction probably regular tractor tires. Mr. Fullenkamp: For all 4 tires. Will this be used for mowing? Mr. Miller: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: Is that a reasonable thing for mowing wet grass? Mr. Miller: For a highway mower, yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: Yes. Mr. Miller: You are going on slopes that are pretty substantial. Mr. Fullenkamp: But you won't be using this in the park? Mr. Miller: No. Mr. Fullenkamp: Okay. Mr. Miller: We have another tractor for that. Mr. Fullenkamp: Thank you.

There was no further discussion on the motion.

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

VIII) Resolution No. 17-R-2269 authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to Montgomery County for a Community Development Block Grant for the City of Riverside's Sidewalk Curb Ramp Access Improvement Project.

Chief Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 17-R-2269 authorizing the submission of a CDBG grant application.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 17-R-2269. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

ITEM 17: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Darrell Norrod of Union Schoolhouse Road requested to speak before Council.

Mr. Norrod: Thank you very much, I do appreciate the opportunity. Basically I'm here about a Resolution that was passed on April the 6th this year, 2017, to give the City of Dayton permission to use a 50 foot right of way on Rondowa Avenue, which really the City of Riverside doesn't even own that right of way it is in the City of Dayton which the City led to the drilling of a well on my personal property. Then which led to a cancellation of a sale on that property because of what was done there. On April 14th of 2017, the City of Dayton authorized Amec Foster Wheeler to dig a test well on my

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property which is 50 feet into my property. I found out about this through Facebook, a Riverside Facebook page. When I contacted the City of Dayton, they told me about the Resolution that you guys, the Council members and the Mayor, had signed to give the City of Dayton permission to drill on this right of way which they didn't even own. I think this was negligence on the part of the City of Riverside by not checking their maps to find out where the border lines and the City limits of Riverside starts and stops, which there is a City of Dayton sign posted on that part of Rondowa Avenue starting at Floral Home to Sagamore. This has caused me financial losses, pain, mental stress, even time again tonight, lost of funds, loss of a contract and sale on the property.

I attended the meeting on the 14th, no I think your last meeting was the 20th of April that I attended. At that time, I wanted to speak publicly and again, these meetings run really long. You ask why some people in the community don't want to step forward, maybe you should move the public comment to a different part early where we don't set through hours and hours. We have other obligations at home and businesses and things to run. Getting back to my personal grievance here is that I met with the City Manager and also Mr. Murray in an extensive conversation that day into the evening that ran into long hours. I was told that your legal counsel would be in touch with me. It never happened and basically by this time I have lost money and I did receive lots of help from the City of Dayton through a Mr. Schumaker, who was in charge of the research of the drilling on the test wells, and he gave me copies as a I requested of all information that the City of Riverside had provided to them by giving false information in his opinion is what he said that led to this drilling onto my property. This was voted on and passed as far as I know April 6, 2017 a Resolution by the City of Riverside; I have a copy. You should have records of it and basically instead of going any farther, this is my last attempt to come forward to the City of Riverside to try to find out if there is some kind of settlement or some kind of agreement or something before I seek really legal action against the City of Riverside. That's my statement.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you, sir. Any comments? The City Manager will get with you.
Mr. Norrod: One more comment, when I did come here first Mrs. Reynolds, who I really hate to speak about someone that's not in attendance, but she didn't do anything wrong but she asked me why I was here. She went into the backroom and I told her and she told me I was 100% mistaken on who owned this right of way and that the City of Riverside did, they knew for sure. She went and pulled maps up and she disagreed with me very vigorously, so basically she pulls it back and she said, "Oh, we made a great mistake. We don't have a right of way there, in fact that's the City of Dayton." Now this is after the fact. It's like me, as a person, giving permission to go to your home and cut down the trees that I don't own by misleading the tree company to cut down trees on someone else's property leading to financial loses and that's where I'm at.
Mayor Flaute: The City Manager will get with you and we will figure out.
Mr. Norrod: They all have my phone numbers and everything which I provided 2 weeks ago. Okay.
Mayor Flaute: Thank you, sir.
Mr. Norrod: Thank you very much.

Mr. Frank Smith of Byesville Boulevard requested to speak before Council.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Mayor and City Council, may I approach the Council? I have some literature that I want to give you.
Mayor Flaute: Can you talk about your issue first?
Ms. Arnold: I can help you.
Mr. Smith: It's back to the dust issue.
Mayor Flaute: It's what?
Mr. Smith: The dust on our street. They haven't sprayed and the dust is still flying. There's 2 copies, there's probably more than what you need. There's a sample for everybody of the dust.
Mr. Fullenkamp: I have plenty of that at my house.
Mr. Smith: This is what we put up with every day. There has been no spraying done. We are still eating the dust. The trucks still come in and out. There is one that comes in off of Springfield Street and he doesn't slow down. I mean he comes in the lot flying and the dust is getting worse. As it heats up, the dust is getting worse and they promised that something was going to be done. We are still eating the dust and these pamphlets come from OSHA's regulations on dust. These pamphlets came from OSHA. These are OSHA manuals and this is the dust that comes out of Jerry's lot. This is what we eat on a daily basis and we are fed up with it because we were

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told there was something in place and we've got nothing. We are still eating the dust and it's getting worse. Thank you. I mean it is getting worse and we are tired of it.

It was already brought up; this is why people don't want to show up for these meetings. They don't ask because nothing is getting done and you promised that something was going to be in place and I'm still eating the dust. I washed my vehicles again today because of the dust and like I said, this has been 2 days in a row that same truck has come in off Springfield Street and he's flying. There was a red Camaro that came in there just his evening; he got in the lot and did donuts. That makes the dust fly even worse. This issue, we are still kicking the same issue. We started this 5 years ago and we are still kicking the same issue. It hasn't gotten better.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you, Mr. Smith. I know there are plans to get it done. Mr. Carpenter: Yeah. Just to give you an update, sir. I have been over there a couple of times over the last 2 weeks, Mr. Salmon's is not feeling well and he hasn't been able to sit down and sign that agreement. I will just tell you that is the status. Mr. Smith: He's still running a business, isn't he? Mr. Carpenter: I guess so. I will just tell you that's the status of me going over there with the agreement. Mr. Smith: I understand what you are saying, but the same thing applies just because I was in the hospital I've still got bills. Mayor Flaute: We are working on it.

There were no additional requests to speak before Council.

ITEM 18: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I just want to thank the City and employees in participating in the golf tournament last Friday. It was a most successful event and I think they had a little fun, but it was nice to see them out among a lot of local people from a 5 county area. At the same time I would like to thank Brenna for being the big help that she was and they have actually asked her to be on the Golf Planning Committee for next year because they were very impressed with how she handles things. I think that is kudos to us.

Monday will be the IN Crowd on the 22nd that would be I believe. Mr. Denning: At Gyro Palace. Mrs. Lommatzsch: At Gyro Palace in Airway. I encourage all of you that haven't been coming, please come because it is delightful company and a lot of fun. The Vice President is going to be here on Saturday, so you will see Air Force II circling or whatever. He will not leave the Base. He is going to be entertained by 200 Airmen in a hanger and then he is going to head home. Mr. Denning: Head home as in Washington or head home as in Indiana? Mrs. Lommatzsch: Indiana. Mayor Flaute: What time of day will that be? Mrs. Lommatzsch: That's not been released yet. Mayor Flaute: Okay. Very good. Mr. Denning: They aren't going to tell us.

Mr. Denning: I had a really good time at the Bike Rodeo. It was a lot of fun and lots of kids were out there. The Mayor and I cooked hot dogs. We got people to sign up for their drawings for their bicycles. One of the best things I saw was that a little girl signed up and put her name in for the boy's bike so that she could get it for her brother and she won and she gave the bike to her brother. I thought that was pretty cool. You don't see a lot of that these days in kids, but I thought that was really neat. There were a lot of great people out there.

Mayor Flaute: I just have a few. I only had one wedding in the last 2 weeks. There was a big water trails convention in Downtown Dayton. Lori was down with us from Economic Development and we gave a nice presentation regarding the Eintracht Park. Lori did a great job.

Cassano's had a grand opening at Airway. Please if you are hungry for pizza, think about Cassano's. They are excited to be here and they say business is good. I went to the Children's Festival and we received another Water Protection Award. We have received one for every year since I think we have become a City, so they do at least recognize us. We put a lot of work into it and we need businesses that will continue to protect our water. I had a Dragon's game with the Chamber. It pays to be a

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Chamber member, so that was a great time down at the Dragon's and the Dragon's won. We talked about the Bike Rodeo. The next one is June 10th at Beverly Gardens and 10:00 a.m. I'm looking forward to that. It's going to be a busy day, but thanks to our Police. Thank you guys for all the work you do and our Victim Advocate was just really good. A Hope4Riverside meeting today and there is a whole lot of stuff going on there.

We are going to have a Council retreat in this room here at Saturday and everyone is invited to come. It's going to be 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please come and we have a facilitator that will be leading the charge and hopefully we can get a whole bunch of things accomplished at that retreat.

There were no additional comments from Council.

ITEM 19: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A) Lease Discussion – Section 103.01(d)(7)C: *To receive and consider from an applicant for a permit, license, variance, zoning change or other similar privilege granted by the City, the following information confidentially received from the applicant: C: Production techniques and trade secrets.*

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to enter into executive session for the reasons stated on the agenda. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Deputy Mayor Curp, yes; Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Flaute: We will be in executive session for probably about 15-30 minutes. I don't expect any legislation to be passed when we come out of executive session, but you are welcome to hang around until we come out of executive session.

Executive Session began at 9:49 p.m. and ended at 10:27 p.m.

ITEM 20: ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn. Deputy Mayor Curp seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Brenna Arnold, Clerk of Council