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ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Flaute called the Riverside, Ohio Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 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: Ms. Campbell, present; Mr. Curp, present; Deputy Mayor Denning, present; Ms. Fry, present; Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch, present; and Mayor Flaute, present.

ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: No members of council were absent.

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Ms. Lommatzsch to approve the agenda. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 6: MEET THE CANDIDATES:

A) Anthony Kraus: I am a Riverside resident; bought my home in Saville about three years ago. Before that, I grew up in this neighborhood also; St. Helen's and Carroll High School graduate. I am back in town and looking to volunteer my service wherever it is needed. Mr. Curp: You get around the community; based on your observations, what do you think the most pressing need is in the community? Mr. Kraus: In my personal opinion, I think it is our roadways. I've seen recent improvements especially on Airway and over on Spaulding; I understand we are behind on our original projections. I'd say amongst my neighbors that would probably be most people's opinion. A lot of people complain about snow removal, too, I know that a lot can be done about it at this time. Mr. Curp: What is your experience in planning, long-term planning? Mr. Kraus: Currently, I am the president of the Cardinal Hill Recreation Club, which is actually located in Beavercreek, but it does serve the Riverside community as well. I have a long term vision I have expressed to the board once I joined there. It is a tight budget over there so we have to make incremental improvements over time; honestly, it is just a lot of volunteer work too, we can't afford to pay a lot of people to do things so we kind of have to do it ourselves. It is a challenge. We can only do what we can afford. Deputy Mayor Denning: Do you know what type of government this city runs under? Mr. Kraus: I do not, no. Deputy Mayor Denning: It is a city manager type of government. Council sets the rules and the city manager and staff take care of everything day-to-day versus the mayor in here all the time. Large cities like New York, the mayor would be the city manager/mayor at the same time.

Ms. Lommatzsch: We've already talked to you and you've gone on our board, what's the fire in your belly to get involved? I understand what you say about Cardinal Hill and I have watched that recreation club ebb and tide and I can see there are issues there. I have used that club before, but your availability and your responsibilities and you mentioned the roads. You know we just had a levy that we lost by a very slim margin. I would like to have seen a little more community support in getting that done. I don't know how you feel about going to the community for more money because that is what we are going to have to do. I'd like your feelings on how you feel about that how we should approach the community to get more money. You mentioned the roads, we don't have but \$350,000 a year to put in the budget for roads and that doesn't even crack the egg. I am interested in knowing what the candidates tonight feel about our approach to the community and how we are going to find some more cash to pay the bills. Mr. Kraus: Honestly, that is a really tough thing to do especially now-a-days;

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if you look at surrounding communities with how much trouble they are having getting school levies to pass. I have nieces and nephews that have gone to Beavercreek and that is a tremendous school system, but they can't get people to fork over an extra dime to keep teachers and arts in the system. Ms. Lommatzsch: You are preaching to the choir here. I am interested in how you feel about what we should do to put more money in the bank. Mr. Kraus: The only thing I can think of off the top of my head is to go door-to-door and try and get people to talk to you and get them to have a conversation. If they get to know you a little bit better then maybe they would be more interested in what you have to say and what you are asking them to do. Ms. Lommatzsch: I've walked this community eight times and sometimes you can't even get them to open the door; they think you are a solicitor. In this day and age, I am not sure that is what people are expecting. We've tried it electronically; we sent out mail information, which we can do legally, we can send out info but can't ask for the vote. We have a fiscal issue in this community and I am interested in how the candidates feel about addressing that because it is not going away. Mr. Kraus: As far as you said knocking on people's door and they don't answer; being involved in the parks events like I am, I mean that is a great opportunity that maybe we haven't used. They can't shut the door when they are in a park. If it is just as far as a table and handing out information, at least you can get in front of the people a little bit more that way. Ms. Lommatzsch: We scheduled four community meetings and never had more than 15 people attend. Mayor Flaute: But we did at the park things. Ms. Lommatzsch: When I did parks the year before, we didn't have a lot but we had people. Mr. Kraus: That would be my point, when you schedule a community meeting you are asking people to take time out of their day to do something they may not be interested in doing, but when you do it at a park event, it is almost sort of a bribe. You are giving them a good time in a park in their neighborhood, they can come out and see a local band and you will get more involvement in situations like that. Ms. Lommatzsch: Not a bad idea. Mr. Kraus: Me, personally, I'd rather go to see a band play then go to another meeting, the meetings I already go to. Ms. Lommatzsch: Then would you like me to stop the band and start talking about levies and money? Mr. Kraus: If you kept it short and sweet I think it would be o.k. Ms. Lommatzsch: Their children are there; there is a whole lot of stuff to talk about. Deputy Mayor Denning: There are commercials on television.

Mayor Flaute: I am very interested in taking Riverside outside its borders; I try to attend a lot of events and also try to attend a lot of events inside. What are your feelings and are you interested in going to events and would time allow you to do that? Mr. Kraus: Time would allow me to do some of it, but I wouldn't do it all. I am involved in other organizations that I would probably have to scale back commitments to; I have a newborn infant daughter at home, too, so that it is a big time consumer for me right now, but yes, I would be willing to attend events, if necessary; shake some hands and try to get people more involved in the community.

Mr. Curp: Tell me how you function in a group decision making capacity. Mr. Kraus: I consider myself a team player; I think you can get a lot more accomplished by listening than by speaking when it comes to being in a group to feel your crowd out and understand who you are dealing with and hear what they have to say. Sometimes it seems like the person who gets heard the most is the one who speaks the loudest, but I think it is better to be a listener. Mr. Curp: Tell me a bit about your feelings about property maintenance and housing maintenance, if you make your way around the community you see some streets or some neighborhoods or just individual situations here or there that need some attention and sometimes it takes a little more communication with folks and more directed communication to motivate people to improve the appearance of their property. What is your opinion? Mr. Kraus: I do take pride in a freshly mowed lawn and I think I take it as a bit of a competition when I look at my neighbors lawns. I think if your house looks nice then your neighbor's are going to want theirs to look a little bit nicer, too. I thought about this before, if each

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individual neighborhood in the city had a bi-monthly competition to see who would be voted the nicest property in that area, a monetary reward would be nice, but probably not in the cards; I do know in the City of Kettering they have a marker they can put in their yard that they are given for city beautification. I think something like that would be helpful in situations and maybe somebody pulls the weeds a bit more than they would or cleans the front of the house more than they would normally when they see that their neighbor across the street has that. Mr. Curp: Give me your opinion about the city's trash collection process and quality of the service that is out there. Mr. Kraus: I have no qualms with the trash collection. I think they do a fantastic job; a great job at my house anyway. They pick it up when they are supposed to and my trash cans are where I left them. They don't leave them in the middle of the street or middle of my driveway or anything. They are usual there about the same time every week. I don't have a complaint about them. Mr. Curp: Tell me about your impression of the mix of businesses and services that are available in the City of Riverside. Mr. Kraus: It is always nice to have more, but I think considering the size of our town, I think we have a decent collection of locally owned businesses, especially restaurants, it seems like we have a decent amount of those. The new grocery store that opened not far from our house is a nice addition to the community as well. I hear they have great food in there, but I haven't been in there to eat, yet. Mr. Curp: What would you do to attract more businesses? Mr. Kraus: I guess promote the existing businesses; try to get more people interested in what we have already. If we can promote those businesses and they gain more people through the door, I would think it would drive up the interest in wanting to be in our town. Mr. Curp: How would you work to create synergy in Riverside as we are kind of fragmented as we are split in half by WPAFB and Eastwood Lakes? Mr. Kraus: I guess you would have to try to promote a sense of community as much as possible. Our park events do a half-way decent job of that. We could always do better, but anything you can do to get people together in one space as often as possible.

B) Freda Patterson: Most of you know of me, at least, I have been here to your meetings before. Out of my 52 years of life, 44 years have been spent living in Riverside, back to when it was Mad River township and then into the City of Riverside. I recently have had a lot of concern about our city and community as a whole, I believe it is a good place to live, to work, to raise a family, but there are also things that need improved. We do have some issues, unfortunately. I started awhile back to try to address some of those with city council and with Chief Robinson. It was going along great, then my mother got sick and she needed 24-hour care and I needed to take a step back from all of that. Now, I have the availability again, and decided I wanted to go ahead after seeing the position open and apply for it. See if I couldn't help to improve things in our city. Mr. Curp: You mentioned in your comments you were aware of concerns and issues, tell us about some of the major concerns that come to your attention. Ms. Patterson: The same for every community, the opioid crisis that is causing petty theft everywhere, constantly, at least in our area, and I am not out much at night, but you see people with backpacks on and looking up driveways and trying to see in windows. That is a big concern. I have dogs so I am not as concerned as someone without them, but people have problems leaving their houses because of petty theft. They are getting in their cars at night, which has actually happened to me in my driveway, to people going into people's houses. Thankfully, I have not heard of any incidents of any fights or physical contacts from those instances, but people are losing their items. Mr. Curp: Do they get into cars because people leave their doors unlocked or do they actually break in? Ms. Patterson: A majority of the time people are leaving their doors unlocked, and unfortunately, they feel like that is a better option than having their windows broken because that has happened a couple of times so they leave their doors unlocked. I leave my doors unlocked, but if I do, I also don't leave anything in it for anybody to take. Mr. Curp: Beyond the opioids, when you take a look at the city as a whole, what do you see as a basic need for the community? Ms. Patterson: I do agree that we are in need of road repair and I will go ahead and address

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that. I think the biggest problem with the levy that was put out there for the roads was that it was a forever levy. People wanted a one or two year and wanted to know from city council what roads are you planning on improving with this. Do you already have this in mind like with the Airway Road situation? A lot of them are concerned that we go ahead and approve this and raise our taxes and our neighborhood gets one street and the other sections get all their streets. I think it would really help if it was a shorter levy just at least at first to show this is working and this is what we are doing; a list of the areas you plan on using that levy towards fixing those streets. Deputy Mayor Denning: So you are saying we didn't communicate well enough about how the funding was going to be spent? Ms. Patterson: It was understood it was going to be spent on the roads, but not locations, what roads...Deputy Mayor Denning: Look at the city, what roads would you pick? They all need done so the answer is; the reason it was a forever levy is because even at that level of tax it wasn't going to be able to do everything. That was only \$2 million a year and we need closer to \$4 million a year to do the job so yeah, the real answer is there is a list out there that says this is these are the worst roads. Where do you normally fix things? You start at the worst and work your way up. Maybe we needed to communicate that better. Ms. Patterson: I myself did not see the list. Deputy Mayor Denning: You know, with \$2 million you can't do every street; you can only do as many as you can do. The reason it was forever is because it is going to take you 20 years to get them all done and guess what, it is time to start over, so that is the reason it was forever. Ms. Patterson: I understand the reasoning, but I'm saying the residents I spoke to about it felt like okay we are not going to agree with something forever when we haven't seen what is coming out of that currently. Deputy Mayor Denning: I understand that; that is the reason we earmarked it specifically for streets so people understood it could only be used for streets. I did read some comments where people were saying, oh they will get it for streets and they will spend it on other stuff. That is totally illegal; we would not be able to do that. I just think they didn't understand the situation. Ms. Patterson: Again, I think if it would have been started out as a one year or two year...Deputy Mayor Denning: That wouldn't do anything. So they you would have done four streets then you don't get it renewed then you are in trouble again. Mayor Flaute: Okay, we aren't debating...Deputy Mayor Denning: It is important to understand it; in order to get it done, it needs to be continuous. Ms. Lommatzsch: It had to be a long range plan. Ms. Patterson: I understand that to keep it going and get them all done, but I think their point from my understanding, and I may be wrong, do it for the one year or two year first and let's see. Prove to us that this is what is getting fixed; a little bit in every neighborhood in the city and then come back and say we need more and then maybe go for the long term. They were just questioning it. In discussing with everyone that was the concern. Deputy Mayor Denning: And it would have been nice if they would have come to one of our community meetings and had those discussions and got those questions answered because at those meetings there were maps out showing what was going to happen. Do you understand how much of your time this position is going to take, do you have an idea? Ms. Patterson: I'm not going to say I'm positive, but I know you guys are typically at any grand openings of restaurants or anything, then the Airway Shopping Center Christmas thing that happens, then the meetings. I am down as self-employed, I get a 1099, but I actually work for a gentleman cleaning empty apartments. My job is always over by 5 pm, most of the time I am done by 2 pm or 3 pm. Deputy Mayor Denning: Can you adjust your schedule if something is going on in the middle of the day? Ms. Patterson: Oh, yes.

Ms. Fry: You seem to be vocal in the community; I'd like to hear your take on what direction you would like the council to take in the community. Ms. Patterson: One of the things I also hear when people do come to the council meetings to express concerns or opinions is they are allotted so much time but they don't get a reply or an answer back. It is not something like "we have to look into that" or "let us get back with you", it is a thank you most of the time so they feel like coming to the meetings gets them nowhere. I would like to see if it can be answered right then or if it is

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something that needs to be looked at that they get back with that individual so they feel they are an important part of the city as a resident. Mayor Flaute: That is what is supposed to happen, yes; if we go Facebook Live that will be a big help. Ms. Campbell: I would like to know your take on the trash company, how do you feel about it. Ms. Patterson: I personally do not care for our trash company. It is my feelings that the contract, which I have seen myself, that was provided and signed by both parties that they have come up with things they are after such as the plastic on the furniture that is not a part of that contract then they say they won't pick it up if it is not so. My understanding of a contract is that it is a legal binding contract and any changes have to be approved by both parties. To my knowledge that has never been approved by the City of Riverside. Many times my trash has been missed; I have had to call. I had billing problems. I had that trash company at the short time I lived in New Carlisle, I dumped them after two months. I came here and was not happy, but thought it had been a while, maybe they have straightened things out as they were new when I first had them. Lately, they have been better, but after me speaking to their manager a few times myself, I think they may make sure they don't miss my trash anymore. I am not happy with that company whatsoever.

Mr. Curp: Tell me how you work in a group decision making environment. Ms. Patterson: Well, obviously not everyone in the group is going to agree with everything all the time. You try to compromise, work things out, so it is something everyone can agree is the best especially in this situation; the best for the city, the best for the residents. Sometimes you have to listen to the other side, maybe compromise or once you understand the other side that you are not seeing, and you may even change your mind on the subject. I think it is about what is best for the city and agreeing to do whatever is best. Mr. Curp: If you are unable to convince the rest of the group of your ideas are you able to let go. Ms. Patterson: Yes, obviously, if it is one person against how many and they are all saying that is not going to work and you explained how you thought it was going to work and they are all saying no we can't do it that way it is not going to work because of this or this or this, then you have to let it go. What would be the point of pushing something that isn't going to work by everyone else's opinion? Mr. Curp: Let me put you on the spot, there are seven of us here, do you think that is the right size? Do you think nine? Or five? What do you think about the size as far as the dynamics of getting things done? Ms. Patterson: I don't quite think five would be enough. You do need different opinions and different ideas. I'm fine with seven. Nine? We aren't a huge city; I don't think it would be required to have that many, if they did fine, but I don't see a requirement for nine.

Mayor Flaute: I know you hear a lot from residents in your neighborhood; I do read the comments and normally don't comment. Going back on a question we had earlier, how would you feel about trying to get the city more cohesive and getting both sides of the city together because we are fragmented? Ms. Patterson: One of the things I pointed out, which there was a little bit of participation, it seems like our park in my neighborhood does not have a lot of city activities. You typically see them in the other parks to the point where a resident and parent decided to do something themselves this past summer. I even mentioned doing something myself this summer. I think a lot of times that is why we feel divided. Our neighborhood is small compared to the other side. To a point it is understanding that more happens towards the south than the north, but very seldom do we see city events in our neighborhood. I think there should be a little more going on that way to let them know the city is involved with them and they do care about them as their residents. Ms. Lommatzsch: Freda and I don't want to talk about... I can't tell you how many times we have planned events in Rohrer Park. We did this summer no more than we did in any other park and I don't want to get into that discussion. I am just concerned in your discussion about the roads, if people feel like I am not going to vote for the levy because they are not going to pave my street; we got a big problem. We all drive on all of those streets. I feel very strongly that is a lot of what happens in some of our neighborhoods. There is this feeling, and I worked really,

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really hard for 39 years in this community between the schools and the city to try and do away with the north and the south. You brought it up; I didn't, but that is what we have to get rid of. We're not a north and a south; we are Riverside. Ms. Patterson: Correct, I agree. Ms. Lommatzsch: I have worked really hard and the Jaycee's put on a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt, which all of your children are invited to attend, and you want to do one in your neighborhood, well, why not encourage your neighborhood to join in, how many years has Jaycee's done that, 20 years? Deputy Mayor Denning: 40. Ms. Lommatzsch: A long time, and there is plenty of room over there for lots of children, why do we have to segment everything and do something up here and do something down here that is what we are trying to get away from. Ms. Patterson: Well why not include that neighborhood that is separation if you are not including that park and that neighborhood. Ms. Lommatzsch: They are included, but they don't every come. Ms. Patterson: They are included by coming across Eastwood and a lot of the children over there have parents that work in the day and they are home alone and they cannot get to the other side of Airway. Ms. Lommatzsch: I understand that, but that is something we have to get away from. I know from the plat rat and all of that, everybody wants you to come and pave your street then I will vote for the levy, well, cities don't operate that way. Ms. Patterson: I didn't take it that way; how I took it was they were concerned that they were going to pass this levy and this side was going to get done and no streets on that side, not the particular street they live on. Of course, I don't any of them expected to pass this levy and the whole plat get done. Deputy Mayor Denning: But just the year before, two streets in the plat got done. Ms. Patterson: Pleasant Valley and Prince Albert were repaved. Deputy Mayor Denning: Exactly, because they were on the list of some of the worst streets that we have.

Mr. Curp: Part of what you are talking about can largely be assisted through improved communications. How would you as a council member improve outflowing communications from the core, here? Ms. Patterson: Like I said, I myself did not see the list of streets that were to be done and I mean call it what it is, if you work all day and you come home, the last thing you typically want to do is go to a meeting someplace. There might have been maps there, but yeah, a lot of us didn't make it to the meeting; I happened to be working second shift at the time and could not make it to the meeting. I think if it would have been more expressed on the council's page; I only knew about one meeting about the roads and that was hearsay through someone else, I never even seen it myself. Most people don't look at the city council page every day. I got the mail; I'd seen about the road levy, but once again, no details. On that side of it, I see where people were feeling uninformed; all we knew was there is a forever levy put out because all of our roads were in despair. We agree the roads are in despair and need fixed, but that was all the information we had. All we kept hearing was Airway, Airway, Airway, which was bad and needed fixed; but that is the only street most of us were hearing. We weren't hearing what other streets or the plan was in the next few years with that money; it was not getting to us, the information was not getting out there. Ms. Lommatzsch: How can we do it better? We tried every which way but loose. You and I are in constant contact. Ms. Patterson: City of Riverside liked on my page, I have Riverside Police liked on Facebook, but these things don't automatically come into our newsfeed. You have to purposefully go to the page to see it. I mean there has to be some way; I am not sure what that answer is, yet, because you are putting it on social media, but it is not getting out there unless you directly go to these people's pages. Ms. Lommatzsch: Isn't there some responsibility for them to go looking for information? Ms. Patterson: I agree; whenever that came up, I did go to the City of Riverside page and once again, I wasn't seeing a lot of this information, either. Maybe you should have said there are maps you could pick up at the office that way if someone who was really concerned about the streets you are doing didn't have to be at the special meeting at a certain time if they didn't want to go or had to work and could stop by on their own time and pick up a map themselves. There has to be more ways to get the information out there especially for a levy or something that

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really needs done so that people understand why this much, why this long. Ms. Lommatzsch: I welcome you to the next meeting Ms. Freda.

Mr. Curp: Streets aside, because I didn't want to talk about the streets, what would you see as a way to improve the communications from here to the citizens? Ms. Patterson: Once again, I think putting out there on things like that there is information that can be picked up at the city on their own. Anything important, I myself, I would put it on my Facebook, here it is; I would reach a lot of people because they are friends on my Facebook. Mr. Curp: I am just exploring here, when was the last time or how frequently do you go to the city's website or city's Facebook page. Ms. Patterson: Basically, once every two weeks. But, I have actually gone through the minutes and have gone back and read years back on some of the minutes. Mr. Curp: My next question is, because you are probably, I would assume, pretty typical of other people who live in the community; why would you go only every two weeks? Is there something about the ease of using the tool? Is it something about the content? Ms. Patterson: I think it is just a thought process. You work, you come home, you are watching TV unless you see something on Facebook from somebody and you wonder what is going on. So, I go to the City of Riverside to figure it out. It is not something people do, go home to the City of Riverside page and see what is going on. Even putting it on there is not getting the information out there. It takes word of mouth from other people and the need or interest of what is going on before they will go and look.

C) Peter Williams: My name is Pete Williams; I've been a resident of Riverside for nearly 10 years, now. I had all of my grade school and high school education here in Riverside, partially when it was still Mad River Township. I've been worshipping in Riverside my entire life and my wife and our three sons all attend church and my sons go to school in Riverside. I am very interested in the opportunity presented here tonight and look forward to any questions you guys might have. Mr. Curp: You've had experience in being through neighborhoods and community and experience in planning and neighborhoods in Greene County. From your observations within our community, observations between our communities and others in Greene County, what do you see is a major need for this community? Mr. Williams: As other candidates have expressed there are infrastructure needs that are apparent, some places more than others. One way of saying that is roads, other ways are saying basic traffic upgrades. I don't think we are as far off as our neighbors as far as the quality of life, the opportunity to do business or what I would consider is the desirability to locate here for a business or for a family. I think there are definitely opportunities and some challenges that we face. I am guessing based on what we have heard already tonight that roads will be a recurring theme, but I know roads are challenge in a lot of other places. It is not just a matter of us being able to pass a levy to pay for roads; it is a matter of us as a city and you as a council and mostly members of the public at large understanding that it is an investment in their success, an investment in their future, and investment in their community. In many ways, communities that are successful protect their investments. They invest in things that will make their neighborhood, their home, their children's school district more desirable over time. That is working in your own best interest not against them. I know it is easy for people to get angry and say, how do I know my street is going to get paved or they are just going to do it over there, the north side of town, or the south side of town, whatever that might be. I think the role of council is really getting people to understand they are partners in our success, and our success depends on them just as their support rides on our success. When I look at neighboring communities whether it is our neighbor to the west, the large metropolitan center city or cities to our east like Beavercreek or Fairborn; there are similarities in many of them. You can drive on roads and not know am I in Riverside still, have I crossed into Fairborn, have I crossed into Beavercreek, have I crossed into Dayton?

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Mr. Williams: I think the neighborhoods in Riverside are very diverse in many ways. Some of them have challenges that others don't. Whether that be how hard they are hit on the opioid crisis or how well property maintenance is or isn't, but again I think my mind at the base level is getting residents to understand for this to remain a community of choice and a destination for people to move to not a place where people are going to moving out of, investments are necessary and infrastructure improvements are an investment in our success. Just as new schools are an investment in our children's education. That is how I see Riverside, today, as opportunity for an investment in our infrastructure.

Mr. Curp: You talk about residents and property owners investing in their future; this is an aging community that can be surprising to people. If you go around this community, knock on doors, and look at the census data, you get to see we are an aging community. There are a lot of people in an aging community who just don't feel it is that essential to make those improvements and investments because they aren't going to be here anyway and it will be up to my kids to take care of the estate, so what do I care if they get \$200,000 for the house or \$150,000 or \$100,000 for the house; I won't be here, it's not my concern. How do we motivate people to invest? Mr. Williams: I don't know that there is a silver bullet to that question; in fact, when you talk about the aging population that Riverside might face, that is an equation the entire state of Ohio is facing right now, every major city in the Midwest is facing if you look at census data. In 2020, we are going to have fewer 18-year-olds in the state of Ohio than we had in 1920 so we are getting grayer as a state. Now, opportunity there, just as I mentioned earlier; the reason you might vote yes for a levy whether it is for road improvements, whether it is for the Dayton Metro Library, whether it is for Mad River Local Schools are because you are compelled for one reason or another that is in your best interest or your family's best interest. I keep thinking that we as a community can sell different reasons to vote yes for a levy. There are different reasons I might vote yes for a levy than my neighbor vote yes for a levy. It might be the same levy for our schools or the same levy for our roads, but again I think the lines of communication being open and listening the copious and voluminous benefits of a new roads program for the city that goes on for the next 20 years, or for supporting our school system, or for the libraries or metro parks; I feel like sometimes we treat things as a one size fits all. You are going to vote yes for the school levy because you love Mad River Schools, but maybe you vote yes for the school levy because you want the kids in your neighborhood to have a great opportunity, you don't really care about Mad River School per se, but again I think it is finding that thing that will compel a property owner or citizen to vote yes for something and it is not always going to be the same thing. It is not always going to be the magic answer that is not necessarily the case, but again I think having those lines of dialogue open and having the lines of communication open and answering questions.

Mayor Flaute: I am a big proponent of taking Riverside outside its borders; I've gone to Columbus to try and advocate cities in general and for Riverside. Would you feel comfortable doing that? Mr. Williams: Absolutely, and I believe you have been on the fly-in as well, haven't you, mayor? Mayor Flaute: That is correct. Mr. Williams: You aren't just taking Riverside of here to other parts of the county or region; you are taking it to the capitol. I think that is an incredible important part of the role that council plays. I think for that reason that I am well suited for a role such as this because I am well positioned currently in a number of volunteer positions on local boards whether it be the board secretary for Dayton Offense, whether it be on the inaugural leadership committee for the Wight-Patterson Community Partnership Initiative back in 2014, from my previous position with the Greene County Department of Development being fairly closely tied to the Jobs Ohio West Region and the Dayton Development Coalition. We as a region and the Midwest at large don't have the resources we had 50 years ago or we could all go it alone. It is critical for us as a city and for you as a council is to figure out where there's resources at our

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disposal whether it is partnerships; whether it is working with our neighbors in Fairborn, our neighbors in Beavercreek, Dayton, Kettering, Huber Heights, our bordering cities; working with Montgomery County, working with the Dayton Development Coalition and figuring out why is Riverside a good investment for certain things and that is only going to come by us being out talking to those people and having those conversations making sure that people whether it is local government through the PDAC process or whether it is being more present at a place like the Dayton Defense Association, which has 500 defense firms that are members and making sure they know about this wonderful office space and making sure we are present and available. If I need to talk to somebody at Riverside, I am going to go directly to Mayor Flaute, Councilwoman Lommatzsch, etc..., Councilman Curp; it is only going to come by us getting out.

Deputy Mayor Denning: Do you have any magic ideas on how we can better communicate with our community in general? Mr. Williams: No magic and no silver bullet, but I any time I take a multiple choice test, I always look for 'D - All of the Above' and I think when I look at our friends in Fairborn, for example, a professional colleague and friend with the City Manager Rob Anderson and he does Facebook Live broadcasts probably once a week sometimes just highlighting a local business, sometimes highlighting large defense firms moving into Fairborn, sometimes a Wright-Patt event, etc... that is not to say if we figure out the Facebook Live function on our smart phones it is going to solve all of Riversides problems because it is not, but I think a steady stream of a number of different lines of communication out. I think it is going to come from one-on-one interactions this body is able to have with people whether it is at council meetings on Thursday evenings or Tuesday evenings, a BZA meeting, a Planning Commission meeting, a Parks Commission meeting; or is it during a few of the occasions over the course of the year. One of the questions the first two candidates received is how do we unify a city that is geographically isolated; we do still have a few events over the course of a year where there are a lot of people from Riverside together at one time whether it is going to the Jaycee's around Halloween, whether it is an Easter Egg Hunt, whether it is a big festival on Burkhardt Drive; what are we doing to take advantage of those opportunities where there is a large number of people together already and how do we build into our calendar being in front of those people. I think some of those touch points that are most important to me are the times I see the Riverside Police Department and Fire Department coming to my sons school at St. Helen's; whether it is the school resource officer or somebody stopping by and my kids have a positive interaction and they can't wait to come home and tell me about who it was they talked to and who it was they saw. That makes a difference; it doesn't always come by one of these seven people or the city manager talking directly to a resident about whether why Nora or Sheller is getting paved next spring. It is going to come by every employee of the city and every volunteer of the city having positive interactions that is just one of the steady stream of things that can come out. I think it has to come from a baseline of people ready to be a force multiplier to use a military term, a force multiplier for our good news. It is never going to be using this one device or use this one type of mailer. It is going to take a lot of those things; I look at Rob in Fairborn and think he is always talking about something, always telling you some good news, some of it big, some of it very large; but it is always something good to say 'oh yeah, that is a cool little coffee shop' or 'that's cool that defense firm is going to be adding 50 jobs'. I think, I can't wait to see Mark Carpenter giving those updates about 5100 Springfield.

Deputy Mayor Denning: So what I heard was we need to take advantage of existing opportunities that are already going on in the community, community event-wise as well as forming our own community events. Mr. Williams: Well, yeah, exactly, you said it better than I did, certainly shorter than I did. I think anybody can look at a map of the city and figure out we are not formed as a Dayton or a Xenia, which went from the center out that is okay. I think there is more that unites us than divides us. I still

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think there are wonderful schools that give us something to all have in common. There are events that give us something to all have in common; something we can all attend. We can all come to a Christmas tree lighting; we can all come to an Easter Egg Hunt; we can all come to a haunted house. Everybody is welcome at the St. Helen's festival, etc... I reference St. Helen's because that is where I go to church. I look at things like that and think there is a lot going on in our community and to people who say there is not enough here or not enough there well, then, open your eyes and look around; there is plenty to do. I think the city can take advantage of that by having a bigger presence in some of those things. I know the mayor is the emcee of our festival for three days you hear his voice. I know that Deputy Mayor Denning you are very involved with the haunted house. There are things where I want people to know that is our mayor there, that's our deputy mayor there. Our council is out in the community; they are a part of this community. They are doing those things.

D) Kyle Winning: Mr. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and esteemed council, I want to go a little bit different; first I want to tell you a little bit about myself. First, I'm the father of two preschoolers and I have a wonderful opportunity to volunteer in their classroom and that is probably one of the best things I've ever done in life. I'm a loving husband to an amazing wife; we just celebrated our five year anniversary on top of a mountain so we have that going for us. I'm currently a college student expected to finish sometime late April, beginning of May, depending on exam schedule. I am an individual who has always put service before self. I grew up in the scouting organization doing service projects whether it is going around raking people's yards. I'm currently involved with parks and rec. I'm currently involved with volunteering at the school. I give about two days a week a couple of time a month. I'm currently involved with the solar project between the mayor and city manager, Mr. Carpenter, trying to find the city some savings and a way to polish off our image with some innovation and cutting edge. I've applied for the charter review commission. A couple of things I am really proud of; I'm a serial blood donor. One of the things I would love to do is bring a blood donation into the City of Riverside; there is no organization that currently does. I am, I apologize, this is a little bit of a hard topic to talk about as it is still pretty fresh, I'm a living kidney donor. I decided I would sacrifice one of my organs to impact somebody's life and give them their life back and get them off dialysis. It turns out I was able to get seven kidneys to move around the country via my sacrifice so I formed a living kidney chain and seven people got new kidneys and started their life over.

Mr. Winning: I like to think of myself as a person who is very objective. I like to listen to the evidence and form an opinion based off the data and the results. I don't like to go into things with a preconceived notion, and I will be the first to admit I am not afraid to change my opinion on something with evidence that supports otherwise. I like to innovate and always come up with new ideas; last council meeting sitting here listening to the computer upgrades after the meeting I was able to talk to the Assistant City Manager Mr. Lohr and he is currently exploring a new computer option of virtual machines and thin clients and it has the possibility of modernizing our computers, savings us some money, saving us some IT money so that is one of the ideas listening. I love sitting back here and listening to you guys going on about topics like the K-Mart topic. One of the things I would love to see with K-Mart is to put a bike comfort station right next to that bike path. I would love to team up with a bike shop or some sort of small deli or whatever, put that in there and change that over to some retail and get people to come into our community. One of the reasons I applied for this, last election was very hard on me; I came in very close next in line and I want to finish the legacy I started. I said I was going to commit myself to the city so here I am committing myself. I think this is the next logical step from parks and rec and the other things I am doing to step up.

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Mr. Winning: I'd like to kind of go over my wish list of things I want to see the city do. The first thing, and it is a common thing we've heard about and if I had an answer to it, I'd be a very rich man selling it to other cities; selling my formula, it's citizen outreach and citizen engagement. The road levy was just narrowly defeated and I think with more, not that we are doing anything wrong, but if we go to the next level with our citizen engagement we might have won a few more votes. Ms. Lommatzsch had the wonderful 'council on a field trip' meetings where we went to different parks and invited the residents to come out. I feel like that was a great idea, I want to continue it and grow on it. Some of the things I think we can grow on it is to go to the VFW, the American Legions, the HOAs, the churches and look at resources like our rec centers, Eastview and Cardinal Hill and ask if we can have a cookout with council for them. It gets their members to come in and gives us a chance to talk to them and gives us even more importantly a chance to even listen to them and hear what their concerns are. That is the only way we are going to build good will with our citizens; it is not something we can buy some Facebook ads, although that might get a couple so I wouldn't discredit it, but we have to start today and everyday keep building on the citizen engagement. No city got it overnight and we aren't going to get it overnight. We now do the Facebook Live; we upload to YouTube. One of the other things I would like to look at is the public access TV; can we get it on there? Any way we can get in front of people's eyes and give them the information. I go back to the road levy, we had meetings, but you can lead a horse to water, you can't make it drink. We have to get information out there in any way we can be it Facebook, the newsletters, hosting more community events, showing up at more community events and just being present. Have your name tag on saying I am Kyle Winning, council member, and talk to people, listen to what people want to see, see what they want to do. One of the most important aspects of that is an education blitz. I'm talking about selling Riverside on Riverside. One thing I heard a lot advocating for the road levy was our taxes are so expensive, we can't afford it, this community is so expensive. In reality, we are not. Millage for millage and income tax for income tax, we are one of the cheapest. We are beat by Bellbrook because they don't have an income tax and Germantown is the only other one combined that is cheaper. We need to let our residents know that. We want to offer them five star services, but right now we have a one star tax rate. We need to let them know inflation, wages go up, asphalt is more expensive that is why we need it and we need to let them know they are already getting a great product, but they aren't necessarily paying for that great product. We've nicked and dined and scrounged and found money to make it happen and that's why we want more money.

Mr. Winning: One of my big initiatives will be modernizing the city. We are now about a quarter of a century old so we have gone through some growing pains and we need to get ready for the next quarter century. By doing that, for starters, raising taxes is horrible nobody wants to raise taxes, but I think we all can agree a user fee would be one of the most equitable ways to raise some money. I would like for city staff to look at what we charge for a plan review. Do we charge \$25 for a pool and all the other communities charge \$100? Yet, we are putting in \$150 worth of labor to get it done, well then we need to raise the fee to offset the money we are spending. If somebody doesn't want to pay it, then they don't put in a pool. I think that is a very equitable way. I also want to look at doing something like a performance audit. When I was at Beavercreek Township, they hired a consultant to come in and do a performance audit and everybody was very skeptical at first. When all was said and done, for every dollar they spent in the first year, they had about \$4 worth of savings. They looked at everything, are we plowing roads the most efficient? That was one of the examples that stood out; they realized they were driving over the same mileage a lot to get from neighborhood to neighborhood via their routes so they were able to drop down on plow truck to still be efficient by redoing their route. That is less wear and tear that is less gas that is less employee expenses. I also want to make sure we are following industry best practices. Part of that is a fleet replacement cycle. We've leased some police cruisers; we've just bought two fire trucks back-to-back. It seems like

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everything wants to break at the same time. In that performance audit, I would instruct them to do a fleet replacement and come up with if we have 10 police cruisers and they last five years, we get a police cruiser every year so the hit is not as hard in every single year. Let's space out our fire trucks; if we can do one every five or ten years instead of both in the same year, it will help the city's budget kind of balance itself out. Also want to look at staffing, one of the things they looked at that I agreed with was staffing. One of these examples was they hired four part-timers to cut grass in the summer. The consultants, they use an expert in each field, they were able to say you need three part-timers and one full-timer and you can catch up over the winter on other stuff and have more people to cut grass so you don't need to bring another part-timer in. One of the projects I talked about was the solar project, which I am really excited about. I am hoping to hear some numbers from them any day now. We are a week or two out from their self-imposed deadline, but that is something like I said, I want people to drive down Woodman Drive and see the City of Riverside with solar panels and a nice little sign that says 'X amount of CO₂ saved, X amount of energy saved' and people can go wow, Riverside is on it. At the same time the current goal is no upfront city spending, the city won't spend a penny, and yet in year, somewhere between two and four, depending on the exact rates they are going to give us, the city will be saving money and will save that money in perpetuity until we no longer run the buildings. That is an innovative idea we can look at and grow it out to the schools and help our community.

Mr. Winning: I'm currently on parks and rec, and we do four events a year, one in each park. We kind of decided as a group that, and I fully support, instead of doing four little events let's do one big central event to help get rid of the north and south. We are geographically challenged as we all know, seven little islands floating in a sea of other cities. We are very challenged with having multiple high schools. We have Dayton, we have Fairborn, we have Beavercreek, we have Stebbins, and we have Carroll; so even football doesn't bring us together on Friday night. Every Friday night everybody goes one of five other places. I think trying to get a large community event, and I know in year's past they did the heritage festival at Shellabarger, that kind of ended and maybe revamping and using it to revamp Riverside at the same time. That is kind of my grandiose plans; I welcome any questions.

Ms. Fry: So you have been very engaged in the city over the past two years that I have known you, what decisions has the council made that you would have liked to see us go a different direction or go a little bit further. Where would you have taken the city if you were on council? Mr. Winning: One of them was, I think there needed to be done into before we did the road levy. I fully understand why we did the road levy and how we did it trying to get a bond only knowing it will cover only about half. I would have liked to look and see if that was the best option. That probably would have had to hire an expert to come in because none of us are experts on it and nobody knows what the polling is on people supporting income versus people who support levies. I tend to think a levy will do better because it is assigned and it is something people can pick and choose. I think it was kind of one of those; I support putting the levy out there and I know we did and I am sad it failed because in a couple of years we will have some dirt paths, but it is one of those I think needed to be part of a bigger conversation and maybe looking at the police levy coming up at this time and a fire levy coming up at this time and maybe do a little bit more long term strategic planning with it to make sure the levy was the biggest need today and it fits into our 20 year needs.

Ms. Fry: So you have a long list of goals. As you know this is a city manager government and you have one person, one vote on a council of seven. How would you strategically enact those goals? Mr. Winning: A lot of it starts with a conversation. No single person can do up there and I think to do anything as a group we all need to sit down have conversations, be respectful of each other, listen to each other, because we won't get anywhere if we don't listen, and frankly, a lot of my ideas will probably

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never come to fruition, but some of them might. I would rather have 10 options instead of two, and then two doesn't work and then we are out of options. I think a lot of it is having some more dialogue. I like the idea of having a council retreat where you can go away from this room, go to another location and talk and not feel pressured on how this vote is going and how that vote is going. Get to know each other and know what people's ideas are in a non-pressure environment and then everybody can row towards the common goal.

Mayor Flaute: I spoke earlier about taking Riverside outside its boundaries going to the state and those kinds of things; do you have any ideas or thoughts about that? Mr. Winning: Well, travel is absolutely one of my favorite things to do; in DC I have actually got a really nice crawfish restaurant that serves some amazing Cajun food, if you are ever there I'll take you there, but I believe the people sitting up on this dais need to be the number one cheerleader for the city. You representing the citizens that your voice is the voice that others can hear. Citizens come to the council with complaints, ideas, whatever, and I feel if I were a councilman that it would be my duty to take that message and advocate for the city like I have advocated for everything before in my life. It is my job; I take for example Woodman road wall that is going to be a very expensive project. That little section for \$60,000 was quite eye opening and personally I would like to go up to the state house, meet with our representatives, meet with the governor and say we have this problem. There are 26,000 cars a day and a very small percentage of that is Riverside residents; this is a main arterial for the region. We need help. I'd go to Mike Turner's office and I'd sell it to him that we have cars going off the road; it's an unsafe road they are driving through the base's fence that is a security concern. We need to do something with the base to alleviate this security concern of replacing this world's most expensive fence because it twists the wrong way. We need to go advocate to our elected representatives who are higher than us and let them know what our needs are and get them to understand why we need what we need and fight tooth and nail to hopefully get them to help us.

Mr. Curp: You talked about enhanced internal communications, increasing engagement that sort of thing. This council meets twice a month for one night. Years ago this council met two times a week for two weeks. Do you think the council spends enough time together, has enough time to do the communications, the conversations? How would you sell that if you think there is more time needed to be together? Mr. Winning: Well, honestly, I believe the council is a paid position, you are a professional of the city; I don't think it would be unreasonable to ask every Thursday night that council gets together. Maybe two of them are business meetings to cut down on the amount citizens might feel they need to come in and the other two weeks of the month and the occasional third would be a work session. Those would be great opportunities to give out our employee recognition awards, our promotions, our retirements, those kinds of things. I feel having more time and having a work session where a lot of times the work sessions do go on because there is a lot of serious material that people talk about. I believe if we did every other week work session then business meeting at the work sessions there would be no time limit on we need to be done, we can't talk about that even though that is the will of what the council wants to talk about. I think that would give a situation where we can have an open an honest, frank dialogue and if it goes until 10:00 pm talking about one topic and as long as it is productive then that is what happens, but at least the conversation is happening. Every member of council could know what every other member of council is thinking not worrying about I have two minutes before it is time to move on to the next meeting so I am going to cut this short. Ms. Lommatzsch: We used to do that. Mr. Curp: As a council member what would you foresee your number one obligation being to your neighbors or to the community as a whole, or each? Mr. Winning: My number one obligation to the citizens would be at first listening to them. When I ran my campaign, I put my email out, I put my cell phone out and I took a fair number of calls from people who, what do you think about this or what do you think about that? I think that

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is important for being available for citizens to talk to you. If a citizen has a concern, meet with them and talk to them, I want to know what the will of the citizen is before I make a decision not what I think might be right or wrong. I take for instance the City of Dayton did a referendum on how the city felt about decriminalizing marijuana. I believe that is a fantastic tool to find out what your citizens want on some of your more controversial topics. Obviously, you won't use it for everything because there is costs, but if we have a big decision coming up, letting the citizens speak on that decision to know how they feel because they are the number one reason for the city. Without our citizens we wouldn't have a city so we need to make sure we are listening to our citizens and doing what our citizens want and I believe if we do that it will help out the engagement, that will help out the outreach, get people excited; they're going to want to partake and be involved. Mayor Flaute: Facebook Live. Ms. Lommatzsch: It's not Facebook Live, you need to work face-to-face with people and I want to have more of the park kind of events in a casual environment. Mr. Winning: I agree with that, but I believe the Facebook Live is a tool and costs very little for us to use so let's use it. If we can get Snapchat Live or Instagram or whatever the new hottest things are, let's do it. Any time we can get in front of our citizens have them listening to what is going on it will benefit us, but I do love the, and I've mentioned the cookout with council or cup of coffee with council. I used to love Flightline Coffee and I am still sad they are going, but to say, you know at Tuesday, 10:00 am, I'll be there have a cup of coffee with me. Or it is the mayor, city manager, or Lori Minnich, whoever to go out in the community and be approachable. One of the things I have really always liked is one of the suburbs of Denver; their mayor is an active bicyclist. He actually started a Saturday morning bike club where they do casual bike rides and people show up to go on the bike ride, talk to the mayor, and learn about what is going on, and he hears from them. I would love if we could find something like that that fits Riverside. I don't know if biking with the mayor is the answer, but there is something out there. Sorry mayor, I didn't mean for you to get a bike. Mayor Flaute: You are fine that idea has been floated around some; you are not off at all. Ms. Lommatzsch: The Chamber does have events that are open to the community that some people choose to participate and others don't. Mr. Winning: Yes ma'am, they do. Ms. Lommatzsch: So it can be embellished. There are many, many opportunities. I couldn't get Facebook Live to work on my phone, but I'm not technologically astute. Mr. Winning: There was something about having to have the app on your phone and I don't have that because it kills the battery. When it is recorded you can go back and see it, you just can't see it live. Ms. Lommatzsch: Thanks for coming to every meeting, sir. Mr. Winning: It is my Thursday night, get away from the kids and figure out where my city is going.

E) Mike Smith: Good evening, okay, Mayor did you ask a question, I'm sorry. Mayor Flaute: Why are you interested in coming back to council? Mr. Smith: I was sitting back there asking myself that. I'm just very thankful you give me the opportunity to come before you this evening and meet with you. As you know I was on council for 16 years and on various committees prior to that and I think you have some good applicants here this evening. To be honest with you, I don't think I am ready to come back. I am going to set this one out. I've changed my mind been thinking about it today, thinking about my free time now that I am retired. I really like that free time; we bought a place at the lake and I am up there a lot, actually I will be up there tomorrow. Mayor Flaute: Thank you Mr. Smith, thank you being honest. Deputy Mayor Denning: Thank you for coming in and telling us that rather than not showing up at all. Mr. Smith: Yeah, I think you have some good candidates and I had my turn in the barrel 16 years; I think it is time to let somebody new try. Maybe in the future I will come back and give it a go again, right now I just want to enjoy some more retirement.

F) Daniel Todd: First of all, I am nervous as heck; you all know me, most of you. I came here from the military in 1985. In 1986, I became a volunteer with the Mad River Township Fire Department. I stayed with that until I became full time

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in 1992. Since then, we became a city and I retired in 2010 medically for my knees. It was a hard thing to do, but that is where I am at, right now, I decided I missed being with the citizens of Riverside. Being with the fire department, I enjoyed my time. Now, I thought it was time to get back in with the opportunity and I thought I would go ahead and see, maybe, this is what I want to do so that is what I am here for right now. Any questions, I am open, if I'm nervous, I'm sorry; I'm an introvert. C'mon Sara you got something. Ms. Lommatzsch: I think I know a whole lot about where you are and what you believe, and you have always been an asset to this city. Mr. Todd: Thank you very much, again, I enjoyed working with the city, the only thing is that was never brought up before, like you stated, I am computer illiterate. I know you can get online every now and then for the City of Riverside, but Facebook and all this, it's all new to me. The only thing I always looked forward to was the newsletter. My neighbors enjoy reading that, too. Sometimes it is thick and you really enjoy the stuff and other ones you get are thin and you wonder what the heck came out with the newsletter. Personally, I think some of the other individuals...I did not know there was a list printed unless it is online about the roads. That should have been in the newsletter. If it was, I apologize, but I didn't see it. Deputy Mayor Denning: It is a very long list and your newsletter probably would have been three or four times as thick. Mr. Todd: I would say spend the money on it. Ms. Lommatzsch: It wasn't online, but it was at the meetings, Dan, and then after the levy was over and then I got lambasted because people said they worked second shift so why didn't you have a breakfast meeting; and I'm thinking...Mr. Todd: You can have all the meetings you want, people are going to come if they want to come, if they don't come. Deputy Mayor Denning: If they think it is important they will be there. Ms. Lommatzsch: If it is important to them. Mr. Todd: Correct, and I as a citizen of Riverside, I put your guidance in my hands. You guys are dealing with us hoping you will benefit us. The only time I come to a meeting is if something is wrong that's the way it should be. Ms. Lommatzsch: Except for a very few of our faithfuls. Mr. Todd: Other than that, there is no need; you are doing your job well. I used to come quite a bit since I have officially retired, I'm done. Deputy Mayor Denning: So your answer is no news is good news. Mr. Todd: For me, yeah. We are landlocked from the Mad River days, Dayton gobbled up everything they could before we became a city so we are landlocked. Getting money, you can ask questions on how we are getting extra money. The real answer is you will have to adjust the income tax. People don't like that, but that is the only means you got because we have nothing else. We have the K-Mart building; I don't know what is going on with that. It would be nice to have a Menard's there; my wife has to help me as she has a better memory than I got. Stuff like that I understand, roads are number one and like I said and I was watching the vote on that and I saw it was so close, but you got to keep trying.

Mr. Todd: Getting back to Councilman Curp, what would you do for the beautification of the area? The problem in like in our area, Beverly Gardens, it is more elderly now. The elderly like to keep the yards up, no disrespect to young ones, but I am retired. The younger ones don't appear to take care of the houses, like they have other things to do; they are on the go. The older people that is all we got ride your mower, trim it; she knows. You go down Travis in my area and you can see there are some dumps; they don't care. A lot of people that I know feel bad about it and so do I because it effects the whole neighborhood. Mr. Curp: How would you motivate? Mr. Todd: I knew you were going to do that that is a good question. It is not for the council, I mean, there is a situation on Bayside and Travis for a trailer and I brought it up twice, why is it allowed to stick there and I think the reason is because there is a concrete pad, but that is what neighbors around my area are saying, why is that trailer still sitting here? I don't know. How to get the other people involved? I am only associated with my area and I try to get around and help the elderly; I snow blow their sidewalks for them. I don't know the answer for that. You guys have been here for a longer period of time and I am just starting new; I really don't know. I'd sit there a listen to everybody; everybody has a view. It doesn't mean you have to side with that view the

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majority wins, that is the government, but at least if I get elected my view is going to be stated. Mayor Flaute: You do feel comfortable giving your point of view? Mr. Todd: Oh, yes, I won't sit back and not say my view; my wife even knows that. Ms. Lommatzsch: He never has. Mr. Todd: Thank you. Mr. Curp: How would you sell your ideas in a group decision making environment? Mr. Todd: How would I sell my ideas? I think the overall my views would be for the benefit of the whole city not just certain areas. That is the only thing I can say; it has to affect the whole city, if it is only affecting me then I am not going to side with an individual if it is only affecting that side. We are still one city and that is the way we have to act. You all are; I'm not saying you are not. I'm up here because of the situation you have is an open seat. I am sitting here retired, I'm sitting back, and the wife says I spend too much time in the house, but I'd like to try the other side, sit there where you are at and make decisions for the city for the benefit of the city and then you hope you do it right. That is why you have seven so the majority wins, if you do it wrong you will hear from it, if you do it good maybe you will hear from them, maybe if not then you are doing it good. This is my chance, like I said, I'm an introvert, and I don't like getting out. This slot is open and is an opportunity to learn then after that seat is up for grabs then it is the time to decide do I want to get out and push for my re-election. That is about all I can say. It is a short year, but enough that you can learn from it and really get into where you guys are at and what you are feeling. That is where I want to try before I pass on; I'm getting older now, got to try something new, and I do love the City of Riverside.

Mr. Curp: What would you view your number one obligation to your neighbors as being, or to the community at large? Mr. Todd: My neighborhood is elderly right now so a lot of them don't really get into it; some they look forward to the newsletter. I, personally, I do, too. I miss it when it is real thick, when you get it thin I'm going that is a waste of time. You ask some good questions. It is really hard to sit here and give an answer based on somebody else's feelings. I don't know how to answer that; I really don't. The neighbors, the elderly stay to themselves unless you know them. Other than that as a council person you have to work as a unit for the whole city and I understand that. I can be available; I'm retired, not working. Ask something simple I can answer.

Ms. Fry: So you were on the original city charter committee so you have seen the city progress and grow as a city. What are your thoughts on how we have done? Mr. Todd: I think the city has progressed well. Like I said, when I was with the fire department, the dream was to put the city hall right here on Springfield to basically divide up the city. That was the smartest thing to do; again if people want to come they will come, but at least you can say you are centrally located. I loved that idea totally. The city could be so much better if we had money. We are landlocked and we are limited on friends. The one gentleman stated earlier, we are one of the lowest rating for income tax and the bottom line, people don't want to hear it; you're going to have to increase it that is the only way the city is going to survive. The bottom line is because you don't want the state to take over and I would never want Riverside to be taken over by the state. I'd pay whatever I had to in income tax or whatever to keep it alive. Ms. Lommatzsch: You'll be on the next committee, too. Mr. Todd: Individuals if they have complaints that is when they show up; that's the way it is. If you don't have people showing up to complain then basically you are doing your job. That is what you hope for in the long run. Increase the newsletter, put more info in it. I do look forward to that; I don't like online stuff. Ms. Lommatzsch: You are not by yourself.

ITEM 7: CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Janice Pitzer: First, I want to thank the people that did apply for this. I did ask for the resumes, the applications, and the letter of interest to know more about these candidates, but I was not given that. I would like to know does the city do any type of background check on these applicants. Anybody can put anything down on paper. In other words, has anyone been convicted of a crime? Are their property taxes current

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here in Riverside as well as City of Dayton properties? Are there any code violations on their properties? Do the candidates have full time jobs and how much time can they devote to the city? This is more than just meeting more than two Thursdays out of the month. This requires a lot of time and dedication. What boards and commissions are any of the candidates on? I did hear Mr. Winning say he is on parks and rec, and I believe Mr. Kraus you are on parks and rec. I am one of the faithful that come to the meetings and I am wondering do these candidates read the minutes although they are not truly reflected of what goes on in the city. Do they pay attention to the budget and the figures? Are they aware of the bidding process? There is so much involved in seating someone on this council and I just would like some of my questions answered. Thank you.

Mr. Steve Massa: I don't really have an issue, I just have some thoughts that I want to convey to the council. One of my thoughts is it doesn't really matter who we are going to have on council if we don't have a staff that is capable of carrying out your decisions. Staff is the ones that make the processes work. Council only makes the decisions. It is important to have a staff that can carry out the task that council gives to them. I would like to read a written statement and in the end you will see why I am reading this. 'For many years I have been aware of distressingly bad, inexcusable behavior from various staff members. Some are gone and some are still here. Our city needs now more than ever a strong committed city council. We need council people that are capable and willing to speak out when they know staff is failing. There has been many times misconduct and infractions have been ignored. There needs to be changes in this building and in a big way. What our city does not need is someone who will be a rubber stamp for staff. I am suggesting council pick a candidate who is capable and willing to do what should be done for the residents and our city.' As a final statement, I would like to caution staff, excuse me, caution council when considering ex-Riverside administrative employees. Sometimes that can be good, sometimes that can be bad, you really need to be careful in that consideration during this process. Thank you.

ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to enter in to executive session to discuss candidates as allowed by Section 103.01 (d) (1): *Unless the City employee or official requests a public hearing; to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a city employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a City employee or official.* Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. On call of the roll: Deputy Mayor Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. The council entered into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

ITEM 9: RECONVENE: Council came out of executive session at 8:21 pm.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you all very much for waiting. Council could not come to a basic consensus at this time. We would like to hear from Ms. Turner who had a family emergency tonight and couldn't be here, but we would like to make sure that everyone who did speak tonight would still like to be considered; if for some reason after you heard what you heard tonight and don't want to be considered we'd really like to know that. Next Thursday, the 17th, we will have Ms. Turner talk to us and then go into executive session and we are hoping to have a resolution that will have a blank on it and hopefully council will have some consensus on it. The issue is if they don't decide by January 24, then I will make that decision. I will do that, but I prefer that the council will do that. Ms. Pitzer: I was just wondering if Ms. Turner does not appear on the 17th then you will make your decision during executive session? Mayor Flaute: Yes, I'm saying yes if we can at least think we have a consensus otherwise we will either have to have a special meeting or it will be myself that has to make that decision. Deputy Mayor Denning: I would like to say we don't plan on letting the

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mayor make that decision. Mayor Flaute: And the mayor is grateful for that, believe me, grateful. Deputy Mayor Denning: I would like to put the pressure on him and we wait until the 24th to make our decision or something like that just to watch him sweat. Mayor Flaute: Please let the clerk know if you do want to withdraw your name for some reason. I'm not encouraging that, I'm just saying anyone who might want to do that would help this council make this decision. Mr. Curp: We are not trying to discourage anybody. The logistics are that if Ms. Turner is able to come and we talk with her and we make a decision and the person who is selected is not in attendance, we don't want to do a formal appointment if we then come to find out that person decided they didn't want to be considered. Mayor Flaute: You don't have to really be in attendance, we do want to know as Mr. Curp said. Ms. Pitzer: You need four votes (inaudible)? Mayor Flaute: Yes. Deputy Mayor Denning: Yeah, it could be 3-3, 3-3, 3-3, and then Bill gets to decide. Mayor Flaute: We do want to give Ms. Turner her chance and we do hope you come back for the January 17 meeting, and then some of you who haven't attended many council meetings can see what you are really into up here and what we do. Mr. Curp: I'd like to say we had some good discussion in the back room and we think everybody comported themselves extremely well this evening. People have different views of things. One of the things I think I mention with Ms. Patterson early on when I asked her a question, or qualified my question was there is no wrong answer; there is no single right answer. Everybody had good answers this evening, good discussion, good dialogue and we appreciate that because it helps us and also makes our decision even harder, and that is what you want. Ms. Lommatzsch: Ms. Pitzer, we don't do, none of us had background checks. I guess the voters get to do the background checks. Mayor Flaute: You do need to be a registered voter we would need to check that. Ms. Pitzer: You can have convictions? Ms. Lommatzsch: You can't be a felon. The county takes care of that. Ms. Pitzer: I know but anybody can write anything on an application. And checking our code violations for a property? Mayor Flaute: We never do that for anyone else so there would be no reason for us to do that for these folks. Ms. Pitzer: Well, here's my personal opinion on that. I don't want somebody sitting up there making decisions that affects my life and 25,000 other people that can't manage their own life. Mayor Flaute: I understand that, but again we haven't done that for anyone else. It is not in the code. Now when the charter commission will be getting together that is something we need to talk about with the charter commission. Anybody that wants to be on the charter commission, we will be interviewing folks on the 31st; we will have a special meeting so if you want to be a member there will be able six or seven meetings probably and there will be, hopefully, some changes made on the charter. Deputy Mayor Denning: Hopefully, there will be changes we can put on the ballot so that the voters can decide whether they want to change the charter. We can only put it on the ballot then it is up to you all whether we change the charter or not.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Ms. Lommatzsch to adjourn. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council