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ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Flaute called the Riverside, Ohio 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; Ms. Lommatzsch, present; Mr. Teaford, present; and Mayor Flaute, present.

Staff present was as follows: Mark Carpenter, City Manager, Chris Lohr, Assistant City Manager; Tom Garrett, Finance Department; Chief Frank Robinson, Police Department; Chief Dan Stitzel, Fire Department; Kathy Bartlett, Service Department; and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

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

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: No additions or corrections were made to the agenda.

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

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

A) Financial Plan & Capital Improvement Plan Draft - Mr. Carpenter: I hope you all had a chance to look at the PowerPoint and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The intent here is just to get your thoughts on the CIP and then also your thoughts on changing up the way we do the budget as far as how we fund the major departments and to add a new fund to the CIP. The percentages in there are just place holders to see how you felt on proceeding with that. At the end of 2018, we ended up with \$3.5 million in our general fund and the contingency reserve, in my opinion; it acts in a similar fashion as the general fund reserve. In that fund, which I don't know if we have used that money before, there is a formula to calculate how much you can place in that line item, but combined we ended up with \$3.9 million. For the 2019 budget, this is what the budget shows. The fire department has its sources of revenues; they are specific to the fire department. The expenses are the expenses for the fire department except for the bottom item the capital/debt service that is for items purchased for the fire department like fire engines, the medic, and fire gear. Those are some examples of what that cost is attributed to. The very bottom line is the transfer that is what comes out of the general fund to make up the difference for the fire department. It is similar with the police department. The police department doesn't have the EMS billing, which is a major source of funding for the fire department. The bottom line transfer is about \$1.9 million into the police department. The importance of that levy is over \$1.0 million about 20 percent of funding for the police department. Mr. Curp: On the revenue section, the last line 'Grants, Miscellaneous, Donations', \$43,750, does that include the payments the police department receives from Huber Heights for the transport of prisoners? Mr. Carpenter: Yes, it would. The service department revenue is the gas tax and the motor vehicle tax. The \$92,000, the biggest portion of that is the reimbursement that we budget for accidents, primarily if guard rail gets damaged and we have the insurance, license plate, driver's license and the person is insured, we pay to get it repaired and collect it on the back end. That is about \$80,000 showed in revenue and \$80,000 in the operations. You see there is \$900,000 plus in transfers out of the general fund. In the administration fund, there is a different variety of revenues, also, the expenses, and the total transfers are primarily the major funds, but we also transfer money into like we did this year the 229 account, which is where we put large road projects like Springfield Street and Airway. We transfer money directly from the general fund into specialized roadway projects, also, small amounts like the cemetery fund, the Eintracht, and the victim advocate. Those all come out of the administration transfer.

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Mr. Carpenter: Doing some research, we came across different budgets. We took a look at what formulas Dublin used and so this is where we gather some of these numbers. If we follow their percentages, you can see the 50 percent of the general fund expenses, this year, we would be held to have at least \$3.1 million in the general fund. Twenty-five percent of their general income tax collection is dedicated to their CIP plan. I was using the 1% because the half percent is dedicated to police and fire. The proposal, I think it is more of an equivalent proposal to what Dublin does is that we use 25 percent of the 1% general income tax. Also, they use a formula of 60 percent of their CIP is basically financed, the debt service. Mayor Flaute: Tell me the contingency reserve; can you explain that to me one more time? Mr. Carpenter: We have a line item in our budget that we place a contingency reserve. Mayor Flaute: It is not meant to be spent? It could be spent? Mr. Carpenter: It is like emergency money; it could be spent. Mayor Flaute: Last year did we have that? Mr. Carpenter: Yes, we have had it many years; I don't know if we spent it before. Deputy Mayor Denning: It used to be much larger, but my understanding, something happened where the auditor said you should not keep that that much and here is the formula. Mr. Garrett: That is correct. Actually, it is not a budget item, but it is a fund where council decided we ought to have a rainy day fund and basically what it is sitting there. The auditors pointed out to us that there are restrictions. The balance of your reserve fund can only be 5% of the prior year's revenue received by the city so I built a little spreadsheet to calculate the maximum balance of this contingency fund. It has not changed in the last couple of years. Deputy Mayor Denning: So if our revenue goes up, the contingency fund may go up. Mr. Garrett: Could go up at council's direction, we would have to ask council for a transfer to go in there to change the fund, but on the other hand there was a time a few years ago where we had to reduce the fund. Mr. Curp: The situation was that we were seeing departments carry money over from year to year. These were departments that were getting transfers from the general fund to support their deficit operation, but yet they had excess money at the end of the year and were carrying that money over. That was money unavailable to us to spend on important projects or projects we thought were important over and above what was budgeted. For example, if we wanted to spend another half-million dollars on street paving, we would have to take it out of the carryover balance from the general fund and reduce that carryover balance while these departments were sitting there carrying over a couple of hundred thousand dollars each. So we said we were going to do away with that and have a single reserve fund and that is where this came from. Mr. Garrett: But it has been normal as Mr. Curp pointed out, for each of the major funds: fire, street, and police, to have maybe approximately \$200,000 because it is really difficult to estimate their fund balance before the end of the year. That has kind of been the normal situation for them to have a minimal fund balance somewhere around \$200,000. Mr. Curp: It is really a shell game because if Dept. A has \$200,000 surplus at the end of the year, if you take that away from them, it just increases the general funds carryover balance by \$200,000. Deputy Mayor Denning: So instead of having \$3.3 million, we would have \$3.5 million. Mr. Curp: And it would all be in one account as opposed to being spread across departments. Mr. Carpenter: That is roughly how we calculated the number that is up there. Deputy Mayor Denning: My point is, if our income tax revenue went up by a significant amount, we could raise that contingency reserve to \$500,000 as a ballpark as long as it meets the auditor's requirement of it not being more than 5% of our total income from the previous year. Mr. Garrett: That's correct. Deputy Mayor Denning: Does that include grants and everything or just our standard income, income tax, gas tax, things like that? Mr. Garrett: I haven't looked at it lately to see if grants are in there. Deputy Mayor Denning: It is just a curiosity point; I don't want to put you on the spot, but that would be interesting. What does that include would be the question. Mayor Flaute: The good thing about having additional money when we come to the end of the year is that maybe you did a good job of running your department. It is not all bad. You need to be rewarded or complimented for that. Mr. Curp: Yes and no. Part of the basis for that happening was because a former city manager was trying to hide money. When council said we wanted to do this project or that project then we were told there is no money for that; insufficient money for that. Then at the end of the year we were in the

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black by \$1.0 million plus. We said this has to stop, this is foolish. Deputy Mayor Denning: I think a lot of the budget was fluffed. I don't know that it was necessarily intentionally hidden, it may have been, but there was a lot of fluff so when we passed the budget at the beginning of the year it looked like we were going to be either in the red or very close to the red and then by the end of the year we were a man and a half in the black. Mr. Curp: That goes back to Mrs. Reynold's issue and questions during the last quarter about outstanding purchase orders that just sat there and dollar amounts kept accumulating and we go to the end of the year and none of that money was spent by the departments. And yet, because it was sitting there committed to planned purchases, planned projects that never got done in those departments, it was unavailable to the council to use the money elsewhere in the community for projects we wanted to do that the citizens felt were important to be done. Mayor Flaute: It is good to be in the black. Mr. Curp: Not when you are cheating the citizens out of getting services. Deputy Mayor Denning: Not when the residential streets are not being done the way they should be done or we are only doing three instead of five or seven. Or, we are not getting the sidewalks completed or redone that need to be redone and things like that. Mr. Carpenter: I will come back to this slide.

Mr. Carpenter: I just want to show what the budget would look like if we implemented the CIP and how we did the budgeting. The fire department just removing the capital and the debt number, what gets transferred from the general fund from the fire department is lower, but obviously the difference would be transferred into the capital improvement plan. Same scenario for the police department, just remove the debt and the capital purchases. You can see the service department really has no major source of funding. Once again, that \$92,000 is an \$80,000 place holder for reimbursement. It is not true income. Deputy Mayor Denning: Can we go back to the police and fire for a second? The .5% income tax so the police department gets \$1.0 million of that and the fire department only gets \$671,000? Mr. Carpenter: It is like a 60/40 split. That is how we have done it historically. Mr. Garrett: That is up to our discretion. By law, the .5 % has to go to the combination of the fire and police department and then whichever you need them we can allocate. We can give all the money to the fire department or we can give all the money to the police department. Deputy Mayor Denning: I understand that. I was here when we voted on that income tax and at least the way that I understood it at the time was we were going to pass a .5% income tax and it would go to police and fire. The way it was set up was that it would be 50/50. I know that is not the way it was written. Mr. Garrett: It has very little over time, we have tweaked it, but the last several years it has been the 60/40 split between police and fire. Deputy Mayor Denning: I understand the police needs more and the fire department has the EMS billing as extra income; I get that, but to my point if we split it 50/50 so you have \$1.6 to \$1.7 million so that would be \$800,000 a piece so if we added another \$100,000 to the fire department, they would only be \$187,000 out of the general fund instead of \$287,000. I know the point Ms. Fry is trying to get to for the fire department to be fully funded through either real estate or income tax or whatever instead of pulling out of the general fund. If we split that 50/50 then we would only have to come up with \$200,000 not \$300,000. Mr. Curp: What are you splitting 50/50? Deputy Mayor Denning: The income tax, the .5%. Ms. Lommatzsch: But it wasn't on the ballot that way. Deputy Mayor Denning: No, it didn't say .25% each, it said .5% for police and fire so essentially the way it was written it could even be a 90/10 split either way. One year if we are buying medics they could get 75% and the police department gets 25% or vice versa. Mr. Garrett: That is correct, but like I said the last three or four years it has been 60/40 and hasn't been changed and if you give more to the fire then you will have a bigger problem to get out of the general fund to give to the police department. Deputy Mayor Denning: It doesn't matter because you are going to take more out of the general fund to make the difference. Ms. Fry: But it is important to consider the goal because when we go to the voters, when we are asking them for increased revenue they need to know where that money is going. If the departments were self-funded then they could decide does the fire department need more funding? Does the police department need more funding? That is a truer representation of what the public wants. Deputy Mayor Denning: I think a 50/50 is more true of what the public understands, understood was how that was going to be split when they voted for it.

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Mr. Curp: I understand what is being said and what the goal is, but I don't necessarily agree that is the view that the public takes from this standpoint. We have another group in this community, the school district, who does something like that. They have operating money and they have capital money. When they put a tax levy on the ballot they indicate it is either operating or capital and under the state laws you can only use capital for capital. But when you go back to ask the public, and if they have a surplus in the capital funds because from year to year they may not spend it all for various reasons, but when they go back to the public for more money for operations the public says, "wait a minute, you have all this money over here in capital,". But they can only spend it on capital and not on teacher's salaries or health care premiums and that sort of thing. Then the public says they don't care, we gave you this money and expect you to use that money and not come to ask us for more money when you have a surplus. Ms. Fry: That problem presents itself when you are talking about capital items, but I imagine that is less pertinent when you are talking about regular expenses such as operating. Mr. Curp: The situation here is this is a nice exercise, but we didn't gain anything because while we took the capital and debt service out of here and took it out of the same in the police department, we put it all on a different page; we just moved the deck chairs around. Deputy Mayor Denning: This gives me a better picture of what is really going on. Mr. Curp: It just takes all the capital out of each department and puts it on one sheet of paper so you can see the total amount of capital. Deputy Mayor Denning: Right, but it does give me some good numbers on personnel and health insurance costs. Mr. Curp: But it doesn't change anything. Mr. Carpenter: It doesn't change anything here in this budget; I agree with you, but going forward...Mr. Curp: It doesn't change that either. Mr. Carpenter: Well, I think it could; if we are doing a street levy it is going to go to the CIP, right? If it is a fire levy it is going to fund the fire department. Mr. Curp: That is fine.

Ms. Fry: I was just going to respond that by creating its own page it then becomes a priority. The situation we are in is where we have not made an adequate priority of some of our capital needs and when push comes to shove operations comes first and by setting it up as a priority it is an avenue to communicate with the voters. Mr. Curp: I will give you an example, it serves two purposes. A long time ago when we had fewer full-time fire fighters the city manager way back then wanted to buy an aerial unit. This was capital. We looked at him and said Mr. Manager, who is going to man it? How many people does it take to man an aerial unit, about four? Mr. Carpenter: At least. Mr. Curp: So you have to have at least four and we only had four. Deputy Mayor Denning: Not only that but you would have to have a bigger garage. Mr. Curp: So what we did was, we struck agreements with surrounding fire departments to provide their aerial unit when we needed it under mutual aid. We talked about mutual aid, my point at the last meeting or the meeting before was not derisively or derogatory, I understand mutual aid because we were going to buy an aerial unit that was going to set in the barn for 364 days of the year. Ms. Lommatzsch: without enough people to run it. Mayor Flaute: The old one was like 30 years old. Mr. Curp: But, you have to have operations, you have to have people to run the fire department or you don't need the trucks or ambulances. You have to have people to run the police department or you don't need police cars. You have to have some balance between capital and operations. Ms. Fry: Agreed.

Ms. Lommatzsch: I understand what you are saying with a lot of opportunities to educate people; they're not interested in the nuts and bolts. What they want to know is what is it going to cost me. Deputy Mayor Denning: I disagree with that. I think they say okay if you want this extra money what are you going to spend it on? Ms. Lommatzsch: I understand that, but they don't care about the nuts and bolts. Deputy Mayor Denning: That is where you have to give them a little bit of the nuts and bolts for them to understand why we need to increase their tax by \$50 a month or whatever the answer is. Mr. Curp: Where the approach of fixed percentages works best is in cities like Dublin whose revenues exceed their expenses. They are running in the black. When you are not running in the black, when you are running in the red and you have labor agreements that you have to fund, you can't necessarily guarantee that you are going to spend a certain percentage on capital and

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certain percentage on operations on a yearly basis because those labor agreements are going to command the operations dollars. Deputy Mayor Denning: I see the percentage the manager has given us as a goal for us to get to so that we can run in the black and then we will have to figure out how we are going to get there. Mr. Carpenter: You guys are jumping ahead of me. I was going to go back there; that was the page I said I was going back to. That is the con with the percentages. In crunching some numbers, it really hurts us, but the question I pose is what is our level of commitment to the infrastructure? If we are setting aside a percentage makes a commitment, but it creates the other issue, the operations, personnel and day-to-day operations. We will need funding there as well. The percentage, that 25 percent may be a little high, but I guess we have to figure out the funding and how we are going to fund this. I did add a slide at the end of this that you haven't seen; it is on your pages, but I didn't have it out there at the last meeting. Mr. Curp: The other aspect of that is you have to make a decision as to whether you are going to allow that guaranteed percentage to run down your carryover from year to year so that this year you may have \$3.3 million, but if you are going to budget for 25 percent or 30 percent capital in next year's budget and you have these operating expenses you have to meet because you have labor agreements and staffing you have to maintain in order to get things done, that could cause your carryover to drop from \$3.3 million to \$2.9 million or \$2.5 million or some number, but it could cause it to drop. Deputy Mayor Denning: So now maybe the answer is that it is not 30 percent maybe it is only 15 percent so we can keep that. What that tells us is that instead of doing seven streets or what six streets this year maybe we only do three-and-a-half or four or we do smaller amounts, but I think we just need to come up with that is that answer. Mr. Curp: Well, one of the other elements in there is the discussion in here about moving from debt financing of capital things to cash accounting and pay-as-you-go and not doing the debt financing. When you go to that that is going to run down the balance in the carryover, which was the reason why a previous city manager started moving the city to debt financing a lot of capital in order to keep from depleting the carryover balance rapidly. The other aspect was his philosophical approach that the people who live here today should not pay for the future by themselves. People who move to the community five years from now should also be funding those services and capital improvements that benefit them that we do today, but are still in place when they come five years from now, ten years from now. Ms. Fry: The same would be true in reverse. If we give ourselves too much latitude to not invest in capital then that particular generation or for those years, they are taking advantage of the ones who came before and after them if we are not continually investing in capital as a thing we do. If we say we don't want to ask the voters to fund our needs, we are just going to rob Peter to pay Paul, the infrastructure degrades and who has to pay for all the repair. Mr. Curp: You are preaching to the choir. I brought this very issue up when we were going through labor negotiations and I said you have to be careful about giving wage increases and paying more for healthcare premiums that sort of thing when we are running in the red because it is going to deplete money available for capital. Ms. Lommatzsch: This is what has happened with our streets. Ms. Fry: Yeah. Mr. Curp: But we did it anyway.

Mr. Carpenter: This slide just shows if we use this in 2019, at the bottom of the expenses you would see the 25 percent out of the 1% income tax that would be dedicated and transferred to the capital improvement plan. Mr. Curp: This whole thing also goes to the discussions we have had in the past about Wright Point because the previous economic development director didn't believe in including the capital cost in assessing the overall profitability of this operation. He simply looked at do rents exceed operating costs, utilities, taxes, that sort of thing, but in the meanwhile was spending a lot of money on capital. My point has always been it is okay if you want to push that stuff aside and operate in the red, because if you are still operating in the red even from an operational standpoint, but you need to know what your costs are of operating and that includes the capital. So whether you leave capital in or pull it out on a different sheet of paper with capital from all the other places you still need to know what it costs to run the service operation, what it costs to run the fire department, what it costs to run the police department and that includes the costs of dump trucks, snow plows, police cruisers, fire trucks, and ambulances. Move it

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to a different page, combine them all to a separate page somewhere else, but it still is an expense associated with that department. Mr. Carpenter: That would be the one difference with this proposal. We included all the capital equipment: police, fire, service; would all be part of the capital improvement plan. It is not necessarily connected with that department. Mr. Curp: But it is connected. You might put it on a different piece of paper, but it is connected with the profitability of that operation. If you don't buy them an ambulance, then they can't make calls. If you don't buy them a police car; then they can't make calls. You can put it on a different page if you want, but it is still an expense. Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, that is certainly true, it is where the money, the revenues to pay for it, where they are coming from. The way we have it set up now it comes out of either a transfer directly from the admin into fire or one of those revenue sources that fire has. This would be if we dedicated a percentage of the general fund to go to the CIP for fire, police, and service. Mr. Curp: Which brings us back to where we were; it is just not on that page any longer. Deputy Mayor Denning: But what that says is that all of those put together will not exceed 25 percent of the total income of the general fund. Is that what you are saying? Mr. Carpenter: There is a different formula for that and I will go back to that page. Mr. Curp: We are having two different discussions. One is going the percentage route, the other is an academic discussion about this stuff, it doesn't change anything, and it is just moving stuff around. That is the academic discussion. The other, the real discussion where he wants to go is council willing to commit a certain percentage of the general fund to capital items. Is that a fair assessment? Mr. Carpenter: That is part of it. This is what my observation has been, operations/people that is number one, if there is no money put towards capital projects those are the first things to get cut. So either we will continue that practice or we will actually pave roads and fix storm sewers, buy police cars, are we going to actually do that or stick with basic operations. Mr. Curp: But, the situation I imagine that is still going to occur is when the first draft, second draft, or third draft of the budget comes in and we've committed to 30 percent of the general fund going to capital and so we set that aside and say we will figure out how many fire trucks, how many dump trucks and that sort of thing go into 30 percent, streets. Now we start working on the operations side of the budget and we find out we don't have enough money to fund the operations so what are we going to do? Are we going to take the carryover balance and reduce that by \$0.5 million and use that to fund it or are we going to only reduce the general fund carryover by \$250,000 and reduce capital by \$250,000 because we can't reduce heads by \$250,000 or we won't have a functioning police department or a functioning fire department or a functioning service department.

Ms. Fry: I would think this way of planning might mitigate that problem because when you are talking about capital, you aren't talking about a year-to-year budget; you are talking long range planning. Investments that you make this year you may have cost savings in year three or four, but it is long range planning. When you are talking about salaries, operations, those are year-to-year planning and adjustment for increases, but my view of it allows for more accurate planning because you separate the two types of planning. Mr. Curp: Well, you are making an assumption and I don't want to hurt your feelings, but this is April so you are in your 16 month, we go back 17 months ago, and 29 months ago, and 41 months ago, like I said at the last meeting, we have done a lot of this. We have had capital priorities going to the out years, five, ten years. It is good we are looking at it again because probably when he was a department head, he wasn't involved that much in...he budgeted for his department determined when he needed a fire truck or ambulance. He knew when he needed them because as a person who has been involved with that in his career at a bigger operation than this or the fire department that he ran here he had to do a lot of that stuff because they had bigger stuff, more of it, that sort of thing. He was more involved in that capital planning so he didn't see that here because the former city manager took care of that. The former city manager probably just asked department heads when is your worst dump truck no longer usable, when is your worst ambulance or fire truck no longer useable and we will plan for replacing it next year or three years from now whenever you tell me that those pieces of equipment, those capital things, breathing apparatus for firefighters, all that sort of stuff, when it is not going to be functional. Ms.

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Fry: Okay, so you have driven home the point that we have looked at this before; well, so what is the issue with it that we didn't stick with it? Mr. Curp: We have stuck with it, we just haven't moved it around to a single sheet of paper, well, we have done that too. Ms. Fry: Have we done it or not done it? Mr. Curp: The issue is this, as long as you are operating in the red and we are, we have been for several years, the solution is not so much how we move things around from one sheet of paper or from five sheets of paper to one, it is how do we generate new revenue so we don't have this problem. Ms. Fry: But generating the new revenue requires being able to communicate to the community what are needs are. Mr. Curp: We can do that. Ms. Lommatzsch: Didn't we do that on the road levy? Ms. Fry: No, we did not. Ms. Lommatzsch: Why did we not? Ms. Fry: We did not have the types of charts and graphs that illustrate. Mr. Curp: We had them internally; we just didn't communicate that to the community. Ms. Fry: I don't even know that we had them internally. When I look at our budget documents, it is really impenetrable sometimes, and if I struggle and I spend a lot of time looking at this how on earth is the community going to be able to pull that information out of it? Mr. Curp: Because someone has difficulty reading, his format, my format, your format, somebody else's format doesn't mean that the data is not there; it doesn't mean that the information hasn't been gathered. It doesn't mean that capital things haven't been identified and costs for those capital replacements haven't been identified and year needed or intended replacement hasn't been identified, if we haven't communicated it well, if we haven't put the charts and graphs together well so that everybody understands it then shame on us. It doesn't mean the work hasn't been done; it is just that the polishing hasn't been done. Ms. Fry: But, if you move the item from one page to the other page that can be part of solving that problem. Mr. Curp: Okay.

Mr. Carpenter: I think what both of you are saying is accurate; we need to paint a more clear picture and do a better job of communicating, I think this helps. I think this capital improvement plan helps identify the projects. I think it helps make it more clear on what our ask is of the residents. If the fire department or police department is short on revenues, it is a cleaner ask than if we are just showing what it costs for the people and operations. Streets, equipment, it is a cleaner ask. Here is what the CIP says the cost is and we can have a better, more defined ask. Deputy Mayor Denning: What is the life expectancy of those two new fire engines we got three years ago? Mr. Carpenter: It's a little bit longer, but the Frontlines according to the NFPA is about 10 - 15 years depending on the activity. Then they go to reserve. Deputy Mayor Denning: Let's say it is 10 years, so then that is \$100,000 a year our cost for each of those engines; is that a reasonable statement? Mr. Carpenter: They were \$1.0 million for both, yes. Deputy Mayor Denning: Was it a \$1.0 million for both or \$1.0 million for each? Mr. Carpenter: It was \$500,000 each. Deputy Mayor Denning: Okay, so it is \$50,000 a piece per year. Mr. Carpenter: Yes, for Frontline. Deputy Mayor Denning: So do you put that in the budget as that? Mr. Carpenter: That is how it is recorded, yes. Fire engine payments are at \$110,000, probably. I'm forgetting something else, but it didn't exceed \$1.0 million. Mr. Garrett: No, we got a loan to finance that. Deputy Mayor Denning: Did we only get a 10 year loan? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. Mr. Curp: It is on this page that says Capital and Debt Service. Deputy Mayor Denning: No, I get that, I thought we had saved up and just paid for them. Ms. Lommatzsch: I don't think we have paid flat out for anything since I have been back on council. Deputy Mayor Denning: It doesn't make sense to do it that way. Mr. Curp: The people who are going to move here five years from now are still going to benefit from the useful life of that apparatus and so the previous manager decided debt service. Deputy Mayor Denning: No, I agree, because I could see us really being in the red if we paid cash for everything.

Mr. Carpenter: This last slide let me explain the current debt service payment. As I tried to put in my notes, there is \$1.0 million that is in a debt service line item. That million was put there when we did the Burkhardt/Harshman project. The auditor says you got to keep it there and so that million can cover Harshman and Burkhardt and also the Honeywell project. That is enough money to cover those items. I deducted that from that current debt service payment. That money is taking care of those debts so that has been removed from that payment. The difference between if we did a 60 percent limit we would have available

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to borrow \$206,000, which we calculated at about \$1.7 million that we can borrow over 10 years. We threw in four percent and then raise our debt payment to what that limit is. Mr. Garrett: The point of that is you can borrow it once, but then you have to pay for it for six or seven years. Mr. Carpenter: The reason I bring that up is because in 2020 we have a balloon payment for the Center of Flight that we could either refinance or pay it off; it is about \$.5 million, and then also the Springfield East project. Right now, our share is \$2.7 million. We are going to apply for an OPWC grant and try to get additional funding, but that is a big hit. We are going to need some flexibility and likely borrow some money. I'm going back to this slide (Possible Policies). These are ratios and I was crunching some numbers. I am not sure we could commit to the 25 percent of the 1%; we can, but we have to do some increase in our revenues. I think period we have to increase revenues, but I used this formula to crunch some numbers. When I did that, it was a lot of revenue generating over the next couple of years. This is what I came up with, this slide you haven't seen yet (Future Funding). In May 2019, we need to renew the police levy that is a little over \$1.1 million and is essential for the police department. In November 2019, we pass the street levy we need to generate \$2.0 million; you've seen the gas tax has passed, I don't know the total, but we are assuming about \$400,000 is what we will collect in revenue. Deputy Mayor Denning: In addition to what we are already collecting? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. We get \$700,000 and some for gas tax. So when 2020 comes that is when I talk about borrowing that \$1.7 million, and in November 2020, I didn't talk to council I am just throwing it out there as far as dollar amounts, a .5% income tax for funding police and fire will generate about \$1.8 million. In 2021, do a storm water utility as this plan talks about storm water utility projects and that covers us until about 2023. We need revenue and we have to come up with a plan, what is the best plan on how to generate that. I think we need to talk; I want to put myself out there and maybe get a group from the residents, do a finance committee, study our budget and finances and meet regularly to come up with some ideas and the best way to get this additional funding. Before I end, I did want to ask you your thoughts about the plan. There is a calendar in here if you had a chance to look at that, there is also one very similar for doing the budget itself that I think is a good plan, it has time lines, benchmarks, and I think it is a good thing. Ms. Lommatzsch: It is a great place to start. Mr. Carpenter: The one thing we have talked about internally, we have seen some others there is a line that is added that identifies secured funding. A lot of the funding that is in here isn't necessarily secured; it was what we thought would be available that we thought we could get, but secured funding I think is key and need to make sure we identify by that in here.

Mr. Curp: The framework is okay. There are some things, as an example, to be looked at for when you populate the rest of the skeleton. For example, on page 33, you talk about the annual sidewalk program that as each residential street is to be resurfaced properties with sidewalks would be inspected and sidewalk standards would be enforced. Well, we go back to the street schedule back here there are some streets that won't be touched for 10 years, but there are sidewalks that are falling apart now. I didn't want to get down into the weeds, my point is as you are looking at those kinds of things to flush this out some of those linkages need to be looked at because that linkage doesn't work for me. That probably doesn't work for a lot of residents who live next door to sidewalks or whatever as we find other things it won't work for them because they are tripping over holes in the sidewalks now, and waiting another 10 years isn't going to help that. That is just an example of philosophically when you are flushing this thing out look at those linkages to address. Ms. Fry: Can I ask a point of clarification? I read that as being a minimum, like at minimum we would address them, but that wouldn't necessarily preclude us from addressing them. Mr. Curp: Well, here is a different one, page 37, Shellabarger park design will be in conjunction with the Lily Creek Storm Water Pond project so I assume the Lily Creek Storm Water Pond project is going to be somewhere out around 2021-2022, something like that, but why should the design of that park, if we see a need to enhance the functionality of that park or any park to make it more attractive to people to come and use or for us to develop programs, why should it be tied to something way out there if the need is now? Mayor Flaute: We are not tying, when we get that point it is all on the paper, we

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can say we don't need to do this this year, let's move it to next year. At least it is on the paper and something we are talking about. Ms. Fry: It does say it gets updated annually, correct? Mr. Carpenter: Yes, It is scheduled out for 10 year and every year we address it. Mr. Curp: All I am saying is as he is populating it look at those linkages to make sure they make sense. Ms. Fry: Okay. Mr. Curp: That's all, because those two examples don't make sense to me. Mr. Carpenter: Our initial effort was to get everything in here, all the plans that have been down, the storm water, major thoroughfares, and residential streets. Then we revisit it every year and we can improve upon that connection from project to project. I realize if they are going to be years out, we have to address sidewalks separately. Mr. Curp: Or parks, or XYZ, just look at the linkages to make sure they make sense that's all.

Ms. Lommatzsch: I know there were not a lot of people at the meeting Friday night, I would like, if you don't mind, can you bring and make copies of your presentation for all the council members so they can see what you told the community that was there? It primarily turned into a griping session and about why people were stopping people at their stop sign by their house. I would like for them to see what you did because the presentation I think was very good and I don't know what we are going to do to get people to come out. I went to the coffee with the cops and 12 people showed up and probably eight of them were children. They were there to talk to people. My bottom line and from my experience what they care about is when they need a cop they come to the door. When they need a fire truck they come there. I would like the council to see the presentation that you gave and if you or anybody can come up with any better ideas because I have sat through many, many of these and I don't know what it is going to take to get people out to educate them about these things that you are concerned about. I understand where you are coming from and you can put all the graphs and we have done that; you say we didn't do it for the road levy, we certainly told them what we were going to do with the money. It was pretty well defined. How we can get people interested; I don't know what the answer to that is because I have worked with and I know the police have worked hard; we had police there that night and all it turned into, Mr. Teaford was there...Mr. Teaford: There were four people there. Ms. Lommatzsch: All they wanted to talk about was why nobody was there to stop people who didn't stop at the stop sign by their house. They weren't interested in any of his presentation; they asked no question about any of the facts and the numbers or anything. Deputy Mayor Denning: The point is, they wanted to be heard. He gave his presentation, but some of it hopefully soaked in. I think we need to just keep doing it because it is something new. They are not used to us doing that on a regular basis. We need to be out there quarterly or something. Ms. Lommatzsch: I would argue with you about that, Mike. Deputy Mayor Denning: I'm sure you would. We need to let them know they are listening. Ms. Lommatzsch: And nobody on this council is out there more than I am. Mr. Teaford: I agree. Deputy Mayor Denning: We just need to do it, but the other thing I was going to bring up is the other thing we can do is put your take and do Facebook Live of your presentation so that it is out there and we put it on YouTube and we put it on our website, but we still do our physical presentations at the community every time. We do those possibly Facebook Live so that people can see. Some people may not go thinking it may be too crowded; we can let them know there is nobody here and that they will be heard and let them see that we listen to what they are saying. I think that is what we need to do and we just need to keep doing it. Mr. Teaford: The general public doesn't know it, and I don't know how to get it out there any better than what we do, but my wife works at that school said that none of the teachers there knew or heard about the meeting. Most of the sports programs here put mailers out through the schools so the kids take a little piece of paper home saying 'soccer sign-ups' or 'baseball sign-ups', 'Easter egg hunt', why can't we do that. Deputy Mayor Denning: Exactly. Mr. Teaford: You would get every kid's parents almost, some parents don't care and will throw it away, but you are going to get a large demographic of people at least they got the information; there is a meeting and what it is about. I am sure the school will go along with it. Chad Wyen is a great superintendent and he is willing to do almost anything to help the community. Ms. Lommatzsch: And I know how that works, you have to count out every number for each classroom because we do it for the Christmas event. You have to give the school each package for each teacher

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counted out to the exact number of people. Mr. Teaford: I will come in here and sit down and put 31, 32, or 33 together, as a group we need to utilize that. Ms. Fry: There are very low effort ways to reach a lot of people. One that we do not take advantage of is when we have an event; we do not create a Facebook event. Facebook events are great because you click a button when you see it in your feed and then Facebook will remind you when that activity comes up. Ms. Lommatzsch: Those police events were all over Facebook. Deputy Mayor Denning: No. They didn't make it a Facebook Event, an invitation. Ms. Fry: If it is just a post you see it and oh, yeah, that interests me, but by the time that rolls around you have already forgotten about it. If you make it an event, you will get that reminder. I believe NextDoor has that capability. Ms. Lommatzsch: I believe the police did do an event: interest, going, not going; they did one of those. Everything I get, I share, I pass it on. I am not opposed to any of these things, but I'm just saying you can feed them, lead a horse to water, but you can't make them drink. Ms. Fry: Yeah, just because people know that the event is happening still doesn't mean they are going to show up, but again back to the Facebook Live, you are going to reach a lot of people who aren't going to put the effort into coming out, but they might be willing to sit at their phone and watch it for a few minutes. Ms. Lommatzsch: All the educating we can do; I'm all about it. Mr. Teaford: We just got to reach the people. Mayor Flaute: We might be entertaining people now. Ok, anything else on that, Mr. Manager?

Mr. Carpenter: Is the overall consensus is that we proceed with this calendar that we have here; I know we are a little behind the curve and will try to get caught up as quickly as possible. What is council's pleasure as far as pursuing this 2020 budget; and, also, laying out differently how we do the budget. Mayor Flaute: I'm feeling that you are on the right track. Mr. Teaford: I think it is a good idea, and it is better than doing nothing by all means. Being the new guy on council I can't say too much on what has happened in the past, but it seems like we have been behind the '8' ball for a long time. Going forward with this, I think is a very good idea, and I'd be very happy to approve it. Deputy Mayor Denning: Having been through the budget process multiple times. I like this format better than what we have had in the past. I'm not saying it is the answer, but I think it is going in the right direction. I really like the capital plan and I think that you laid out everything and the information we needed in a reasonable for us, at least for me to understand what you are trying to get to. I think we need to move forward with it. Mayor Flaute: We never had anyone approach the budget in April, so this is good. Ms. Fry: This document solves multiple problems for me; it creates a time line, which is something I have asked for on the timelines of our projects. It is information that is easy to digest both for me as a fairly new member of council and then I also believe for the community. Deputy Mayor Denning: For me to be able to explain it to somebody else. Ms. Fry: If a resident is interested and they want to look at it, it is something that is fairly easy to digest. It answers a lot of problems for me. Mayor Flaute: Anybody else? I think you got your answer. Deputy Mayor Denning: Do you need a motion? I make a motion to move forward on this. Mr. Teaford: I will second that. Mr. Carpenter: Well, okay, the percentages are still being worked out, I want that clear those aren't hard and fast. Deputy Mayor Denning: In your general plan, in what we have seen so far. Mr. Carpenter: The format is what we are looking for. Then we will come up with some better numbers. Mayor Flaute: There is a motion by Deputy Mayor Denning seconded by councilmember Dan Teaford, any discussion?

All approved the motion; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Lommatzsch: Can I ask a question? By approving this, does this mean we are putting a levy on in November? Deputy Mayor Denning: No. Ms. Lommatzsch: I'm just asking because if we are, we have to start now. Mr. Carpenter: The first thing we need to do is schedule a retreat with council. Mayor Flaute: To decide if we are going to do that. Mr. Carpenter: That and then also get some preliminary information here for the budget.

B) Zoning & Code Enforcement Plan - Mr. Lohr: Given the time I am going to make this as brief as possible, but hopefully get the idea across on what we are

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doing. Deputy Mayor Denning: Don't rush yourself. I want a good presentation, don't skip through it. Mr. Lohr: Not the last council meeting, but the one before, I believe we had a discussion about code enforcement and what we heard from council is to see how code enforcement can be more equitable and also a bit more proactive. We have a simple plan, but I think it will be effective at accomplishing those two items. I will go over some of this data here. One of the things that was discussed subsequently to that meeting, what has the code enforcement office and officer been doing? What kind of work are we doing right now? How much time are we spending on that? When we know that, we can figure out how much time we have to be a little bit more proactive. I pulled some data from the last three years of code enforcement violations just to give you an idea of the number of violations and how they are split by violation type. If you look at 2016-2017, we are right around 2,500 violations per year. A good chunk of that time is spent writing up residents for tall grass violations. The blues are a little bit hard to distinguish, but you can see 34% of the time in 2016 were grass violations that is 890 violations in that year. The second largest category, the next two categories we always see are trash violations and vehicle violations so hundreds of violations are written up every year trying to get junk vehicles removed from the city, trying to get trash cleaned up and get grass cut. I can send this information to you as well.

Mr. Lohr: So last year, there were 2,100 violations, a bit less than the previous two years. Forty percent of the time was spent on grass violations, so that is a huge chunk of time. Once again, vehicles as well as trash, those are the big ticket items in enforcement. That give you an idea of what the code enforcement officer does in a given year. The city manager and I with the code enforcement officer sat down and took a look at what time we have available for pro-active code enforcement. We did some time estimates on what it takes to do on what we are currently doing. Some things I would highlight on this, we talk about violations and people who haven't worked in code enforcement really don't understand what that means, clearly it is a code violation, but there is a process involved with it. There is identifying what the violation is, documenting it in text and in photographs and putting that in our system and then issuing a violation notice, which is a letter. The easy violations, the quickest ones are you get a phone call; someone calls in complaining about vehicles. Then the code enforcement officer goes out and verifies that they are actually licensed and operable; there is no violation. Those can easily be accomplished in 15 minutes to half-an-hour. On the flip side, we will have nuisance violations. For example, I remember one instance in particular with Mr. Leist, our last code enforcement officer where we identified an individual living in a house not structurally sound. The individual did not have anywhere else to go and was pregnant at the time. Mr. Leist spent the vast majority of that entire week trying to find an alternate location for that person to go, coordinating with building officials and making preparations to have that home demolished. Those are kind of the extremes. Also, if there isn't cooperation on the part of the resident and the violation needs to go to court that can also take weeks. Most of it is just waiting. You submit the paperwork and it takes some weeks to get it scheduled. You have a preliminary hearing then it will be more weeks until you get to the actual court hearing. The paperwork is time consuming, also attending the hearings and that sort of thing. Ms. Fry: The 2,500 violations, does that include the ones that are no violation? Mr. Lohr: Yes, so it counts the inspections as well. Ms. Fry: And, if they don't result in a violation, does that still get recorded? The resolution was that it wasn't a violation? Mr. Lohr: Yes, so iWorq is new to me, but we set it up similar to how ZonePro was and prior to being promoted, I tried to implement some things that were helpful for data tracking and one of those was identifying how violations are resolved. It is a little bit time consuming to get there, but you can actual go through the violations and sort them by a 'no violation' or a percentage of complaints are 'unfounded'. Our goal was, when I was working there, was to try to maximize the resolution informally. So, if we could have a conversation with a resident rather than sending a letter that was also something we tracked and the status would be 'informal' and that is where we ended it and tried to work towards that. Talking with Code Enforcement Officer Gibbs, he had done a tally sheet of signs he removed from the right-of-way for the last half of the year. He removed 60 signs a month. Quite a few

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signs in the right-of-way; it is just a recurring problem that takes time to resolve. Between doing the violations, removing right-of-way signs, office work, and overseeing the abatement contractor, we estimated he has about 1,770 hours of work in a given year. These are admittedly rough estimates; we are just trying to put some numbers to it and make it more accurate. You take that and subtract it from 2,080 hours in a given year for an employee and we are left with about six hours per week for a code enforcement officer to do proactive code enforcement. Ms. Fry: All of those enforcement incidents on the previous slide were not proactive? Mr. Lohr: No, and I didn't sort them so it is a mix. We know a majority of them are actually complaint driven, but I didn't break it down as a percentage of what is, we just know that is what we are doing in a given year. Ms. Fry: That is not something you can ballpark? Mr. Lohr: It depends on the type; I would say 80/20, 80 percent complaint driven, but that is just a ballpark. Now, I will say with the grass violations, that is something that if you don't get on top of it, it gets away from you. I know Mr. Leist did it and Mr. Gibbs was taught to do it this way. You actually go out looking for those issues so that might even be the reverse for grass because you have to stay on top of that.

Mr. Lohr: We have something the fire department set up and it breaks up the city into 33 separate fire defense zones. It works out to break them down into convenient little neighborhoods or other stuff like data analysis and now for proactive code enforcement. I have a map. These are the 33 fire defense zones; I just had a discussion recently with Chief Stitzel on how firefighters like to break down things into the odd and even. You see the even ones are on the north side of the city and the odd ones on the south side of the city in the fire defense zones. The idea is we have it broken into zones and we will go through each zone in the city, systematically, one-by-one, and then when we are finished, we will start over again. This way we make sure we are touching every neighborhood in the city. We estimated it will take us 5.5 weeks or maybe a little more to get through all the defense zones. We will proactively go looking for issues in every neighborhood and make sure we are giving an equal treatment throughout the neighborhoods as we can and also identifying issues that may be out there that have not been brought to our attention by complaint. Ms. Fry: Is this when they would be looking for the grass violations or would that be separate? Mr. Lohr: I would assume they would have to do that more frequently with grass. Usually how it works out, after you get familiar with the city you know where and what needs to be checked more often. We have somewhere between 30 - 40 zombie or vacant houses that we are keeping track of because we know they are not being maintained by everyone. Mr. Gibbs is going to need to go and look at those fairly frequently; this would be looking for things other than grass. Ms. Fry: So the way the grass is addressed, the frequent checks are for the repeat offenders. Mr. Lohr: Generally, yes. Mayor Flaute: So tell me again what these numbers identify? Identifying the area? Mr. Lohr: Yes, it just identifies them, which neighborhood is which; the map will give Mr. Gibbs a good way to keep track of where he has been and the rotation of going through the neighborhoods.

Ms. Lommatzsch: What do these zones give us? Mr. Lohr: It depends. They are helpful in a number of different ways. For this, proactive code enforcement, it just gives us a way to separate neighborhoods and break down the city in digestible chunks to proactively go through street by street. Ms. Lommatzsch: We identify this as fire; I don't get the connection? Mr. Carpenter: The fire department originated this for when they do firefighter runs, EMS/fire runs. They plug in the zone where the call was. Ms. Lommatzsch: Okay, but this doesn't have to do with zoning. Mr. Carpenter: No. Ms. Lommatzsch: I got it. Deputy Mayor Denning: It gives them a place to start without reinventing the wheel. Mr. Lohr: We are finding out it gives us a very interesting way to look at some city data because we have the fire and police department calls being broken down with this. I am trying to dust off my GIS skills and work with some people who know more than I do about that sort of thing and figure out how to map our violations in these districts so we can really look at which neighborhoods are creating the most demand for services or have the most needs for those. We know some areas of the city that may be more distressed than others so you might be able to tell what those needs might be, but they actually have them

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in a map that shows us we should be focusing on this plat or we might be benefitted to focusing on that plat to reduce the demand on services and also bring up the values of properties and quality of life in that neighborhood.

Mr. Lohr: Is that what council was looking for? Mr. Curp: I was one of the ones who brought that up because I went back this past week and looked at historical documents and my issues were first surfaced in November 2015. Mrs. Godsey was here in the fall of 2015, she is the woman who got the citation to paint her house and told us it is too cold to paint. The directions on the can say don't paint below 50 degrees and you are giving me a citation telling me I have to have it done in 30 days. Following up on Mrs. Godsey's concern, I brought up that issue that we should do more proactive stuff. There are some things you can do to have more time to be proactive so that you have more than the time that we saw on there. For example, tall grass, the City of Dayton every year about this time publishes a legal notice in the newspaper giving all the residents of the city 'first notice' to keep your grass cut; you are not to have tall weeds, this is your first notice published in the newspaper, and you are going to get a citation and it is not going to be 10-days of grace. Your next citation will be a formal write up because you didn't do what we told you in the legal notice. We can look at ways to work a little smarter and cut the turnaround time. We don't have to give everybody 10 days to do something. If somebody parks a semi-truck in K-Mart, we don't have to give them 10 days to move it. It didn't take them 10 days to get it there; same thing with a lot of other stuff. When the previous director of planning and program management was here one of the big numbers that was always on his report was how many signs they picked up that month since the previous report. I told him, "Look, maybe you should call those people and tell them we don't permit signs." What we are trying to do is change behavior because like I said a couple of meetings ago, I can get the Boy Scouts to go out and pick up signs, we need to change behavior that keeps these businesses or entities from putting signs out there. By the time we give them a citation and a second citation and haul them into court and a corporate attorney from that furniture store has to take time to deal with an issue that he or she shouldn't have to deal with. That will get the attention of the store manager or whoever it is in the corporation that is behind these people coming out every Saturday and peppering our community with furniture store going out of business when they are not going out of business. You read the next line and it says they are restructuring and we have to move our inventory. Ms. Lommatzsch: Or Ryan homes. Mr. Curp: Well, but that is why when we created this code enforcement position, we said one weekend a month and at least one night a week. When is the last time our code enforcement person worked a weekend or a night? That is the job and that is when a lot of this stuff takes place. Otherwise we are not going to make the progress. One of the things I have advocated over the years is to provide a solution then you don't have to go back and go back, the solution being you find some tow company that will tow it for free or tow it in exchange for the salvage value and you put together a little brochure and when you go knock on that door you hand the person a brochure and say, "Look, they will provide the notary service, they will come and tow it for free, you can get rid of this piece of junk that is littering this neighborhood." You have to provide solutions, otherwise you are just spinning your wheels and going back and doing the same old thing over and over and becoming a statistic on a pie chart that shows we need to change the way we do things.

Mr. Teaford: That goes back to what we were talking about at the last meeting. We change personnel so much; I don't think most of the new ones, especially in the last year and a half, know what their job is like the one night a week or weekend type stuff. I have talked about it before at a chamber before I was on council. They don't know that is what they are supposed to do. I think we need to do a lot better job of training and probably hiring our zoning administrators because they come right and left. If you don't have a constant going on then everything is going to be fragmented and nothing ever gets done. It is like the property over in the Byesville plat; we have been finding this guy in violations since 1994. I have a book here and we never do anything about it. It is time to stop this guy; he is running a business in a residential area. He has semis setting in the back of his property that don't run; tractor trailers that are broke down or he doesn't move for months at a time.

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He has a dirt lot bigger than this building that he doesn't spray to keep the oil down, which he agreed to do. He is in a lot of violations. We need to get, I don't know, the police department and everybody else involved in getting this guy shut down and shutting off that trucking company. Mayor Flaute: I'm not sure we can get him shut down, but at least we can get him to do what he is supposed to do. Deputy Mayor Denning: Maybe it is getting him shut down; maybe we just haven't found the right avenue. Maybe it is DOT or maybe it is PUCO or whatever, we just need to call somebody with more shoulder pads on than we have been able to do. Unfortunately, we have appeased him for so long, it is going to be even more difficult to make it happen, but I think we need to make it happen. It is not just there. What I want to talk about is picking up signs, reporting high grass; this should be a team sport. That includes the services department, the police department, and the fire department as well as the zoning administrator. If the guys are cutting the grass in the right-of-way and they see a sign, pick it up. It is not supposed to be there. If the police department is out doing their rounds and they see someplace with high grass, send the zoning administrator a note. I'm not saying write them up. All these departments travel the roads on a regular basis; if you see a basketball hoop in the right-of-way, we have an ordinance against that, and it is a safety issue for those kids playing in the street. Write them up. It is not rocket science, but everybody needs to get onboard and play, one band, one song.

Ms. Lommatzsch: You have the organizations that they belong to and it is not in their contract. Deputy Mayor Denning: I think it is how you present it to them. They need to realize it is all a team sport and if we can make the whole city be better it brings everybody's property values up, which makes us be able to get more taxes available, which helps us to be able to keep them in a job. Mayor Flaute: Historically, it was send them a note and now we got so much more technology, emails, things and ways you can send notices to various departments. I think that part has changed and we haven't been making good use of that. Deputy Mayor Denning: Something we talked about probably five or seven years ago, when we were first talking about red light cameras, we were talking about administrative tickets and we were going to include some of these more basic violations: high grass, signs, things like that as you are going to charge them \$100 and they have to pay it directly to the city, which helps pay for our zoning people. Ms. Lommatzsch: I think it is well known in the community that zoning doesn't work at night or on the weekends and I think we need to change that. It doesn't need to be a regular, every Monday night; it needs to be one week it is Monday and the next week it might be Wednesday, but I even wanted to stop and pick and signs and I'd do it in a heartbeat; I drive a truck. I've been told that I have a liability doing that. That company can sue me for taking their sign. I was involved in the first city council that helped take care of getting rid of signs. Signs are a big nerve to me because I didn't like velvet Elvis's on the corner of Airway and Woodman so I would stop any time and pick up a sign, but I have been advised that is not smart and don't do that. Ms. Fry: How much time did the picking up signs take? Mr. Lohr: It is just an estimate; you have to drive all the main drags probably twice a week so whatever that takes you to drive all of them and stop and pick up signs along the way. Ms. Lommatzsch: And they are always in the busiest places where you take your life in your hand. Ms. Campbell: As far as picking up signs, I don't think you are allowed to pick them up unless you are the owner or put it out there. Mayor Flaute: That is what she just said. Okay, Mr. Manager you heard our comments and hopefully we can move forward on this.

ITEM 7: RECESS: Council recessed at 7:37 pm.

ITEM 8: RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 7:50 pm.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Flaute had Councilwoman Bev Campbell lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the March 21, 2019 regular Council meeting. Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 11: PRESENTATION: National Youth Advocate Program - Mrs. Julie Denning: Most of you know me; however, I am here in a difference capacity tonight. I am actually the community resource coordinator for National Youth Advocate Program also known as NYAP. We have been here in Riverside since 1994 as a non-profit organization. After coming to work for NYAP, I have found that a lot of people don't know who we are and we have been here. I want to share who we are, where we come from and what we do and what some of our goals are for the future and being embedded in Riverside. Thank for allowing me to be here, thank you City Manager Carpenter, it is always nice to have a welcome when we come to different cities that we represent.

Mrs. Denning: NYAP was founded in 1978 in Newark, Ohio by Dr. Mubarak Awad with the support of the Department of Children Services. Our founder, Mubarak, was an orphan at one point after his father was killed in the Israeli-Arab war in 1948. Mubarak was only five-years-old; his father was a medic in the army and went outside when he heard gunfire and his father told him to get his red cross so he could go out and help the wounded. When he came back out he found his father had been shot. Mubarak's mother could not care for him and his siblings at the time. There were too many mouths to feed and not enough money. She had to give the children up and placed them all strategically throughout their country and abroad. Mubarak, unfortunately, ended up in an orphanage and he saw what children went through when they could not be with their families. He was one of the lucky ones. His mother kept working hard and kept trying to see the children as often, scattered throughout the country, as much as she could. And, one day they were reunited, but he saw what children go through when a family cannot keep them at that time. Maybe they need time to heal, but what he realized is that people didn't realize that the children needed time to heal. Sometimes instead of being in a group home as we know it today that being with a loving family is how these children can heal and get the proper treatment. He set out on a life long journey. He was determined to make a difference in the lives of children during traumatic incidences, not only for the children, but for the family. His ideas were not to place children with other families or just get them adopted out. His goal was to reunify families and make them whole again to make our communities whole again because that is what he ultimately got being whole again with his siblings and his mother. In 1948, that wasn't always heard of when a family gave you up so he wanted to make sure more families had this opportunity. Eventually, he was able to return to his mother and the family from that he said, 'you know we have to make sure that all children have a safe, stable and loving home while they are healing and a home that can give them hope for the future'.

Mrs. Denning: Can you imagine being taken, suddenly, from what you know as the norm and being placed with a family you have never seen before? You just got ripped from the arms of your mother, your father, or maybe you are the child that woke up and found your parents who overdosed in their own bed. It is a traumatic experience. What NYAP does is find those loving homes so that these children have open arms to go to. It still doesn't make it easy for the children, but what we also do is provide treatment counselling, therapy, psychiatric care. We, also, have nurse practitioners on staff to help if there is medication needed and managed to oversee these things. We wrap all of our services around our foster families and our foster children in hopes of reunifying them either with their parents, if they follow what the courts have asked, or maybe with another kinship care someone else in the family that can take them. Ultimately, it is always what is in the best interest for the child. The child is our number one priority. I don't know if you realize this, but in the state of Ohio right now, a family is only given two years. A child can only be in foster care for 24 months, not consecutive, but over the course of their lifetime before they are automatically put for adoption. If a family falls off and the child goes into foster care a

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second time and they have already been in foster care for 12 months, they only have one more year for those parents. That started due to what is the number one reason you think children go into foster care today? It is the opioid epidemic; 50 percent of our children coming into foster care in Montgomery County are coming due to the opioid epidemic. Because of that, the courts have gotten a lot stricter because what they are saying is that children need a stable environment and if we keep bouncing them back home, back into foster care home number one, back home, back to foster care home number two; because sometimes maybe home number one is not available anymore and so forth that is creating more trauma.

Mrs. Denning: One thing about agency is that we are located right at 1020 Woodman Drive, right there at Eastman and Woodman. All of our services are available right out of that one office. All of our counselling, psychiatric care, our nursing, everything is right there and we are on the bus line. I think this is valuable to Riverside and for our residents to even know that we are there because you don't have to be part of the foster care system to take advantage of those services we have for mental health services. We accept all Medicaid programs and you do not have to have a referral from a primary care physician; all you have to do is call, we see youth as well as adults. We can also help with children with simple things as ADHD, behavioral issues and that. We can help manage their medications if needed, which is something a lot of times family practitioners they give you the prescription, but it is not that ongoing check-up. We do a lot of things for children before we even go to the medication route. In your folder you will find some information, we will talk about the bright colorful blue folder in a minute, but there is all about NYAP, which tells you a little bit about what we do. Here are all of the services offered in our building at 1020 Woodman Drive. This is something, maybe you come across a grandmother who has to take the children because the parents aren't physically able to keep them right now; we have a lot of grandparents in Riverside raising their grandchildren right now. There might be things we can offer to help them either as a family or even, we are certified as trauma counselors in our building for youth and adults. You think about any time the home life changes for a child it can lead to a traumatic experience and there is some sort of trauma involved with that. It can be when they are younger they seem to adapt better, but when we get to teenage years that is when you see a lot of the rebellion start because they are confused, mom and dad are supposed to be the ones to take care of me and provide for me and now I have the police or social services coming in. They are taking them out of their home because it is unsafe; the courts and that are saying you can't live with your mom and dad that is bound to bring some trauma with it. We pride ourselves that we have help for that and we wrap ourselves around with our services. Now, the other thing is, what I am in charge of with NYAP is recruitment of foster parents. So, of course, if you do hear of people that are interested in becoming a foster parent, it is not as difficult as it might seem. When you come in to contact with an agency like ours, we are a non-profit foster care agency and we are registered as a non-profit here in Ohio; we have about nine offices now with a new one opening in Fayette County in Ohio and also in eight states. We are not a small non-profit that just does this in one state; we are expanding. Right now, we are trying to get expansion into Texas, because that is one of the worst states for foster care as far as the way things are set up and handled. NYAP is trying very hard, Mubarek has actually come out of retirement to try to get that one set up because he is so passionate about what is happening in Texas right now.

Mrs. Denning: My job is to recruit, retain so we have retention events to honor our current foster families to bring the foster children together to get events they can participate in together, but it is also awareness that is where the advocacy in National Youth Advocate comes in to play. Part of that is coming up on April 10, and you have a flyer, but on April 10 at 2:30 pm we are going to hold a child abuse prevention ceremony. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and we want to bring that awareness. We are going to have a pinwheel garden at the corner of Eastman and Woodman on the smaller slope to the hill there. We are going to have about 150 pinwheels there, and a small, short ceremony and the mayor said that he will be there. We have some other dignitaries, and we are doing this

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in conjunction with the school district as well because we like to be involved with where our children are. We would love to have you all there. Parking is behind the 1020 building on Woodman. Most of you know the white building, which is Dr. Gupta's building; we are the building right next door. If you come off of Woodman down Eastman, it is the first driveway on your right just go down the hill all the way to the end of the hill and park behind the brown building and then walk across the street. We will have our ceremony; it should only be about a half-hour to forty-five minutes of your day. It is a way that we can partner and together as a community, if we can educate and show a unity we will build stronger communities. In your folder you have all the information about NYAP; I wasn't sure how much data you really wanted, but after talking with Ms. Fry, I did provide some of Montgomery County's data. The latest data that is available in print, right now, they are working on a new report, but we tend to be about three years behind in getting that data, unfortunately. We anticipate those numbers to rise, but I would like to share with you a little bit of what some of these numbers really mean. Sometimes the graphs and numbers in front of you can get confusing. In July 2013, there were 12,654 children in foster care in Ohio. July of 2007, there were 15,510 in foster care in Ohio. That is a 23 percent increase. In 2017, we only had 7,200 foster families available. This has not been increasing at the same rate as children coming into foster care. We are only seeing about a 2.5 percent increase in foster families each year, but we saw a 23 percent increase in children coming into foster care. It is projected at the time of this study, that by 2020 that 23 percent increase of children coming into foster care, we will see a 33 percent increase. That was projected before the Carfentanil hit the streets that have created even more of a problem than Fentanyl. If you know the difference, you know that we now have, according to the news media, we now have a third, and I can't pronounce it yet, but we have a third drug now that doesn't even respond to Narcan. So will it be 33 percent or could it be higher? Remember these are projections. Fifty percent of children coming into foster care is due to the opioid epidemic and that is actually 42 percent as of that report that you have in front of you. It was 42 percent for Montgomery County. There were 4,448 reports screened and related to child abuse or neglect, dependency or family in need of services in Montgomery County: 928 physical abuse cases; 1,216 neglect, 335 cases of sexual abuse, 249 emotional maltreatment, 608 multiple allegations of abuse and neglect that is in addition to those single numbers, and 1,012 families in need of services for dependencies or other. That is just in Montgomery County. Our agency in the Dayton region covers from Madison County up above Clark, which is up above Springfield, all the way down to the river the border of Kentucky and then we come back up and hit Montgomery going all the way into Preble, Darke, Miami, Shelby and Greene Counties that is my territory. These are just the numbers I see from Montgomery County. The whole state report is about that thick laying on my desk, but I thought that was too much to bring you. With that, as an advocacy group as well, we want to make sure we are educating as well as involving the community in the different government agencies in what we are doing. With my job coming in, they never had a community resource coordinator before, so my job is to recruit, retain, and advocate, and to make sure everyone knows who MYAP is. Some of the ways I plan to do this in the future, and I plan to stay local in Riverside as a resident I want to make sure things are happening here as well and a lot of these things I can open to the public and provide these programs for our community, which I am really excited about. One of the things we have coming up in May is Foster Care Awareness Month, and we will be honoring all of our current foster families. I am happy to say I just had two brand new Riverside families come to their first set of trainings so we will have some more families here in Riverside that will be part of our family. On May 11 at Shellabarger Park I am going to be hosting for our foster families a foster family picnic, "Family Fun Day", and the foster families will do field day games together; we will cook out, have food, and recognize our foster families with their number of years in service. We actually have families celebrating their 20+ years of being a foster family, so we plan on celebrating that with awards and things like that for foster families as well that day. I will get councilmembers if they would like to attend. Unfortunately, because of HIPPA laws, I can't open to the entire public, but we would love to have council there to show appreciation for what these families do. A lot of them are from Riverside, some are not, of course, because we have a lot of counties, but just the fact

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they are willing to take in children from our area; it doesn't matter where they live, they are helping. The other thing we are working on is a resource fair. We will open that to the community. I am working with different agencies to bring in hopefully in our parking lot on a Saturday and we will have some kid's games; I'm hoping the police and fire will come out because the foster kids are kids in rough situations and they don't always have a real positive when it comes to our police and fire departments. I think our two departments here are the best in building those bonds and making those relationships with our children. I am hoping by having it here and knowing the caliber that we have that we can start to change those opinions of those children and even some of the families that will be coming in. This resource will be open to anybody and everybody. We are hoping that Shoes for the Shoeless will be there to help families with new shoes and we are working with Soin and several other agencies and county agencies that they will be bringing programs in and setting up and offering and making sure people are aware of all the services that are available. If you have any contacts or anything you think we should have I know Ms. Fry is real involved with some of that, I'd be happy to listen you have my business card in your folder. Feel free to email me as I'd love to know some of your ideas, but that is something we will want to promote to the entire community. The other thing is we would like to do a movie in the park. I am working on trying to get the license fee sponsored and if that comes about or my boss can find the money in the budget as a non-profit our budgets are really small especially for all the ideas I have, but if we can get that license fee done, we want to show a movie in the park and it will be open to the entire community.

Deputy Mayor Denning: Do you have a movie in mind? Mrs. Denning: Yes, we would like to show 'Instant Family' because it is about the foster care system and if you haven't seen it yet, it is a really good movie; a good family movie. It is about \$300 for the license fee and we are working on getting a sponsor for that. I think Brian H. McGill said it best, "We can change the world at one thought at a time, one child at a time, one family at a time, one community at a time, one city, and one state, and one country at a time." Our children are our future, let's give them a solid foundation, let's show them the love, compassion and hope that they deserve and that they need. By doing that, you can make a difference by reporting child abuse, reporting things that look strange, nothing...in your gut, if you think it is wrong, these departments need called. You can foster, you can adopt, you can help advocate, and you can donate. Be that person or city that changes a life forever be the change for the future and let's build a stronger community together. Any questions about who we are, what we are, what we do? I do have more foster care information if you want that. I was just trying to keep it about the company. Ms. Fry: Thank you for sharing the information. Ms. Lommatzsch: Is the 10th the day you wear blue? Mrs. Denning: Yes, it is blue. Blue pinwheels or ribbons, we will have pinwheels for sure; my ribbons came in and the ribbon is too big so unless I can get it exchanged in enough time. Ms. Campbell: Aren't you supposed to wear blue the whole month? Ms. Lommatzsch: Yeah, but on the 10th is the day you wear blue. Mrs. Denning: We are hoping to have pins for everybody, but the ribbon they sent me is this wide to make a lapel pin out of instead of this wide so if they get it exchanged in time we will have pins for everyone as well. If not, we will have the pinwheel garden and a few to speak and just coming together as a community hopefully.

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

ITEM 13: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Carpenter: The report is in the packet, if anybody has any questions, I can provide those answers for you. Deputy Mayor Denning: Do we know anything about the Paradox Night Club? From that look I will assume we don't. Ms. Lommatzsch: Where is it? Deputy Mayor Denning: It went in at Harshman Station, there is a nice big sign up that says Paradox Night Club. I assume they sell alcohol. Chief Robinson: That's the teen night club you are talking about? Deputy Mayor Denning: I don't know; that is what I am asking. Chief Robinson: I am pretty sure they were trying to get that open, but I think that has been postponed as of now. Deputy

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Mayor Denning: So the sign is up, but it is not an actual place yet. Chief Robinson: No, I think the county stepped in and had some issues with it. It is not open at this point; they are talking a couple of weeks or something. They are actually supposed to come down to the police department and talk to us about it because I anticipate a lot of issues there. It has happened in the past in other places where teen clubs have been. We want to talk to them about what kind of security they have and things like that. Deputy Mayor Denning: Okay so it is a teen club that isn't open yet, but we are keeping a close eye on it. Chief Robinson: Yes, we definitely are. At this point, I am not even sure what the age limit is; they were talking about 13 - 17 something like that. Deputy Mayor Denning: Right next door to the Deja Brew or within walking distance. Chief Robinson: I am not happy about that going there to be honest with you because I have heard and read on any other place they have had those in their community had enough problems and the police department was down there many, many, many times. We are going to have a conversation with the owners prior to that opening up anyway. Mr. Teaford: Don't they have to come to the city. Mr. Carpenter: Normally, they submit some permits to us. Deputy Mayor Denning: At the very least they have to get a fire inspection, right, in order to open the doors. Chief Robinson: I believe they have been there. Chief Stitzel: We have been in there to conduct a fire inspection and I believe two days ago they did their final sprinkler test. There is a sprinkler occupancy and from what I understand, and I don't know this for a fact, but from what the inspector was telling me was that they are working with the county to get their building permit; I believe they have an occupancy.

A) Monthly Update Finance – Mr. Tom Garrett: We are into March, well, we are into April now; the March finance report is complete and posted on the website. On Tuesday of this week, we did receive our first half real estate tax distribution. I still have to pour over it and break it apart so it can get posted appropriately in our books. Income taxes are holding to the line that we wanted as you can see by our receipts by the end of March for about \$1.5 million. It is slightly below where we hoped to be, of course, we are in the heavy income tax filing season so we will probably see a bump up on our next report. The auditor's from Julian & Grube are working on our financial statement preparation in the gap basis. They were out here for a day and collected lots of data and are now back putting it all together. The financial statements have to be submitted to the state by the end of May. Also, the other wing of Julian & Grube, who is our state designated auditors got a little bit of data to begin getting organized for the audit season. We are continuing work coming up on our renewal season for property insurance through the public entities pool. I have to get updates to all of our statements in so they can have their underwriter price it all for us. We have had several people come into the office asking for help with their city income tax forms; I have helped 84 people through yesterday and another 26 or so on the phone. Deputy Mayor Denning: If we have a tax increase, let's say the road levy goes into effect and passes, my question is, what happens on the TIF properties with that money? Does that increase go to paying off the TIF or does that increase come to us to help with the streets? I don't know is a reasonable answer at this point. Mr. Garrett: I am not absolutely sure, but off the top of my head I would think it is going to be funding the TIF. Deputy Mayor Denning: Okay, so if we increase the taxes it just pays off the TIF quicker, is that what you believe? Mr. Garrett: I think so. Deputy Mayor Denning: Can you check on that and let me know? Mr. Garrett: Sure.

B) Monthly Update Administration Department – Mr. Chris Lohr: Just have a handful of updates. We are almost finished with interviewing zoning administrator candidates. One more interview tomorrow and then I think we will be ready to make a decision on who we want and make a job offer. Tomorrow we also have our health and wellness assessment for employees. We have about 30 - 35 employees signed up to come and do that tomorrow so that is a pretty good turnout as that is about half of our full-time employees so that is good. They will be doing blood work and some other basic health assessment things and then they will provide our employees advice on what they can do to improve their health and offer some other additional steps for specific items like obesity or smoking, things like that. On the IT use side of things, we are almost finished with our

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point-to-point so we have, if you remember, new internet at Station No. 5, 1791 Harshman, and we have the point-to-point here, we've been waiting for AT&T to finish the point-to-point to Station No. 6, which is the fiber connection. As far as I know they have finished it all up and we are just finalizing the network things to make that all work. Now that we have that finished, we can have the phone contractor come in and get Station No. 6 on the new phone system and we will be finished with all the new Internet and phones. The last thing we will do with the new phone system implementation is bring them in and we will do training with staff. They have already done some training as the new phone system was implemented, but we are going to do a full training if not next week then the following week and we have that all wrapped up. Here is the bad news, Facebook Live, we are not doing that tonight, Facebook did an update to their security; it's not funny, it really isn't funny, you have no idea how depressing this day was for me. They did an update and they switched to an HTTPS url as opposed to HTTP so they changed some of the formatting things. MVECA came in and looked at it and they couldn't get it running and they contacted the manufacturer of the device that converts the data into streaming format and I assume they are going to come up with a software update for that piece of equipment, but we do not have that tonight. There it is. Hopefully, they will be able to do that update and be back up and running. I am glad the response was laughs. Deputy Mayor Denning: We will still put the video up on YouTube? Mr. Lohr: Yes, we will have that up tomorrow. Deputy Mayor Denning: When did that update happen? Mr. Lohr: I'm not sure; sometime in the last two weeks. As I have gotten in the practice of doing, I test on Thursday morning the video recording and also the Facebook Live and when I did it this morning it didn't work, I got the error message and sent it to MVECA. It has been fairly recent, so much so that they haven't figured out the update they need.

C) Monthly Update Economic Development – Mr. Mark Carpenter: A lot of activity here at the Wright Point Office Park. We are moving forward with the SPGlobal expansion. We divided the project; there are two halves. There is the headquarters for SPGlobal that side, and then there is what they call the global flight development side; what you will have in your agenda this evening is the bids to do the work on the global flight development side. We also had discussions with the DDC and the county and we did apply for an Edge grant to help offset some of those costs. If we accept this bid, we will have to delay the work until the time the Edge grants are awarded to see if we will receive one or not. We have discussed this with SPGlobal and they are onboard. This build out will create 10 new jobs and retain the 15 SPGlobal has. Also, CDO is primed and ready to move into the space that SPGlobal vacates. When they do that, they are looking to add eight to nine jobs when they expand. We are currently drafting up a letter of agreement with them for that space. Ms. Minnich has been working very hard not only on that, but she is also working on getting the properties located in Riverside, they are with Zoom Prospector, and that information has been updated. Also, we have submitted all the information about these buildings to another software called Co-Star and that is software that companies outside the region use to see what is available. We have submitted that information and it should be updated here shortly. We did also add a link to our website; if you go into the 'Departments', Economic Development lists a sheet of the properties that are available that is something we need to promote on our website ourselves, and Facebook, but it is up. Also you may have noticed the McDonald's on the corner of Valley and Harshman with the two semi-trailers there; their coolers are out and will be out until about April 20, so they are using those trailers right now. One other thing, Ms. Minnich will be making the business visits beginning next week. Mayor Flaute: She is going to let us know who she visits. Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, we will be keeping track.

ITEM 14: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: No one requested to speak on agenda items.

ITEM 15: NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

- I) Ordinance No. 19-O-690 adding Section 1115.14 Small Cell Facilities and Wireless Support Structures to the Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) of the City of Riverside.**

Mr. Carpenter: This is the small cell facility ordinance. This one has been some time before getting to council as we were preparing this, the FCC came along and kind of changed the game on the rules for these small cell towers, but this ordinance here is in compliance with the FCC requirements and now you have it before you.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to read Ordinance No. 19-O-690 for the first time in its entirety. Mr. Teaford seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 19-O-690 for the first time in its entirety.

Deputy Mayor Denning: There is not much we can do about this; this is what the state and FCC has set up. Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, the original agreement with the state was different than what the FCC proposed so the FCC is going to supersede the state so it is nationwide. There is a possibility of future lawsuits between communities whose policies conflict with the FCC. Deputy Mayor Denning: And we've already got two going up. Mr. Carpenter: Yes, the one there in front of Stebbins. Mayor Flaute: Where do they have them going up? Mr. Carpenter: I saw the one in front of Stebbins; I can't recall where the other one is. Deputy Mayor Denning: There is one on Linden, too.

B. RESOLUTIONS

- I) Resolution No. 19-R-2460 appointing Francesca Hary to the Personnel Appeals Board for a three year term beginning April 7, 2019 through April 6, 2022.**
- II) Resolution No. 19-R-2461 appointing Harold Vazquez to the Planning Commission for a four year term beginning April 7, 2019 through April 6, 2023.**
- III) Resolution No. 19-R-2462 appointing David Owens to the Planning Commission for a four year term beginning April 7, 2019 through April 6, 2023.**
- IV) Resolution No. 19-R-2463 appointing Anthony Rodgers to the Planning Commission for a four year term beginning April 7, 2019 through April 6, 2023.**
- V) Resolution No. 19-R-2464 appointing Chuck Childers to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four year term beginning April 7, 2019 through April 6, 2023.**
- VI) Resolution No. 19-R-2465 appointing Tim Schneider to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four year term beginning April 7, 2019 through April 6, 2023.**
- VII) Resolution No. 19-R-2466 appointing Jerry Richardson to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four year term beginning April 7, 2019 through April 6, 2023.**

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VIII) Resolution No. 19-R-2467 appointing Stanley Leszczuk to the Board of Tax Appeals for a two year term beginning April 19, 2019 through April 18, 2021.

Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to approve Resolution Nos. 19-R-2460 through 19-R-2467. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion. Mayor Flaute introduced Francesca Hary, who has reapplied to serve on the Personnel Appeals Board.

Ms. Hary: This is my favorite, all-time community service committee. I stand before you, my name is Francesca Hary, longtime resident of Riverside and very humble and appreciative resident of Riverside thanks to the police and fire department, who seem to know my address pretty well. Not the police, but the fire department. On that note, I am your hard working Personnel Appeals committee member; we have yet to meet in I think nine years. We like to maintain it that way. I commend the council and the city manager for not having personnel appeals issues, but we are ready to serve at any capacity at any time so we are ready to meet. I hope I have your vote. This is my favorite committee.

Being no other discussion, all were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

IX) Resolution No. 19-R-2468 recognizing the Bob Chiles Classic as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the citizens of the City of Riverside.

Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-R-2468 for the amount of \$100. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

X) Resolution No. 19-R-2469 recognizing the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the citizens of the City of Riverside.

Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-R-2469. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion.

Ms. Lommatzsch: I would like to explain this. Our speaker for our volunteer dinner tomorrow night is Mary Cole Mertz, who has recently been appointed by the governor to his board as the ODNR Director. We normally have given some kind of a thank you to our speaker and so we did inquire of her administrative assistant a favorite, I thought she would pick the parks or something because she is in charge of all the state parks and rivers, but she got her start in leadership with the Girl Scouts and so she asked that any recognition we might give go to Girl Scouts. I asked the mayor and clerk to put this resolution on to cover us for a donation of \$50.

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

XI) Resolution No. 19-R-2470 authorizing the assessment of delinquent charges for the cutting and removal of weeds, vegetation and/or grass to be placed on the Montgomery County Property Tax Duplicate.

Mayor Flaute indicated they received an updated resolution. Mr. Garrett: If you recall at the last meeting we did the resolution to adjust the grass assessment for last year because the land bank sold two properties. They sold one more in the last few days so we had to take it off this list because they are going to wipe out all the prior assessments as part of

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that process. Mayor Flaute: The new number is on the one we see tonight, which is \$35,237.91.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-R-2470. Mr. Teaford seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

XII) Resolution No. 19-R-2471 authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract for the lowest and best bidder to perform remodeling work for the SPGlobal expansion.

Mr. Carpenter: Let me just add this is not all of the work, but this is the remodeling portion of the work and that is why we applied for the grant to pay for the additional.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-R-2471. Ms. Lommatzsch seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 16: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Flaute invited Ms. Jan Pitzer to come forward and discuss her topic.

Ms. Pitzer: Good evening, I am here as you may have guessed regarding Cheryl Coker. I want to thank everyone who was able to attend. As you know, April 2, 2019, was the 6-month date of Cheryl missing. I want to give out kudos and thanks to our own Jay Keaton for providing the prayer; a special thank you to Channel 7, 2, 45 and 22 for excellent coverage making it public. A thank you to Lamar Advertising for their huge generous donation in allowing us to bring the billboard to life, and to Flowerama for their generous donation of the green balloons. Green is Cheryl's favorite color. I want to thank the cohorts I work with Ashley Ferguson and her mom, Riverside residents, nothing would have been possible without their help; and to one of Cheryl's lifelong friends Charity Leiter. Thank you not only to our city residents, but surrounding residents, even throughout the United States who have donated so that the board could be possible. The missing Cheryl Coker case has impacted so many people not just here, but throughout the country and continues to this day. We will be Cheryl's voice to keep her name in the media and in our hearts and in our prayers.

Ms. Pitzer: Cheryl's birthday is coming up; it's Wednesday, April 24, and I will apply for another permit. We are planning on holding another vigil at the same location. Our Kroger, at Spinning and Burkhardt, has graciously donated 250 cupcakes and we are not going to do the balloons because of the latex and wildlife. We will have cupcakes and candles; we are going to light them and at the blow out of the candles, everyone's wish is going to bring Cheryl home. I've opened a PO box and I will give that address here in a minute. We want to ask anyone and everyone, and I was hoping this would be on Facebook Live, to send a birthday card in the name of Cheryl Coker to this PO Box: Cheryl Coker, PO Box 31518, Dayton, OH, 45437. We are hoping to get a huge amount of cards that we would like to present to her lovely mother Mary and her immediate family to celebrate the birth of Cheryl. We can do this; we can be positive. On kind of a downer note, I am a member of two closed social media groups regarding the Cheryl Coker case. These have a combination of over 3,500 people on them. There have been several posts regarding the Riverside Police Department not having any post about Cheryl since October of 2018 on Facebook, but there are posts about a missing dog named Foley. If at all possible, please post a picture of Cheryl, the date missing October 2, 2018; and if you know something, say something. We need to keep her in the forefront. I know Detective Abney breathes, eats, and sleeps this case 24/7, there is no doubt. However, to the outside this looks bad on our city perception is everything. Thank you; by the way we are working on yard signs, green light bulbs, Cheryl's favorite color. Keep all your thoughts and prayers Cheryl strong.

Mr. Curp: What was that box number again? Mr. Teaford: What time on the 24th? Ms. Pitzer: We decided to make it a little bit later, it is either going to be 6:00 pm or 6:30 pm.

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We will be posting and maybe this time we can have it on the city website and city Facebook, but I will be contacting channels 7, 2, 45, so forth. Mr. Curp: What is that box number again? Ms. Pitzer: It is 31518 and the zip code is 45437. I did question that several times, and that is the correct zip code. It should be addressed to Cheryl Coker. Let's do this.

Mayor Flaute invited Mr. Frank Smith to come forward and discuss his issue.

Mr. Smith: Good evening. I am bringing up an old issue again. I know that it has been drizzly, but dust is tremendous coming out of Jerry's lot. It is dry; the dust has just been horrible. He needs to spray. The dust has just been horrible. I am fixing to have new siding put on my house and I would like to get this dust at an issue. It is just horrible. The last couple of weekends, the dust and trucks coming in and out of there have just been horrible. There are two signs missing. They took down the one at Springfield St. and Planters, the 'no thru truck' signs, and the one at Smithville and Byesville is down. They didn't blow down; somebody has taken them down because they had screws in them. Somebody has taken them down, but they are gone. I am not asking, I'm telling this dust needs to come to an end because it has just been horrible the last couple of weeks. And he's not spraying. I know what you are thinking, he's out of town, but he has an employee there. His son is there. They have the equipment. They were taught how to do it. They need to be forced to do it. I know you are tired of me coming up here and complain, but I'm tired of trying to set out and enjoy the evenings because it has been nice; I can't sit out and enjoy the evening because I am eating dust. I mean it has just been horrible; you don't realize it unless you are there. I advise you to come down and sit where my truck is sitting and eat the dust, if you don't believe me. This dust is horrible and it does cause cancer because I brought you all some paper work on it and it does cause cancer. I'm tired of eating it; something has to be done. Thank you, Mr. Teaford for bringing it up. This dust needs to be brought to an end. You put it the regulation, the paperwork in place for him to spray now you need to go down there and enforce it.

Ms. Fry: I have a question for the city manager; have we done any enforcement effort on the dust spraying? Mr. Carpenter: We talked to Mr. Sammons, I think it was last week, and he assured us he was going to take care of it, but obviously he didn't so we will follow up tomorrow. Ms. Fry: Prior to that have we done any enforcement. Mr. Carpenter: We did one time spray for them and charge them. Ms. Fry: It was a while ago, right? Mr. Carpenter: Yes.

Mr. Teaford: It is bad. I have been by there for various reasons, but that property is a mess; we need to do something. We have been spinning our wheels for years on this property. As a council, we need to be one unit saying we are going to do something and get it done.

ITEM 17: COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Denning: On May 11th, Dan Ryan, has picked May 11th as the day to do a community pick-up trash pick-up in the plat area. He has some volunteers that are going to do it and he wants to tie that to the 'trash tag'. They pick-up all the trash and take a picture of it and put it on media. I would like to expand that beyond the plat and put it out to the rest of the city that we use that day and we pick-up trash all over the city and have everybody tag their area as much as they pick up and put it on 'trash tag'. The one area of the city has some volunteers, but I would like to see us have volunteers all over the city do the same thing. Even if we only get a little bit this time and a little bit more the next time, I think it will make a huge difference in the community in general. I think it will give us a sense of community to do that. I have some ideas on how to make that happen and tie us in with the schools; maybe we will figure that out, too.

Ms. Lommatzsch: There has been on Facebook about a June 1 city...Mr. Carpenter: Clean-up. Ms. Lommatzsch: Clean-up Day is that going to be over at the same place, Center of Flight? So we need to be getting that word out, too. I've seen it on Facebook and I've

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shared, but we need to get more info out about that as well. Dan Ryan has been in touch with me, too, and I would like to see it go citywide. I guess we would need a neighborhood captain in each neighborhood. I don't know what your ideas are, but I had already told Dan Ryan that I would support his efforts. I hope I will see all of you tomorrow night at the volunteer dinner, and I will be asking your assistance in passing out our gift to our volunteers. Deputy Mayor Denning: What time does that start? Ms. Lommatzsch: 6:00 pm gathering; 7:00 pm dinner. It is an Italian buffet and will accommodate all vegetarians. I look forward to hearing Mary, a 1983 graduate of Stebbins and was an outstanding leader at Stebbins and has pursued a real interesting career. She has been appointed to the governor's board and I think you will all find her trip very interesting; a local girl that has done well.

Mayor Flaute: That is a reminder that the volunteers should be there tomorrow night. I have a few things; I only did one wedding in the last two weeks, I don't know what is up with that. I also went to lobbying day in Columbus; the stuff I lobbied about is right here so if anybody wants to see it. I went and saw Senator Lehner, Senator Hackett, and Senator Huffman; by the time we got to Representative Butler's place and Representative Plummer's they had to go into session so we only got to talk to their administrative people so it was a good day. I want to remind everyone there is no meeting on April 18 due to a prior commitment for a majority of council so we will not be having a meeting here on April 18. The Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt, everyone who has kids and grandkids, come on out that will be on April 20 at Beverly Gardens at 10 am. Notice a couple of us up here are wearing blue as those who attended the last meeting we had a proclamation for Autism Month and we were asked to wear blue for the meeting tonight. We appreciate everyone supporting that. I have raffle tickets up here for the Fisher-Nightingale Fundraiser. You can win \$500 they are \$5 per ticket or six tickets for \$25. Fisher-Nightingale is like the Ronald McDonald House for our veterans. Ms. Lommatzsch: For military, not just veterans; they are opening another house out at the VA. Mayor Flaute: Anybody who wants to buy a ticket, please see me after the meeting. Ms. Lommatzsch: Is anyone going? Mayor Flaute: I am going and the next thing I am going to do is encourage anyone and everyone to come. Ms. Lommatzsch: We need to be represented. Mayor Flaute: Yes, the date is Saturday, April 27 at the museum. Doors open at 5:45 pm; they call it the horsing around begins at 6:00 p.m. Dress for a themed costume contest or wear patriotic or business casual attire. The cost is \$90 so everyone wants to support a worthy cause. The InCrowd is coming up on the last Monday of the month. Ms. Lommatzsch: It is a steak cookout and they usually do a nice job. Mayor Flaute: It will be good; \$15 gets you a hunk of steak and lots of food. Ms. Lommatzsch: A good dinner.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to go into Executive session for the reason listed on the agenda. Mr. Teaford seconded. Roll call was as follows: Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Teaford, yes; Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion carried.** Council went into Executive Session at 9:02 pm.

ITEM 18: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A) 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.

ITEM 19: RECONVENE

Council reconvened at 9:54 pm.

ITEM 20: ADJOURNMENT

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Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to adjourn. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council