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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, absent; and Mayor Flaute, present.

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

ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to excuse Mr. Teaford. Ms. Lommatzsch seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: No changes were made to the revised agenda.

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

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

A) Firefighter Swear In – Chief Dan Stitzel: It is a great honor to be here tonight, very happy we get to swear in two new full-time firefighters to our family. We've had a couple of openings and it has been a process to get them here. The rest of the department has been picking up the slack and working a lot of overtime until we got to this point here. The first one is Chris Kessinger. This is firefighter/paramedic Chris Kessinger; he is originally from Kettering. He currently lives in Chillicothe with his wife Jenny and daughter Emily. Chris went into the army, 82nd Airborne, served six years with three deployments in Afghanistan as a combat medic. We always like to take this opportunity to say thank you for service and everything you have done for us in that service. After his time in the army, he went to Paint Creek Fire District where he made up to the rank of lieutenant, and he had been working there since 2005. He is a fire instructor; he loves to teach and is associated with several affiliations around the state going around teaching various aspects of fire suppression. He loves spending time with his family and his kids and I can tell you he is good at working with props. He has built some training props for us already and he is doing a great job. We are really happy to have Chris here.

Mayor Flaute administered the oath of office to Firefighter Chris Kessinger.

Chief Stitzel: Our next paramedic/firefighter is Scott Gisi. He is originally from California. He came to Ohio with his mother several years back. She is pursuing her residency in medical school. He currently lives in Beavercreek with his wife Kiwi and their son Killian. He attended paramedic class here at Sinclair and he ended up getting hired on at the Trotwood Fire Department as a part-time firefighter/paramedic. That is where he got his firefighter training in Trotwood. He then also became a part-time firefighter in Union Township. Riverside is his first full-time firefighter job so we are looking to accept him into that and I think we will have a great time with Scott. He is bringing a lot of knowledge with him from the region. He enjoys spending time with his family.

Mayor Flaute administered the oath of office to Firefighter Scott Gisi.

Introductions to council and photos were taken.

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B) Auditor Karl Keith – Mr. Keith: Thank you Mayor, members of council, city manager, I appreciate the opportunity. I appreciate you giving me a few moments this evening. I want to spend some time talking with you about the Memorial Day tornadoes and our response to that and to ask for your support in an effort as we try to deal with those property owners who have been impacted. I am here tonight with my new assistant, Kevin Stout. He started work for us two months ago. He is a recent grad from UD in mid-May, I guess, and then he took a week off to go to Daytona Beach, which is what any 22-year-old that just graduated from college should do, right, spend a week in Daytona. Then, he started working for us a week before Memorial Day. Then Memorial Day came and so he has had a crash course in the challenges of public service let me tell you since Memorial Day and I am sure there are times where he wishes he was back on the beach. I appreciate him and my staff in general. The response to the Memorial Day tornadoes has really been an impressive response throughout the community so we have been trying to be as responsive as we can. You may have seen the news today; we released the results of a survey, today, that we have done of properties that we believe have suffered some type of damage. There are a little more than 4,400 properties in Montgomery County across 10 jurisdictions that were impacted by those storms. What we have been trying to do is identify the ones that have had major impacts, major damage, moderate damage, minor damage. I think the good news for the City of Riverside is that while no damage is good, probably the least amount of damage across the 10 jurisdictions. I think we have two properties we identified with major damage, 17 with moderate damage, and then another 44 with minor damage so compared to some of the other communities that is not too bad. It is all bad, but that is something you can say is fortunate for the citizens of Riverside. Nonetheless, anyone who has been impacted by these storms and had their property damaged is eligible for a value deduction. They can take a deduction on their property value for the latter part of this year and it can be applied to next years' taxes. We are trying to make sure everyone is aware of that who has been impacted by the storms. They do have to fill out an application. We can't just lower their value unless they apply for it, unfortunately, we tried to get permission to do that for folks, but we've been told by the State of Ohio they have to apply and file a form with our office. We have been trying to get that word out that there are forms available at the auditor's office; they can download them from our website at www.mcauditor.org or they can call the office and we will be happy to help them. Our number is 225-4326. We do have some brochures I would like to leave if that is okay. Again, if you can help us get that word out to individuals not only in Riverside, but throughout the county you may know, friends, neighbors, family members throughout the 10 jurisdictions that have been impacted by the storm, I'd appreciate it.

Deputy Mayor Denning: Do you have anything like a webpage that you can send us electronically that we can stick up on our webpage and Facebook page and things like that. Mr. Keith: We do and we have been putting that type of thing available together. We would be happy to do that and appreciate that if you are willing to do that. Deputy Mayor Denning: I think with the amount of folks that are in the city even if it is only 44 or 50 or 70, whatever, we need to get as much information out there in as many ways as possible. Mr. Keith: Thank you, Kevin, remember that. Deputy Mayor Denning: If you send it to the city manager's email I'm sure we can get it where it needs to go.

Ms. Fry: Is this program available only to the homes that you have identified or is anyone eligible to apply. Mr. Keith: Anyone is eligible to apply. This program is available all the time, every year whether we have tornadoes or not. Typically, we will get between 10 – 12 of these applications a year, most of the time because of fire damage, someone has had a fire in their home so they want the value reduced as a result of that. It is available to anyone who believes they have had some type of damage to their property. They fill out the form; it is a simple form, it does have to be notarized. Once that is done it starts the process. We will send appraisers in the field or appraisers to review the property and determine what the level of damage is. We typically get about a dozen of these in a year. So far, we got about 450 of them in this year, but we expect and believe there are hundreds more that are eligible and should file a form.

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Deputy Mayor Denning: Do you have any connection to FEMA in this process? The problems I am seeing are that people don't know that they just need to at least file and get their name on the list with FEMA. Mr. Keith: We do not; we have not been working with FEMA at all. We have been working with some other agencies. Originally the parcels that we identified that were damaged we started off with a number of parcels identified by people on the ground between the city of Dayton, the county's own building inspectors, and the Red Cross had done an on the ground assessment and identified about 2,500 properties. It was only after we overlaid our aerial photographs and images that we had that they missed quite a few about 2,000. They are difficult to see from the ground, but we could see a lot more from aerial imaging so we have not been working with FEMA so much. You are right we have been hearing stories of people who need to apply there as well. What we will be doing in addition to the forms are available from our website or they can call our office, but we will be out in the field doing what we call mobile assistance centers at different branches of the different Dayton Metro Library on certain days and those dates will be released and publicized during the month of August so they don't have to come to us; we will try to get to them. It is difficult to reach people when they have had this type of situation as you can well imagine. We are two months after the storm now and this is a long-term thing. I know over the weekend the local Kiwanis club was out in old North Dayton still distributing food so there are people still struggling to find food after the storm; there are still people dealing with housing issues. I know people are still living in hotels from their homes that were destroyed. This is a long-term thing with a long-term impact and we are trying to reach people as best we can.

Ms. Lommatzsch: You know Night Out Against Crime is Tuesday night, not just in our neighborhood not just our city, I see in the paper it will be everywhere. I think if we had forms at our city facility, if we hear people talking about those kinds of things, we do have a large turn out for that event. We could have that information available at our city tent. Mr. Keith: What is the date of that? Ms. Lommatzsch: It's Tuesday night, August 6. I saw other cities in the county are doing the same night, but it might be a way to touch people because it is free and people are looking for things to do.

Ms. Campbell: You said they also did it even not for tornadoes, but other reasons? Mr. Keith: Correct. Ms. Campbell: Okay, now does County Corp still go out and help people? Mr. Keith: I believe so? Ms. Campbell: Some of them might get help for that, too. Mr. Keith: We spoke with the Board of Realtors their government affairs committee the other day, there are a number of people that are out there helping. The community response has been overwhelming. I think we should all feel very proud about where we live and how the community has responded to this. The board of realtors has funds available to assist people so there are a number of agencies out there that have funds available that can help people deal with the situation. Ms. Campbell: Do you have a list of these companies that do all that? Mr. Keith: We can provide you with some of that, yes. Ms. Campbell: I know there are some people out there that can't afford to fix their house up. They are losing them. Mr. Keith: All kinds of issues have come to the surface as a result of this. People with uninsured homes, those types of issues. This is going to be a long-term recovery process. We have brochures that we will leave on the desk or something.

Mayor Flaute: Thank you for coming out; you are welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting. Mr. Keith: Thank you, I may pass, but this is my first time out here since you moved into the new digs. This is really nice, I'm impressed. Thank you very much.

C) OPWC Grants and Application Information – Ms. Bartlett: This year we are proposing to submit three applications for OPWC funds and those are Springfield East, Spinning from Burkhardt to Eastman and Eastman, and the Lynnhaven plat. This is my first time going through OPWC as a government agency and I don't know how much you guys know or been through it before, but basically there is a scoring system and I've basically concentrated on how to get the best score. With Springfield East I have two options, going into both options we have 30 points. Somewhere between 35 and 38 you get awarded your

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grant. We are playing with 10 points when you factor in the funding. We have 30 points going into three questions for funding. Those three questions have to do with the percent grant-to-loan; the percent municipal match, which if we go with an OPWC loan that counts as part of our match; and that amount of ask. On Option A, we are asking for up to the category that would give us two points or \$1.5 million. The project cost is \$3.2 million and some change, the STP funding is \$829,500. We still have a balance of \$2.4 million. The OPWC grant and the OPWC loan is in the category up to \$1.5 million. This scenario, we would get the grant for \$374,999, a loan amount at zero percent of \$1.125 million, and we would still have a balance of \$947,000. Then I projected out with an OPWC loan you get a term of 20 years so the annual payment would be \$46,250 for OPWC and we would still have to get a three percent loan and have a 20-year term for \$62,950. Our total annual payment for this Option A scenario is \$119,200. Now to compare that to Option B. The same project cost, the same STP funding, we still have \$2.4 million as our balance. We are asking for up to \$985,000, which is \$1 shy of the \$492,499 for the grant and \$492,500 for the loan. This actually gives us a point higher because we aren't asking for as much, but we have to get more loan at a three percent rate for 20 years. When you project out the annual payments, you have a 20-year loan at zero percent for an annual payment of \$24,625; you've got a three percent loan for 20 years and an annual payment of \$97,165. So, you have a total annual payment of \$121,790. These numbers are approximate. Don't do the math to the exact cent on these, but they are in the ballpark. You can see from Option A that we are actually asking for less grant money, but we get more zero percent loan. The numbers are the same, but the total annual payment is less with Option A. I am proposing that we submit an application with this scenario to give us the best chance and to give us the least annual payment.

Ms. Lommatzsch: Option A, then that will give us how many points? Ms. Bartlett: That would give us 10 more points added to the 30. Ms. Lommatzsch: So, it would be 40, Ms. Bartlett: To the best of my calculations. Ms. Lommatzsch: But that pretty much ensures the grant. Ms. Bartlett: Yeah.

Ms. Fry: Can you give the points between A and B again? Ms. Bartlett: The points would be the same, the only thing they are looking at is the total annual payment is different. Ms. Lommatzsch: You are getting less grant, but you can borrow more money for zero percent. Ms. Fry: I just didn't catch the points part. Ms. Bartlett: The mix of loan to grant with this scenario, we have a 75 percent loan-to-grant. With the other scenario it is a 50-50. Where we gain a point by asking for less, we are losing a point because it is a 50-50 mix. That is one of the three funding questions.

Ms. Fry: What is the STP funding? Ms. Bartlett: That is the funding through MVRPC. You have to apply five years in advance of the project to get and my understanding is when the application was put together on the Springfield East the estimate was a bit off that is why we did not get as much STP funding as we typically would get on a project this size. Mr. Garrett: The OPWC, of course, that is the potential of getting that whole million-dollar loan from OPWC, they may not quite fund the whole thing. Ms. Bartlett: No, if we score, we will get everything we ask for. That is my understanding. Mr. Garrett: I mean they don't have an unlimited pot of money so I am not sure that they might short us a little bit. Ms. Bartlett: This is the SCIP portion that has the loan; they go strictly by the number you score. When they run out of money that is where the line gets drawn and nothing below that gets funded.

Ms. Lommatzsch: So, when would construction of this project be or allowed to begin. If all of this falls into place on the calendar. Ms. Bartlett: It is slated to sell by ODOT in February of 2021, so Spring of 2021 would be under construction.

Ms. Bartlett: For the next council meeting I would have the legislation put together for submitting this grant. It is due August 21, so do you have a preference as to Option A or Option B? Mayor Flaute: Go with whatever you think is best. Deputy Mayor Denning: You are the profession, if your recommendation is Option A and if you think that gives us the best bang for our buck as well as the best chance of getting the grant then that is what we go

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with. Ms. Bartlett: Okay, if I find out differently you will get a memo, but that is my understanding. I went down this afternoon and sat with Stacy Valance at the county and had her explain some things that I didn't quite understand with their form. That is when she verified anything we ask for in a loan gets totaled into money we bring to the table so that got us into that 75 and up percent match on this particular project. That was good for us. Deputy Mayor Denning: Loans are essentially our money, it may be in the future, but it is still our money. Ms. Lommatzsch: You understand you have to budget for these payments. I'm just saying.

Ms. Bartlett: The next two projects are something I think is new to the City of Riverside, but Montgomery County Water has been doing these for a few years now, doing joint projects with municipalities. There are two projects that they came to us and asked us if we wanted to submit on. The Spinning/Eastman project there is a roadway portion, a waterline portion, and they are taking the lead where they are submitting the application. We had ChoiceOne prepare out estimate. It would be a mill and fill and some storm sewer replacement, catch basins and some pipe, but it is almost a mill and fill for us. They would be replacing all the waterline on the street so there would be patches if we didn't do this. The total combined project is \$1.3 million. Approximately 41 percent of the roadway cost or \$247,940 would be funded by a grant, and then the cost to Riverside would be \$358,000 for the remainder of the project. As far as funding for that, we would not need the money until calendar year 2021. They would not start the waterline construction until after the first of the year of 2021. An OPWC loan amount of \$247,940 is available at zero percent and the 20-year term for an annual payment of \$12,397. That would leave us with a remaining balance of \$110,060, which would come from the 2021 CIP roadway budget.

Deputy Mayor Denning: So, what you are telling me is that we get \$1.3 million worth of work for \$110,060, plus \$12,397 for 20 years. Ms. Bartlett: Our portion is \$605,000. Deputy Mayor Denning: It would be \$605,000 just to get the road redone and they are going to pay \$247,940 of that portion. Ms. Bartlett: The grant would. Ms. Lommatzsch: That is mill and fill and not a rebuild. Ms. Bartlett: Right. Deputy Mayor Denning: That is not the micro-surfacing that got done by the state 10 years ago. Ms. Lommatzsch: You said waterline stuff. Ms. Bartlett: Yes; we do some pavement repair and anything that is needed. Deputy Mayor Denning: But, if we didn't do it then we would have a big repair down the middle of the road until we finally did decide to pay the \$697,000, or whatever it is by the time... Ms. Bartlett: Right, other municipalities have really jumped on this plan. Now, what they weren't clear about, and I was working on this right up until the 11th hour today because Montgomery County is working with different municipalities and trying to get the applications in by the deadline and there are agreements that have to be between the two, but the other municipalities aren't taking the loan. The grant amount is available in the loan amount, but the other municipalities are allowing Montgomery County to keep all of the loan. It is going to be a little bit of a record keeping nightmare for them as they are going to have to invoice us, but they haven't said no. I am like it is a zero percent loan and it is \$247,000 so I think we should take them. Deputy Mayor Denning: It's 20 years same as cash. Ms. Bartlett: That is project number one with them. The Lynnhaven Plat, they want to replace all the waterlines. There are 13 streets listed there for you. This subdivision isn't the worst of our pavements, but it is far from the best. Most of the streets are in poor or fair condition. A mill and fill is definitely needed. The total roadway estimate for all 13 streets is \$1.3 million. The waterline estimate is \$2.1 million. We'd only get approximately 20 percent of the roadway cost or \$275,650 would be funded by the grant so the cost to Riverside would be just over \$1.0 million. Then, again, we would be eligible for the OPWC loan in the same amount as the grant over 20 years and then the remaining bill to us would be \$816,417. That would come from the 2021 CIP roadway budget.

Ms. Lommatzsch: Isn't that oldest plat almost in Riverside? I think it probably is. Overlook is probably older, but I would guess that is one of the oldest ones and that is probably why they want to replace all the water works. Deputy Mayor Denning: I would think Floral Park. Ms. Lommatzsch: Those were the village. Ms. Campbell: That used to be called Gypsy Plat

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I think. Ms. Lommatzsch: I understand about Floral Park. That is why they want to replace all the water works, I am sure they're 60, 70 – 80 years old. Ms. Bartlett: When we start planning into the future on what plans to do, we really need to plan what waterlines are going to be replaced. Like Tall Oaks, for example, all those streets are in really bad, poor condition, but 50 percent of their waterlines need replaced and are scheduled to be replaced by the county in the next 10 years. So, I have requested that if we do something like this in 2021 that Tall Oaks be another one we go jointly with them and do the whole subdivision. Deputy Mayor Denning: It would be interesting to see what their five- and 10-year plan is for that so then we can plan accordingly, hopefully, we get our levy to pass and that way we can get as much bang for our buck as we possibly can by working with them. I sure don't want to go in and say Tall Oaks is really bad so we are going to go ahead and get that done and then two years later the county is coming in and now we have a strip of asphalt. Ms. Lommatzsch: They already have a plan. Ms. Bartlett: I have a 10-year plan from water, right now, but they don't have all the streets in Tall Oaks in one year, but this OPWC funding would force them to put it into one year and they just recently did a CIP kind of condensing their 10-year plan into a five-year plan so hopefully we will be able to work something out.

Ms. Bartlett: Any discussion about proceeding? Mayor Flaute: It sounds like we are in favor of you proceeding. We will just have to do the budget accordingly. Ms. Lommatzsch: Thanks for all of your work.

D) CIP and 2020 Budget – Mr. Carpenter: What you have at your dais is an updated list of projects for 2020. The top half are those that we are referring to as non-roadway. The last sheet I gave you, some of these items were in what we called the roadway section so I moved them up to try and make all equipment projects, things that are non-road construction into the non-roadway section. The second section is the roadway section that is made up of primarily the gas tax, the motor vehicle tax. The lower two sections, I wanted to add those because those are the state highway fund projects and the permissive tax projects at the very bottom. Those are roadway dollars, but those are special dedicated funds so I wanted to separate them, but those projects are going to be carried into the CIP.

Ms. Fry: Where are we in the process of the budget? Mr. Carpenter: Right now, this is the capital projects that we are committing to so what we want to do is start bringing more information and some future work sessions to talk about these projects and get more detail. When we brought the packet of projects, there are projects in there that are not on this list that you want more information on, just send me notes and we will also talk about projects in that packet. That is how I see proceeding with the CIP portion of the budget going forward. Ms. Fry: The next time we talk about the budget, we will be talking about the projects we had selected. Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, we will start with the ones on this list, and then if there are some of these that you don't want or are not interested in pursuing then we will start taking them out. Ms. Fry: So, right now we are negotiating which projects we are going to pursue. Yes, these are our staff's recommendations. Ms. Fry: Do we have bottom line numbers for the budget? Mr. Carpenter: These numbers, including where we are with our operations, we have a balanced budget. Meaning that we are at zero. Deputy Mayor Denning: I do have one question, the replacement fuel tanks at the fuel farm, that is \$30,000, in this day and age of accessibility fairly easily, does that save us \$30,000 a year or would we be better off working something out with Speedway or Marathon? I understand this makes it easily accessible to us, but unless this is mostly for our lawnmowers, with Speedway open 24-hours a day and all gas stations, is it cost effective. Mr. Carpenter: Well, we've talked about this issue a lot because we were concerned earlier in the year about the integrity of the tanks. Deputy Mayor Denning: Then we had an EPA issue because we are so close to the well field also. Mr. Carpenter: We started talking internally about how we can do just what you said, if we can go to Speedway or Valero and try to keep the equipment in the city that has multiple gas stations and try to work out the best deal for our equipment. The maneuverability is a big issue with the fire engines and the dump trucks and some of our larger equipment. That is the challenge. Right now, the police, they go to Speedway. The cruisers are using that. The command vehicles of the fire department, admin cars, and pick-

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up trucks from service...Deputy Mayor Denning: This is mostly diesel and the fire trucks and the big trucks. Ms. Bartlett: There would be one tank for diesel and one tank for gas. Mayor Flaute: We still have diesel? Ms. Lommatzsch: The fire trucks. Mayor Flaute: I didn't know they were diesel. Deputy Mayor Denning: I think most of the big dump trucks are diesel, also. I wouldn't be opposed to touching base with the well protection people to see if they would be willing to...I mean they gave the folks that pulled the tanks over here at where Circle K was, \$400,000 to never put them back if they would come up with some great number like that for us not to put our tanks back in, maybe a little bit of inconvenience or maybe we can work something out with Valero or Speedway or somebody to help us out. Or the school system, because they may have the same issue. Ms. Lommatzsch: I don't believe the well protection people are giving away money right now, but never hurts to ask. Deputy Mayor Denning: I'm just looking at possibilities and like I said the school system...Ms. Lommatzsch: I'd like it to be a U.S. company, not Valero. Deputy Mayor Denning: If the school system has the same issues, maybe we can work something out with them if it is not too big of a bookkeeping nightmare. Mr. Carpenter: We are going to explore our options. We plugged that in there because we want to get it in there if everything else fails. The dollar number is in there, but we did talk and mentioned about the well field and the schools. I would have to revisit and see what was the conclusion. Deputy Mayor Denning: We approached the schools a few years back and I think at that point it was going to be a bookkeeping nightmare about how many gallons we use versus...that type of thing. I think it would be worth having that conversation with them again because they are right next door to us and we all work off the same thing.

Ms. Fry: Looking at the operations part of the budget, where do I go to find out which positions are being funded with this budget. Mr. Carpenter: It would be in the operations portion, but I will give you an update on that. As we are trying to make these numbers work, where I leaned and I will tell you what is in it, the community development director position, the communications specialist, taking the admin position and moving it to records clerk and making the admin position a part-time position. Of course, it does have the SAFER grant for the three firefighters if the SAFER grant passes, and then unfunding the vacant maintenance position to try and make these numbers work and get to zero. Mr. Runyon retired at the end of 2018. Ms. Fry: So currently, we don't have that in this. Mr. Carpenter: Well, this is projects, this is the CIP; the staffing would be in the operations portion. Ms. Fry: The operations portion is something we don't have, yet? Mr. Carpenter: Correct. Ms. Fry: We will get that when? Mr. Carpenter: I don't have the budget calendar in front of me, but I will get that information to you. Ms. Fry: There is a budget calendar in the CIP that we reviewed before or is there an updated...Mr. Carpenter: It is a separate sheet budget calendar has a time line for the CIP portion and then the operations portion. Ms. Fry: Is that something I have? Mayor Flaute: You should have; I saw it. I can't find it right now. It was given to us. Mr. Carpenter: We will get that to you as well. It was where we had the traditional spreadsheet we have used, we added two sections for the CIP roadway and non-roadway. I have a current version so I will share with council.

Mr. Curp: It might do well, Mr. Manager, I know you have everything here broken out by fund and department that sort of thing, but it might do well to take items that are things we absolutely have to do. For instance, there are a number of lines in different areas that say loan payment. We know we have to make the loan payment, but we don't have to do fuel tanks if we choose not to. It might be good to take all those loan payments, the things we absolutely have to do and lump them together with maybe a subtotal and then list the rest of the stuff underneath that. Just separate them so we can see the 'musts' the 'have tos'. Mr. Carpenter: You want discretionary versus mandatory.

Mr. Carpenter: One other piece, the handout, this page right here, I just wanted to give council an idea of what 10 years out what the budget would be. I say that because there are a lot of variables, but the revenues are all based at one percent growth, operations would be at two percent increases, personnel are two-and-a-half, and health insurance is 11 percent. That is just carried forward. As you can see the color-coded areas those would be starting

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with the gray portion that is the positions I just mentioned those positions are factored in to this sheet and also the street levy, if it was to pass, those dollars are added in. Then, we have the other revenue. Ms. Lommatzsch: I see the park levy. Mr. Carpenter: Exactly, those are in place. Ms. Lommatzsch: Lots of what ifs.

Mr. Curp: Out in the year 2025, down at the bottom, you have this item that says revenue infrastructure and this large balloon of \$12.9 million, can you explain that? Mr. Carpenter: That would be an additional police levy and a public safety building. Mr. Curp: This says revenue infrastructure. Mr. Carpenter: Yes, right, it would generate roughly \$8.0 million. Mr. Curp: A one-time \$8.0 million? Mr. Carpenter: Sometimes these are lump sums. Mr. Curp: That is going to come from where? Mr. Carpenter: That would probably be a ballot issue. Mr. Curp: For one year? Mr. Carpenter: No, it would be like, the way I see it, it would be a bond that we would get, but I agree it is one year, we just wanted to factor in there and include it instead of spreading it out. But, it would be a bond issue and the levy would make the payments on the bond.

Mayor Flaute: The only question I have is we were talking about getting together for a council retreat on August 24, is that still under consideration? Ms. Fry: It is on my calendar. Ms. Lommatzsch: It's on my calendar. Mayor Flaute: And we will be talking about budget. Mr. Carpenter: We can talk about several things, but budget for sure. Mayor Flaute: I just wanted to make sure.

Ms. Lommatzsch: Will you let Paula know we females cannot attend her event on the 24th. Chief Stitzel: I sure will let her. Ms. Lommatzsch: Please keep us in the loop on future activities. Chief Stitzel: This is her second year attending and one of the ladies that has this up, I used to work with in Mason and they are just doing a great job down there so I am just trying to get us up in this region involved in that. It is really starting to take off and I think it will get bigger each year. Ms. Lommatzsch: I would like very much to go. Chief Stitzel: Well, I will let you know how it goes and sure invite you for next year, too.

ITEM 7: RECESS: Council recessed at 6:58 pm.

ITEM 8: RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 7:10 pm.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Flaute had Public Service Director Kathy Bartlett lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the July 11, 2019 special Council meeting and July 18, 2019 regular Council meeting. Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Fry seconded the motion. Ms. Lommatzsch abstained, all others were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 11: 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 12: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Carpenter: The report is in your packet, if you have any questions, I will be glad to answer those.

Deputy Mayor Denning: Do we have any idea when the Valley Street sidewalk will be done? Ms. Bartlett: We have an idea it might near the end of August. Deputy Mayor Denning: I was hoping that it would be open before the schools open so the kids could actually use it on the first few days of school. Ms. Bartlett: Yeah, we don't have it pinned down that tight, but we can be in contact with the contractor. It isn't in their contract. Their contract extends into September. Deputy Mayor Denning: I'm okay with if they still need to put the grass in, but I'd like it open so that the kids can use it, what is the first day of school, the 14th of August? The 14th of August would be the date we need the sidewalk open. Ms. Lommatzsch: I'm not sure the school is full blown on the 14th, it may be the high school. Ms. Bartlett: We

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will check into it. The contractor that has that project also go our Tall Oaks and they want to start on the Tall Oaks near the end of the month.

Mr. Curp: Talk to us about this anticipated long term leave of the code enforcement officer.
Mr. Carpenter: Our code enforcement officer, Rob Gibbs, he experienced an on-duty injury so right now he's been doing restricted duty for the last couple of months and he is scheduled for knee surgery next week. He will be off seven to nine weeks. Sgt. Jackson is on restricted duty so she is going to help us out. We think we have it worked out to where she can work a couple of days a week and then also we are looking to get a part-time person to fill that. Some kind of contractor to help out with code enforcement. Ms. Lommatzsch: When did the accident happen? On the job? Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, he was retrieving a sign, twisted, tore up his knee. Mr. Lohr: It has been a number of months, I can't remember exact, possibly April.

Ms. Fry: The July 11 meeting, we discussed the long-term, overall city...Mr. Carpenter: Economic Development? Ms. Fry: Well, more than just the economic development plan, but you said that you would work on it. Do you have a time table, yet? Mr. Carpenter: I do not; I was thinking in terms of economic development plan. I don't have a time table on that one yet. Frankly, I really haven't started it at this point. It is on the list. Ms. Fry: Can we add that to the list of council requests?

Mayor Flaute: I was wondering about the Woodman Safety Study scope that was received, I don't remember talking about that. I do remember talking about it, but do we have any information on that? Ms. Bartlett: This is the safety study that ODOT is funding 100 percent and they want to put together a field review team at some point. We are probably a couple of months out from that. They did recommend that a council member be a part of that team. I just received the scope. ODOT has a consultant that prepared a scope. This is in the very preliminary talking stages. There is going to be a contract between ODOT and the consultant to do this study for us; it is traffic generated. There have been a number of accidents along the wall into Community Park. I've been putting little things in my report, but they are going to be looking at short-term fixes and some longer-term fixes. I just go in touch with a gentleman from the base in the last week. They also recommended that somebody from the base be on this field review team so I do have the name and I've reached out to him and he has agreed to be part of this in the planning stages. I think long term we are talking about realigning the road. We can't do that without the base involvement. Mayor Flaute: Yeah, because the road is going to be needing repair in the next couple of years. It would be good to have that wall thing figured out. Ms. Bartlett: We are still maybe talking about resurfacing one more time before the actual construction because what I would like to see is the safety study happen first, then there needs to be a feasibility study that we would have to fund and that is in the 2020 CIP roadway budget to fund a feasibility study. From that feasibility study, we would have good numbers to go for an STP grant so in 2021, we would go for an STP grant so that is not available for five years out. The reconstruction is going to be a long way off, if the safety team determines that is what is needed. Deputy Mayor Denning: So, we are looking at 2026, 2027 somewhere in that neighborhood. Ms. Bartlett: Exactly, and the project is going to be expensive enough that it will take two funding cycles so it would be built in two phases.

A) Monthly Update Finance Department – Mr. Garrett: Made it into a new month now so I am working on the final entries for the month of July so July isn't quite finished, yet. Our income tax is up to \$3.9 million that was, of course, received through the month of July and that puts us about \$200,000 about where we had hoped to be. I did want to comment that we recently received from the City of Dayton \$82,500, which was the well field source protection contract for the year 2018. That was held up for quite awhile pending the finalization of the contract between us, but they did recently, about a week ago, did pay us for 2018 and in a month or two, I will ask them for the 2019 money as per the contract. Also, we had a registration consultant going through motor vehicle registrations and she has finished her work now. We previously had gotten adjustments for some registrations that

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were incorrectly recorded to Riverside and being released to other cities and then recently got a second package from the ones coming from the other cities back to Riverside. We paid the consultant about \$750 for the ones that belong to Riverside and go in about \$12,000 worth of revenue. Of course, you have to keep in mind we gave away part of it earlier to some of the other cities, but we still came out ahead. The contract with CCA has been signed and mailed off to them. We haven't had any more contact with them other than now we have signed the contract send it to them for them to sign it and then we can get started down the road with all the coordination and change over that is going to happen. Right now, all we have done is sign the contract and will await their contact with us. I did attend the meeting a couple of weeks ago where the FEMA reps were explaining all of our city costs for the tornado response so we have another month or so to put all that together. The supplemental that we are going to consider tonight that's funding the initial bills and then we are going to turn them around and claim them from FEMA, of course, FEMA only pays 75 percent. The state might sweeten it; they traditionally have put in a little bit more on top of the federal money, but we won't know until we get it all sent in. Deputy Mayor Denning: Seventy-five percent of something is better than zero percent of nothing. Mr. Garrett: You see in the supplemental we have about \$150,000 for the city so FEMA will probably do about 75 percent of that.

Mayor Flaute: I just want to make a comment on the vehicle registrations. I remember about two or three meetings ago when we passed legislation to add additional money to vehicle registration so I did get a hold of them and they finally got back with me. They told me that we need to have a consultant that reviews them and we will be fine. That same day, I came in and talked to Mr. Garrett and he had just got that information and we do have a consultant that does that. I feel pretty good about the fact that we are getting what we are supposed to be getting because this consultant was pretty thorough and other cities have consultants that will do the same thing. Everybody is pretty much on board checking that out. At this time, she doesn't want to come to council unless we need her to come and tell us about that. I feel fairly confident after talking to Mr. Garrett that we are getting what we are supposed to get. When I asked her, I said my license says Dayton, where is my money going. She looked at her computer thing and said, "No, sir, it is going to Riverside", even though it says Dayton on your license. Ms. Lommatzsch: Sometime when we have room in the newsletter, and I know we just got one today, I haven't read it, but after the levy and all that, we need to explain to people in a short article that they can insist that you put Riverside on your license. I don't care where you go to get your license. I've been to Smithville, I've been to Beavercreek, and they will always say, 'still want Riverside on your license?' so, you can insist they do that because you do not live in Dayton. Ms. Campbell: I tried that, I told them I lived in Riverside, but the zip code says Dayton and they would not do it. Ms. Lommatzsch: Well, you can insist that you do it because you don't live there. Mayor Flaute: I tried, but next time I definitely will insist.

Deputy Mayor Denning: I think we need to make sure the explanation that CCA gave us about the fact that starting January 1, 2020, everybody will file with CCA instead of RITA. I think we need to start getting that information out to everybody as soon as we possibly can. So, people understand that we made that decision and are moving forward, and why we made that decision. Whether it is a postcard or special newsletter at the very least in the next newsletter, we need an explanation of the whole income tax change fax so that people understand what is going on. Mr. Garrett: I agree a newsletter article; I was concerned that a lot of people won't think too much about their taxes until November so I didn't want get there too early. Deputy Mayor Denning: I don't discount that, but I would rather them have the information and not pay attention to it, then us not have the information out and it be our fault. Even if we don't have a newsletter coming out until October, we need to be getting the information up on our website and on our Facebook page so that people know what is going on. It is important we get that information out to everybody. Ms. Lommatzsch: But it can be very confusing because people like me, I pay RITA because they do not withhold from my job so for people who don't understand what is going on and start not knowing where to send their money it can be very confusing. Deputy Mayor Denning: We can tell them they

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still send their RITA up until end of the year, but they will file their taxes with CCA and will get credit with everything paid to RITA. Mr. Curp: That is not correct. Deputy Mayor Denning: That is what she told us; that is what they told us. Mr. Curp: We are with RITA until the end of the year, so they will file their taxes with RITA. Deputy Mayor Denning: I asked that question at the meeting and they said no they won't, they will file their taxes with CCA. Mr. Curp: I think we should go through the transition activities before we start communicating stuff to the public so we know what it is we should be communicating. Deputy Mayor Denning: When we know for sure, but we need to get that information as quickly as we possibly can so people understand. Mr. Curp: Because we are still relying on monthly and quarterly income taxes that people pay directly to RITA when they file. As Mrs. Lommatzsch said, file their estimated taxes. We don't want people to stop paying and us stop getting revenue because they think they have to wait. Deputy Mayor Denning: I understand that, but I don't want people to be surprised by the fact that they have to file with CCA instead of filing with RITA. Ms. Fry: One think I want to be clear about is if this falls under one of the services provided. I recall when we were first engaging them they talked about postcards and what not and if this would be one of those things. Mr. Curp: And let them explain why they were selected because I'm not sure I know yet why they were selected. Ms. Lommatzsch: I don't understand it either. Mr. Garrett: We will get out an initial advisory; there will be a lot more detailed discussion soon. Deputy Mayor Denning: We seem to be confused so double check to find out who they will actually be filing their taxes with. Is it CCA or is it RITA? I want a better understanding of that before I start passing that information out. Mr. Curp: For people who are filing quarterly estimates, their income tax return is simply a reconciliation. CCA won't know how much money RITA has until, I assume, that will be dealt with in the transition activities. Deputy Mayor Denning: I agree with you, but that was the reason I asked the question when they were here is who will people file with and how confusing that will be in the process that their sending their money to CCA starting January, but they are filing with RITA. She said, 'no', they would file with CCA. That is what we were told. We need to double check that and make sure.

B) Monthly Update Administration Department – Mr. Lohr: I am in the process of finalizing up a deal to transition us to some new copy machines. We have six cop machines, currently citywide, and we are looking at replacing them. There is a good potential we are going to save on our reproduction costs so 10 – 20 percent, I can't remember the exact number off the top of my head. At the next council meeting, I plan on bringing forth the resolution where council would authorize the purchase of those new copy machines. A day-in-the-park is coming up at the end of the month, August 31, noon to 8:00 pm. We will have Stebbins High School Marching Band, Just-In-Tyme, and Band 5 playing throughout the day. We have Young's Dairy bringing their mobile food truck, which I think is exciting for the event. Billie Gold Bubble Tea, Woodfire Pizza, and there is a fourth one I can't remember what that food truck is. We also have 21 vendors signed up so we are going to have a pretty good-sized event. I think it is going to be a lot of fun. If you can make it come out and have some fun over at Community Park. One more item, we have had three interns from Youth Works; I can't recall, it has been about a month-and-a-half we have had them. They are about ready to wrap up their time with us. They have been a big help. They have helped sorting public records upstairs; we had about 50 boxes of personnel files that we've accumulated through the years and we have to keep those files indefinitely. They have helped us get those organized in a way that they are easily accessible. I think if they weren't still in high school, we'd love to hire them as they have done great for us. I just want to mention that.

Deputy Mayor Denning: Just because they are in high school doesn't mean we can't hire them part-time after school to keep things rolling if it is in the budget. Mr. Lohr: That is correct. Actually, we have asked them about that. There is a possibility with one of the students who is a student at Stebbins so we may actually be able to keep her on through the youth works program, which we aren't paying them, so that is great. That is something we are hoping works out for us. Mr. Carpenter: I did ask her. She is extremely busy she tells me. Deputy Mayor Denning: I appreciate that; most high school kids are looking for jobs.

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C) Monthly Update Economic Development Department – Mr. Carpenter: On 5100 on the fifth floor, SPGlobal has moved over there, but the other half of the floor GlobalFlyte affiliated with SPGlobal that build out continues. We are a little bit delayed as we had to switch some contractors on the job. We do expect to complete it before the end of August, hopefully a lot sooner. We are set back a little bit by switching the contractors. We have had a lot of calls about the Wright Point buildings. One of our former tenants is coming in to take a look at their former space, Battelle is coming to take a look at their space. They want a temporary move in because they are trying to get a contract over at the base. They will be here tomorrow morning. We also had a couple of other companies; one looking for 6,000 – 9,000 sq. ft. The DDC has offered one of our properties to another defense contractor who is looking for 2,000 – 5,000 sq. ft. We also have our current tenants looking to expand. Lots of activity going on here. We have reached out to Turner Construction to help us with the small maintenance repairs; we seem to be accumulating a lot of lesser repairs and so we accumulate the ones that can wait and create a list and Turner comes out and spends the day making all the improvements. To the rest of the city, we have some interest in the Goodyear store on Woodman, the issue is trying to locate the owner of the property so we can make that connection. Also, staff has reached out to the Sikh Society on Harshman and Way of the Cross on Beatrice to talk about some of their property that is not being utilized and see if we can't help them in some type of development at those properties. We had a nice conversation with Airway Shopping Center management today. They want to talk about a few things, but I will just highlight the Riverside Historical Society is looking to expand so they are offering larger space for the historical society and the seniors, any non-profit agencies and even maybe some type of community activities to take place in this larger space. The cost of it would be for the utilities. They want to be a little more interactive with the community so we appreciate that and are talking about some further projects and events that can take place at Airway Shopping Center.

Mr. Curp: I don't know who is interfacing with the planning commission, but in the notes here it says one of the things they are looking at is address accessory buildings and how they can be permitted between the front line of a principal structure and required front yard set back line. My question is who is the interface and what kind of accessory buildings are they thinking about putting between the front of the house and the street. That makes no sense to me. Mr. Carpenter: Tamara is interfacing with the planning commission and she is going through the code and is identified the probability, I don't think it has happened yet, but the way the code is written depending on how far back this house sits to the rear property line and somebody wants to build a shed, there is a theory that the shed would have to be in the front yard. That is what the context of that bullet point means. Mayor Flaute: It is permitted now. Mr. Curp: No, it's not. You are not allowed to have accessories. Mayor Flaute: The code is not clear. Mr. Carpenter: That is the discussion to clarify that language. Mr. Curp: What I thought I heard him say was if they don't have enough space in the rear yard between the back of the structure and the rear property line, then the question is can they put it in the front yard. Or is it mandated if they are going to have one then it has to go in the front yard because it won't fit in the backyard. Mr. Carpenter: Yes. Mr. Curp: That is not saying it is permitted in the front yard because it is probably not permitted in the front yard. Then you get into the same situation with chickens in that there are a number of neighborhoods where chickens and poultry and barnyard animals were prohibited in those residential neighborhoods because of deed restrictions. So, you have a similar situation here where there are deed restrictions, which provide only for accessory structures in the rear yards and not in the front yards. If the city were to change the code to allow something like this to happen in the front yard, then you set up a conflict between the city and residents in a neighborhood because the city doesn't enforce deed restrictions and deed covenants. That leaves it up to the residential property owner to seek civil judgement in the courts at their own expense for a situation that the city would have created. That is part of what is going on in Floral Park. I don't think we want to perpetuate that throughout the rest of the city. That is why I am asking what is going on here. Mr. Carpenter: To clarify, we do not want to allow sheds in the front yard, we just want to make sure the language is clear that it is not permitted in the front yard. Mr. Curp: I am just reading what is on the sheet of paper. Mayor Flaute: From my

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understanding at the last planning commission meeting, it isn't completely clear and she wants to make it clear that is not allowed. Mr. Curp: I am just repeating what is on this sheet of paper, accessory buildings and how they could be permitted between the front line of a principal structure and required front yard setback. That is all I have to work with and that is exactly what it says.

Deputy Mayor Denning: I noticed that we use Joe's landscaping to do all the mowing here and I was wondering what that costs us per year and whether or not it would make sense if that number is high enough, would it just make sense to use that money to put a services department person on line. We mow all the parks and everything else, unless there is more to it than mowing the grass. Ms. Lommatzsch: There is, there is trim and snow. Deputy Mayor Denning: Would the dollar values cover another person so that money would go... Mayor Flaute: So, the question is how much do we pay Joe's. Mr. Carpenter: I can get you that information. Deputy Mayor Denning: It doesn't make sense; I mean if it doesn't make sense and would be more of a burden on the service department or whatever then I am okay with that. Ms. Campbell: You talking about what it costs for each yard? Deputy Mayor Denning: No, what it costs to do this building. Ms. Campbell: Well, I meant you are talking about the service department to go out and do this? Deputy Mayor Denning: To do this, instead of having Joe's do it, because if Joe's costs us \$70,000 a year and we can hire a person they would be assigned to this building. Ms. Campbell: What did he get paid for each yard out in the residential area that does that? Do you know that? Mayor Flaute: That is the question he is asking. Mr. Curp: Let's make sure if we are looking into that that we are comparing apples to apples. This came up once before where the previous economic development director who was in charge of this facility wanted to do exactly that because he thought it would be cheaper because of the hourly wage rate in the service department to simply hire them to come over and do the outside maintenance: mow the grass, mulch the beds, do the snow removal. Then, we said wait a second, we charge Joe citizen for nuisance abatement this other rate. We don't charge them just the hourly rate of a single employee, we charge fully loaded with benefits; we charge for the truck and all this other stuff. There is no discount because you are part of the family. Deputy Mayor Denning: No, right, that is what I want to know. My point is if we can hire a person and they are assigned to this building and it costs us less than what Joe's does, it would make sense. I agree, I am talking fully loaded with benefits. Mayor Flaute: To Mr. Curp's point, I think that has been done, but we can do it again. Ms. Campbell: The lady who lives across the street from me used to get groups of kids, you might know who I am talking about, Cindy, and she would go around with the kids to do people's yards and it wasn't really expensive.

ITEM 13: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: No one wished to comment on agenda items.

ITEM 14: NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

I) Ordinance No. 19-O-700 making supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2019. (1st and 2nd reading, public hearing and adoption)

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to read Ordinance No. 19-O-700 for the first time in its entirety. Ms. Fry seconded the motion.

Ms. Lewallen read the ordinance in its entirety.

Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or comments from council.

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Mr. Curp: I just want to confirm that this is coming out of the separate fund we have set aside labeled contingency and this isn't coming from the carry-over balance. Mr. Carpenter: It is a couple of different funds; there is also the... Mr. Curp: I understand that, but there is a transfer out here that says contingency reserve fund \$151,730, which covers this transfer in here \$136,750 plus there were a couple of others \$11,831.80, my question is to confirm it is coming out of that fund as opposed to the carry-over balance or reserve fund, whatever you want to call it. Mr. Carpenter: Yes.

Ms. Fry: This \$1,800 for the National Night Out, is that what we typically spend on it? Mr. Carpenter: I don't have the current or what we typically spend. I know we budgeted around \$2,500 this year. They are asking for \$1,800 additional to come from the surplus items that were sold. I don't recall exactly what the total was last year. Ms. Fry: Was that always the plan to do this or? Mr. Carpenter: They try to get donations and contributions to help with the event, but I know last year we did dip into one of these funds to help fund the event, I don't recall the total we spent. Ms. Fry: Are we having trouble getting the donations we expect? Major Sturgeon: It is a little bit less, and then some of the things that we are venturing into cost a little bit more. Yeah, I think last year we spend around \$2,000, but the giving that we normally we receive is less this year.

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

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to read Ordinance No. 19-O-700 for the second time. Ms. Curp seconded the motion.

Mayor Flaute opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 19-O-700. No comments were made by the public. Mayor Flaute closed the public hearing.

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

II) Ordinance NO. 19-O-701 determining to proceed with the improvement of certain streets between certain termini in the City of Riverside, Ohio, by lighting the same with electricity. (1st reading)

Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to read Ordinance No. 19-O-701 for the first time in its entirety. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion.

Ms. Lewallen read the ordinance in its entirety.

Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or comments from council.

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

B. RESOLUTIONS

I) Resolution No. 19-R-2501 authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with L. J. DeWeese Co. Inc., as the lowest and best bidder for the Tall Oaks Phase II Curb Ramp Replacement.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-R-2501. Ms. Fry seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

II) Resolution No. 19-R-2502 confirming the dedication of property owned by the City of Riverside to be used for street purposes.

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Mr. Carpenter: This resolution is for the city to donate its property for easements for the Springfield West project.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-R-2502. Ms. Fry seconded the motion.

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

III) Resolution No. 19-R-2503 appointing Mike Hood to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-R-2503. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion.

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

IV) Resolution No. 19-R-2504 appointing Tim Schneider to serve on the Health and Safety Commission.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-R-2504. Ms. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

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

V) Resolution No. 19-R-2505 authorizing the city manager to consent to the ODOT bridge inspection program.

Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-R-2505. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion.

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

ITEM 15: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Flaute invited Ms. Jan Pitzer to come forward and discuss her issue. Ms. Pitzer: I'm not really sure where to begin. I've been in contact with our zoning administrator; I've been kind of informed that the way that zoning and code enforcement is working for the majority is by resident complaint. I was told there were going to be issues in the city regarding zoning that are not going to be addressed. I fail to find the reasoning behind that. I have a neighbor, actually on another street, in their 90s; they have called twice regarding their backyard neighbor and the overgrowth, the tree limbs, the branches, the grass has not been cut. It is causing skunks, rodents, insects, these people are in their 90s that are picking up and maintaining their yard. They have called the city twice to complain. They were asked, 'well, can it be seen from the street'? Their response was there was a house and there is a garage that they have; I don't know that I can say that. I've always been told that Riverside cannot go in someone's backyard without approval; however, the complainant can go in their yard to observe the violation. None of that was told to these residents. I remember Councilman Curp over a year ago asked for why we don't have the program up and running for violations, permits, so forth. And, if I remember correctly, Mr. Lohr stated they were working on getting that program going. According to our current zoning administrator, she does not want that program in order, she doesn't think it is right to show people's violations. I know of four people who have called regarding whether or not the city has attended to some violations. To me, we shouldn't have to call the zoning administrator or code enforcement to find out if the city is complying with what the violation is. That takes up valuable time that the zoning administrator and the code enforcement person can be doing their jobs not fielding phone calls. When I came on the 18th and brought up about the swimming pool at the corner of Bayside and Spinning that it was removed from the east side of the house, but now it is on the west side. That was on the 18th; the pool is still up. Now they have a very flimsy tarp on

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top of it, which is even more of a safety hazard. A small child can get underneath it, an animal – no one would know. So, was a letter sent to the address on Bayside? Mayor Flaute: We will get that information to you after the meeting. Ms. Pitzer: Well, as you know, I do research. The owner of the property lives in Hamilton, OH. These are renters. Do you really think a renter's going to notify their landlord and say, 'hey, we got a violation'. You need to do detailed work. My third is the property at 558 Ketcham that the city owns and is selling. The fence was taken down on Burkhardt; however, the posts still remain. I have people that for work purposes have to come up Ketcham to Burkhardt. The stop sign is a good 10' behind where the fence comes out to the sidewalk at 558 Ketcham. The posts are still there, are you planning on allowing this fence to be erected with the new owner? That again is a safety hazard; you have to creep out from the stop sign to get to Burkhardt to make either a right- or left-hand turn. Thanks.

ITEM 16: COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Ms. Lommatzsch: I would like to put this in the record that I have been certified as a member of the Affordable Housing Commission, again, by the County Commissioners. I received that information today that they have reappointed me to serve, again, which is a pleasure on behalf of Riverside. We do have an InCrowd event at Dairy Queen on August 12, a Monday night. School is the 15th, the 12th is the Dairy Queen and it is a wonderful evening, if it is not too hot. A lot of good introductions of what they have to offer and supporting one of our small businesses.

Mayor Flaute: I did four weddings the last to weeks. The last thing I want to talk about is running for council. On August 22 at 4:00 pm, anyone who wants to run for council or run for mayor needs to have their petitions in. There are folks out there who are running and there are ways of getting petitions where you don't have to sign up downtown, you just run them off online. I just wanted to say that I personally have always felt that one should be open and honest with the citizens as to when they are running for council. As most of you may have seen, I have not taken out a petition so at this time I am formally announcing that I will not be running for mayor for the next four years. I just wanted to get that out there so folks can move accordingly. I am making that announcement at this time.

Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to go into executive session for the reasons listed on the agenda. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Deputy Mayor Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion carried.**

Council went into Executive Session at 8:05 pm.

ITEM 17: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A) Section 13.01 (d)(7) To receive and consider from an applicant for a permit, license, variance, zoning change or other similar privilege granted by the City, the following information confidentially received from an applicant: C. Production techniques and trade secrets.

ITEM 18: RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 8:35 pm.

- A) Ordinance No. 19-O-702 declaring city property located at 558 Ketcham Street to no longer be needed for municipal purposes and to be surplus and authorizing the city manager to execute documents necessary to sell said property.

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Deputy Mayor Denning Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to read Ordinance No. 19-O-702 for the first time in its entirety. Ms. Fry seconded the motion.

Ms. Lewallen read the ordinance in its entirety.

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

Ordinance No. 19-O-702 will have a second reading and public hearing at the next regular council meeting.

ITEM 20: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to adjourn. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council