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ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:

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

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Fry.

Mayor Flaute read the following in remembrance of Corporal Derek C. Dixon and Private First Class Lavern C. Ullmer:

Marine Corps Corporal Derek C. Dixon was 20 years old at the time he was killed in Iraq on June 26, 2007. Derek was a resident of Riverside and he joined the U.S. Marine Corps on July 9, 2004 and was trained as an Information Specialist. He had been serving in Iraq since March 25, 2007 and was assigned to the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Expeditionary Forces based at Camp LeJeune in North Carolina. Corporal Dixon graduated from the Mound Academy in June 2005 following his transfer from Stebbins High School in February 2004. While living in Riverside, Derek was interested in Law Enforcement and was active in the Explorers Post 763 as a teen. He made it a point to stay in touch with his advisor, Officer Jeff Wightman of the Riverside Police Department. Derek is buried in the Forest Hill Memorial Gardens and was given full Military Honors as a War Hero receiving the Purple Heart and other combat decorations as a result of his ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Army Private First Class Lavern Ullmer was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. Lavern was a resident of Mad River Township along with his many family members. He was taken prisoner sometime between November 25th and December 1, 1951 at the age of 23. In 2005 remains and materials were discovered near the Pukchin-Tarigol POW Camp Cluster, where two returning POW's reported PFC Ullmer had died. Through the use of present day DNA technology, a positive identification was made and he was returned to American soil 65 years after his death. Lavern was buried on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2016 and was given full Military Honors at Willow View Cemetery between his parents, John and Helen Ullmer.

ITEM 3: ELECTED OFFICIALS' OATH OF OFFICE / RECEPTION:

Mayor Flaute: At this point, we would like to move into a more joyous occasion. We have, of course, some new and returning Council people. At this time, we will have their swearing in ceremony. We would like to start with Council Member Brenda Fry. Brenda, would you come up front? Just a little introduction to Brenda, my relationship with her is about exactly a year ago. We were at a meeting and I was able to make the announcement that if anyone wanted to run for Riverside Council, this is the time to do it and Brenda came forward. We are so excited that a young, beautiful woman wanted to do that for our City. We are so pleased that you worked so hard and that you were able to accomplish this. I always say service to community is the best work of all.

Ms. Fry was administered her oath of office by Mayor Flaute.

Ms. Fry: It has been quite a whirlwind year. I've met a lot of wonderful people. Kyle and Sally and Jan and Shirley and everyone on the Council have been so gracious in bringing me on board and showing me the ropes. I really look forward to making a difference and being a positive change in the community.

Mayor Flaute: Mrs. Campbell, if you would, please come forward. Mrs. Campbell, as many of you will remember, was on Council a few years back. Mrs. Campbell: Four years ago. Mayor Flaute: So she is back again to serve our great city and we are very pleased that she has chosen to do this and I know she put a lot of hard work into getting elected. Congratulations, Mrs. Campbell.

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Mrs. Campbell was administered her oath of office by Mayor Flaute.

Mrs. Campbell: I'm just glad to be back. I'm the quiet one.

Mayor Flaute: At this time, we would like to have Mrs. Sara Lommatzsch come forward. Again, we all know this only happens with hard work and Sara has been working hard at it for a few years now. We are happy that she is back. Welcome back and I know you have someone special to swear you in. At this time, I will ask for you to come forward and if you will introduce her, I would appreciate that. Mrs. Lommatzsch: This is my pride and joy. This is my granddaughter, Alexis. She is a student at UC. She started an internship with Marathon Oil this semester.

Mrs. Lommatzsch was administered her oath of office by Alexis Wasan.

Mrs. Lommatzsch: I'm just glad to be back, guys. I will continue to do the best I can and make the best decisions that I feel like are the best for you as citizens of Riverside. Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: The last person that won the election is Mr. Denning, but unfortunately his wife had to go to another meeting and she is trying very hard to get away from that meeting as soon as possible. Mr. Denning has asked that we hold off on his swearing in until she gets here. At this time, we do have a little party that we would like to engage in. There is cake in the back. Brenna, thank you for all the work you did to get that. At this time we are in recess until about 7:00 p.m.

At this time, I would like to introduce to you the last person we will be swearing in tonight. Again, I know he worked really, really hard to make this happen. He has been on Council. How many years, Mike? Mr. Denning: Eight. Mayor Flaute: Eight years now. We are pleased that you are going to give it another shot. At this time, we would like to have Jim come on up and if you would introduce Jim. Mr. Denning: Actually Jim and my wife Julie. Jim was on Huber Heights City Council when I first got on Council and I asked him to swear me in then. He is also a lawyer in Dayton and he was with me in my Jaycee life. I honestly believe volunteerism is where it's at and this, sitting on Council, is an extension of that. He kind of bridged that gap for me between Council and Jaycees, so I have always had Jim swear me in. Julie has our family bible and that's tradition and hopefully it will be long lasting.

Mr. Denning was administered his oath of office by Jim Ellis.

Mayor Flaute: Congratulations, again. Mr. Denning: I just want to say thank you to everybody that supported me through the last eight years and hopefully through the next four. I plan to do basically the same thing I have always done which is I don't necessarily vote my personal opinion, I vote what I believe is in the best interest of the whole community. Mayor Flaute: Thank you. Mr. Denning: Thank you, Jim.

ITEM 4: ROLL CALL:

Council attendance was as follows: Mrs. Campbell, present; Mr. Curp, present; Mr. Denning, present; Ms. Fry, present; Mr. Fullenkamp, absent; Mrs. Lommatzsch, present; and Mayor Flaute, present.

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

ITEM 5: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to excuse Mr. Fullenkamp. Mr. Curp seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

ITEM 6: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to accept the agenda as revised as published. Mrs. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

ITEM 8: ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME FOR MEETINGS:

Mayor Flaute: Is there anyone who has any suggestions as to holding the meetings at the same time we have or suggestions for change?

A motion was made by Mrs. Lommatzsch to accept previous schedule. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

ITEM 9: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Mayor Flaute: Now at this time, we will take nominations from Council as to who we want to have as our Deputy Mayor and then we will vote on them. At this time, is there a motion for Deputy Mayor?

A motion was made by Mrs. Campbell to nominate Mr. Curp for Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Curp: I appreciate the thought, but I would like to decline. I think it is good to revolve the appointment and rotate the appointment. I would respectfully decline.

A motion was made by Mr. Curp to nominate Mrs. Lommatzsch for Deputy Mayor. Mr. Denning seconded the nomination.

There were no additional nominations from Council.

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

Mayor Flaute: Congratulations, Mrs. Lommatzsch. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Thank you very much. I appreciate the support.

ITEM 10: ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN CITIZENS PETITIONS:

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

ITEM 11: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Carpenter: In the packet is the report staff has provided. We can address any questions and would be happy to do so.

Mayor Flaute: Is there any discussion or questions for the Manager? I just have a couple here. I question the military parade. I guess we didn't know about that? I would have liked to have known about that. I guess maybe we weren't invited. Mr. Carpenter: The one that was done by the school, Beverly Gardens? Yeah, it was their parade that they invited some Police and Fire. I believe we did mention it, but I don't remember the date. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I didn't know about it either.

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Mayor Flaute: It would have been nice. The other question I have is about the Neighborhood Revitalization Project. The MOU is finalized and tentative start date is January 2, 2018. Can you elaborate on that a little bit? Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, that's the Stebbins Project for the house on Hazelton. Mayor Flaute: Okay. Mr. Carpenter: That's one of the things I was going to mention after this discussion about the temporary budget to see if we have the funds to support that project. We are going to have to address that.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Is there any news on Sparky's? Mr. Lohr: I honestly can't recall what I provided the last updated for that. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It was clear. Mr. Lohr: I will just give a real quick recap. They found about 100 gallons of substance in the tank and that was at the beginning of December. Since then, they came back and they actually pulled the tank itself. There was some leakage from the tank, so there is some contaminated soil that is left there that will need to be addressed at some point. Because of the property itself, the size of the tank, and the contents, we believe it is from an old gas station. Ohio EPA has some funds available out there to remediate old gas station underground storage tanks, so we plan on pursuing that in the future or at least to clean up from the leak from the tank itself. We will have to work out ownership of the property to pursue that grant though because they typically have the owner of the property apply for the grant and I know the last time we discussed this there was some concern about taking on the financial, environmental liability there of actually owning the property. I may actually have to work something out with the land bank, but we will plan on getting the rest of the property cleaned up sometime next year.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: You mean it is going to look like that until next year? Mr. Lohr: No, at this point we are able to do a finish grading on it and a seeding. We will need to line up some funds for that. Right now there is no point in grading and seeding, but as soon as we get the final budget set and we get a little bit warmer weather we will look at finishing up that site. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Thank you.

Mr. Carpenter: I do have a couple comments. I know with the temporary budget we only have a limited amount of money to do engineering work for some of the street projects that we want to do. If we talk about timing so we can get the engineering work done so we can get the bids on the street and get the best prices, we are going to need some additional funds. Right now we have Union Schoolhouse, which is ready to go to bid, that is all set. To go to bid, we need some assurance that we will have the money to do the project. Also we have in our temporary budget, we have about \$9,000.00 to do some engineering which would include your crack seal and also the streets that we want to do. We are going to need about an additional \$11,000.00 so we can get all of the engineering work completed and get everything out to bid so we can get the best prices. What I'm saying is I would like to come back on the 18th at a minimum for appropriations for these dollars or the entire budget, which I would like to bring back as well, if it is Council's pleasure.

Mayor Flaute: Is that what we want to see on the 18th? Mr. Denning: I'm open for next Thursday, if you would be ready for the full budget. Mayor Flaute: We had talked about next Thursday as doing goals and objectives for the City Manager. I think that was the discussion we were having. I don't know if we want to try and do both or if we want to just do the goals. Mr. Denning: I think the goals and objectives for the Manager are very important, but I think getting a permanent budget is what we need to get done. If we don't have a permanent budget very soon, I know we have this three month, but I don't want to be doing this on March 29th.

Mayor Flaute: Mr. Manager, can you have that budget completed do you think by next week? Mr. Carpenter: The short answer is yes. Mr. Denning: If the answer is you need more time, I want it to be as correct as you can have it and I'm okay with that. I don't want it to be the middle of March when we are looking at this because of the situation we are talking about. Now all of the sudden we are piecemealing money because we have to where if to do that. We were this close on the budget. Mr. Carpenter: After the last meeting, I went to staff and asked to make some additional cuts and staff has been working very hard and they have made some additional cuts to get down to some bare bones, but I think it is important to know what those cuts mean. Mr. Denning: That's why I would rather have a complete meeting than a quick

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you send it to us, we get it on Friday, and we are voting on it Thursday without a lot of time for explanation where if we have a whole meeting you can send it to you us and we can have a whole meeting to discuss it and are not pushed by other business to try and get done. Mr. Carpenter: I would be glad to have a meeting next week and talk about it, but to get it in your hands I probably need by the close of business on Monday to finish it. Mr. Curp: I agree with you. I think we could do both on the same night, we don't have to do a formal approval of the budget, but at least if we have the new version to take a look at and talk about and then we have a regular Council meeting the following week. Mr. Denning: If we've got everything ironed out, the budget is going to kind of be turnkey because we have worked all the bugs out at our meeting next week and then we are done. Mr. Carpenter: Okay. Mayor Flaute: I think Monday. I don't think we need it exactly on Monday. A day or so in advance is important. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Tuesday evening. Mayor Flaute: I think Tuesday would be fine because we don't need much time to do that. I don't want to be like Mr. Denning said, I don't want it to be halfway or have mistakes.

Mr. Carpenter: I've received most of the feedback. The Fire Chief has been off because he has been ill and hasn't had a chance to have his input. That's why I was suggesting by the end of the business day on Monday I could probably have it all. Mayor Flaute: If you can, that is fine. If you need Tuesday, I think Council would be. Ms. Arnold: It wouldn't be delivered until Tuesday anyway or at least until end of business Monday. Mayor Flaute: Just do it by email. Ms. Arnold: She doesn't have access to email. Mayor Flaute: Oh. Mr. Denning: I would like to have a hard copy because looking at it on my phone and if I have the hard copy, I can spread it out and cross reference.

Mr. Curp: I don't recall what date Mr. Fullenkamp was going to be back and available. Ms. Arnold: He will be back on the 18th. Mayor Flaute: So he won't be here for the 11th. Mr. Curp: I don't remember. I will have to look back at his email and see. Mr. Denning: I think all that it said is a couple of weeks. I don't know that it had a date. Mr. Curp: I thought he said the second weekend or something. I think he is in tune with what we are doing. From his comments in Council meetings, he is in tune with us continuing to review and fine tuning the budget and he is in tune with the things we want to talk with the City Manager about. I don't look at next Thursday being unable to do both. I think we can do both next Thursday. Mayor Flaute: Mrs. Campbell, are you okay with next Thursday meeting? Mrs. Campbell: Yes. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I'm okay with it. Mr. Denning: Yeah, we are going to be able to get the information out and we will have a limited agenda and those will be the only things we can cover. Mayor Flaute: We might want to put something on there for an executive session for negotiations. Is there something? Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, I can give you an update on negotiations as well.

Mr. Denning: Set the agenda; just make sure that it is out in time because I don't want it canceled on Wednesday because we didn't get it out on Tuesday. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Well the subject of the meeting can go out tomorrow. Mr. Denning: Yep. Ms. Arnold: 6:00 p.m. Mr. Denning: And we are going to cover the budget and the Manager's goals and objectives and maybe negotiations in executive session. Mayor Flaute: As far as goals and objectives go we had his goals and objectives, so we are going to work off of that? Mr. Denning: That's fine.

There were no additional questions or comments.

- (1) FYI Items
 - a. Council Request Sheets
 - b. Council Agenda Calendar
 - c. City Manager's Project and Activities Report
- (2) Monthly Verbal Reports
 - a. Finance Department

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Mayor Flaute introduced Mr. Garrett for the monthly update for the Finance Department.

Mr. Garrett: Well of course we had our December 28th meeting and we passed the end of year supplemental, so that of course got entered into the system. I posted the remainder of the revenue and such; of course I am reviewing it to make sure everything is alright. At the same time of course, we are trying to get 2018 off and running. We have reviewed whole bunch of purchase orders to get funding started for the year and of course refer back to the temporary budget to make sure we stay within those limits, so we are doing that.

Relating to income tax, I will tell you the number we entered into the group litigation against House Bill 49 Centralized Collection stuff. They have had reached an agreement for a preliminary injunction and we've got a temporary delay. It is in a suspended state in our City tax law in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. Instead of it being January 31st now it is up to February 24th for that due date, if you will. The hearing in front of the Judge is going to be on February 13th on the merits of the case and all that kind of stuff. The attorneys for the group litigation have offered some wording to fold into our income tax code related to centralized collection. I haven't done a lot with that yet, but remember I have an income tax code update for the less controversial items, so I can expand that with these comments from our attorney and we hope to be able to bring that to the next Council meeting to at least have a first reading on that. There is a lot going on.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: When will you know what our final is on the income tax receipts for the year? Mr. Garrett: Well if you remember that won't count for this year for 2017 because we record our distribution that we receive from RITA. RITA collects in the month of say November and then distributes it to us on the 1st and the 15th of December, so I do have those posted already. That came out with we brought in \$5,775,000.00 for income tax. That's about \$242,000.00 less than where we hoped to be for the year, so the December receipts did take a significant downturn. I looked and we did get the advance deposit into our bank account for again the 1st installment toward the December Collections and it is just about the same as it was last year, maybe very slightly higher. It's hard to say, but the income tax did fall short in 2017.

There were no additional questions or comments.

b. Economic Development Department

Mayor Flaute introduced Mr. Murray for the monthly update for the Economic Development Department.

Mr. Murray: I think everybody has got it, so please start by crossing off December and adding in January. I'm sorry about that. I cleaned up the form from last year, so some of the things that were on there for a while have gone away and I took them off entirely.

New stuff, we did lose Flight Line Café, which was in Airway Shopping Center. It has closed. There is another company that hopefully will go in there and they are looking at that. There is also somebody looking at the lot next door there to Page Manor. That lot has been for sale forever and a day and someone has some plans for that and if that finalizes, as soon as it finalizes I will let you know.

Going down the sheet to Spin Kemp, they are still working away at the Guadalupana Grocery Store. They were in there today, they have been working through it and it will open. When? I give up asking, so we will just have to wait until they've got it. We've approved quite a few leases at the end of the year and everybody is in place except Tenet 3, which again was from their original LOI they actually expanded their original footage that they wanted, so they are looking at those documents. CDO keeps growing, so they haven't signed those documents either with the idea that they are going into another office space. Both of those are not signed, but for real good reasons.

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Projects for 2018, I have listed the ones that were on my budget, on the tentative budget. We had the parking lot, 3rd floor lobby redo, main floor lobby, and 5100. The booster pumps just got done. We inspected it yesterday and there was a leak, so we are not paying that bill, of course, until that leak gets fixed and that should happen shortly. Those were booster pumps in 5100 because it is a five story building, so the upper two floors need assistance and you've got these big pumps on the 1st floor that helps water get to the top. We think we've got a final solution for that. Then we are looking at the fire alarm, ours is 30 years old. There is a lot of redundancy in our fire alarm, some of that can go away and we can actually reduce the operating cost of the fire alarm with an updated system. We are going to look at that this year.

I put the Eintracht projects down just to coincide with the budget. That is the sewer project and then evaluating their club house for ADA. Any questions, let me know. There seems to be a lot going and I will tell you about that later as it comes to fruition.

Mr. Denning: Did you talk to the owner of Spin Kemp about the parking lot lighting that is non-existent? Mr. Murray: No, I have not been able to reach him yet. Mike, I've got the sticky on my thing. I will be doing that. I drive by it every night and I remember. Mr. Denning: It drives me nuts. Mr. Murray: I will give Mike a call. Mr. Curp: And the parking lot itself just needs major help. Mr. Murray: Yeah. Mr. Curp: It just does. Mr. Murray: Yeah, I agree with you.

Mr. Denning: Do we have zoning in place for a situation like that parking lot or since it is private property do we have no rule since it is private property? Do we have anything? Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: We have expectations. Mr. Curp: The zoning code says I assume that would fall under nuisance abatement in the zoning code. There are provisions in there that say after so much of an effort to get the property owner to fix it the City can take its own steps to do that stuff. That's a good code to have on paper, but when it comes time to go do it and to enter onto someone's private property. Mr. Denning: That's what I mean. If we can't and if there is no way for us to legally actually say you have to repave that because it looks dangerous or garbage or if it is going to cost us more in legal fees, it may not be worthwhile. We will try to use the carrot first.

Mr. Taylor: They have already been sighted numerous times and last year if you remember they went through and tarred and restriped that lot through our code enforcement efforts. Then it transferred owners, I believe, and we are working with them to get it repaved. That's been on our radar and it's a long process. Like Mr. Curp said, we could go in there and possibly do it ourselves, but I'll need more money for that. Mr. Denning: If we take them to court, they are going to say you are bad and you have 30 more days and you get a \$10.00 fine. Mr. Taylor: Or worse, they find them guilty and then fine them \$10.00.

There were no additional questions or comments.

c. Administration Department

Mayor Flaute introduced Mr. Lohr for the monthly update for the Administration Department.

Mr. Lohr: Good evening. I just have a couple of updates for you. I'm not sure how much I talked about it last year, but I have been working quite a bit on getting our staff email transferred over to an internal exchange server. A couple of reasons we did that is 1) we pay them a monthly fee to have Data Yard host those emails and then 2) we found out as we got more public records requests, which emails being public records, it was difficult to access some of those. This way with an internal server, we have all those here and we maintain those records.

The reason why I am explaining this in depth here is Council also has emails that are hosted on Data Yard. I know currently many of the Council people have those City emails forwarded to their personal email accounts. With the changeover to the server, we have the ability to have Council directly access those emails through Outlook through your personal computer and your phone and completely sidestep the use of personal emails. We keep City business on the City server and you can keep

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your personal email outside of the realm of public records requests. What I would like to encourage Council to do is to allow me to move forward with that and get everybody on Council set up with internet access to Outlook. Then we can have CDO arrange times if people would like to meet with them to have the email set up on your personal phones and things like that so we can transition away from using personal emails for City business. If that's agreeable, I can get you all set up on that. Thoughts?

Mr. Denning: If we have that and we want to forward it from there to our personal email, we can still be able to do that. At least when there is a records request, everything is already here and we wouldn't have to worry about keeping a separate file like I do now where everything that is City goes into it that is 8 years old now. Mr. Lohr: Exactly. The best practice would be to respond straight from your City email because then it has the response and all of that. Mr. Denning: Yes, I would do that. If I wanted to keep a separate copy, I would be able to do that and it wouldn't be a public record. Mr. Lohr: Absolutely. When I started talking to people about internet accessibility for this and there were some concerns about, was it easy to log into and can I still get it on my phone? Once we transition over to doing it this way for Council, it shouldn't be any different from having Yahoo! Email or Gmail or logging into your Juno account on your computer or anything like that. It should be pretty comparable. I'm hoping we will make it painless for the transition there. That way we will be able to save that money that we have been paying for Data Yard and get everybody on the same system.

That was #1. I will give you a quick update on the storm water utility. I know last year I came and gave a presentation and laid out a calendar for this year, a calendar we could go by to get the utility up and running by 2019. That calendar, that schedule, called for us to do some public meetings here in the first quarter, so I am planning on working with Choice One Engineering and getting some dates set up; possibly having one meeting here by the end of the month and then another one probably in February or March just to invite the public in to discuss a storm water utility. It is a brand new thing for all of us. An opportunity for the public to be educated on all of it, to have questions answered, and then that gives us the base that we can move forward with the utility, if we choose to later in the year. That's that update and that's all I have this evening.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: You are going to schedule a meeting in January? Mr. Lohr: I am going to try to squeeze one in at the end of the month, if I can get Choice One scheduled for that. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Could I suggest that you schedule a daytime meeting? We have a lot of people here who don't drive at night in the wintertime. Mr. Lohr: I would be glad to do that. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I think we need to have the nighttime meeting as well, but I think we need a daytime meeting like at 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. or something because we have a lot of people that don't get out after 5:00 p.m. Mr. Lohr: That's a great idea. We will do that.

Mr. Carpenter: I just want to chime in. Mr. Lohr has worked very hard on the transition from the employee's healthcare from Anthem to Medical Mutual. Right after the first of the year we did experience a bit of a hiccup, but we got that squared away. I just want to thank him for his efforts. This is a transition for all the employees and everybody has been working pretty hard. I know we are going to have some hiccups, but we are diligent to get them all resolved.

There were no additional questions or comments.

d. Planning and Program Management Department

Mayor Flaute introduced Mr. Taylor for the monthly update for the Planning and Program Management Department.

Mr. Taylor: I just want to start off and I want to welcome Mrs. Campbell and Ms. Fry to the Council. I hope you have an enjoyable four years and I hope this year can be everything you hoped it would be. Feel free if you have any questions to get with me or the Manager. I would be more than happy to explain what we do and why we do it.

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On that note, as you know I kind of gave an update on the 21st at the last meeting. I will just kind of review those things. January 8th you had asked about the Neighborhood Revitalization program, that's the STAR program we are doing with Stebbins. They were going to start on Tuesday, but of course we have had some wonderful weather so they have canceled school or delayed and they will be starting on the 8th weather permitting. Then we were talking about some funds. I have a little bit of money that we can get rolling. We've got a dumpster donated already, so they are going to do some demo and start on that.

January 9th, I wanted to confirm that date. There was some confusion at the last meeting about that. That is the S&S Trucking. Our notification finally came, so that is happening January 9th and then January 23rd is the BZA meeting with finishing up B&M Towing. I have been working on those after the holiday. It is a pretty busy January, so hopefully I can start working and get passed those and work on some other things. Any questions?

Mayor Flaute: Take a whole bunch of pictures of that house. Mr. Taylor: That is the plan. Mayor Flaute: We really want a whole bunch of pictures and a good report on that also. What about the marijuana dispensaries? Where are we on that or is there any action? I know there were some proposed sites, but I haven't heard. Mr. Taylor: They haven't announced those dispensary sites yet. The application period closed. I don't remember those dates. Since then the processing application period open and closed as well. We had no applications for the processing. There was one, but they wanted to do it and it was not the right zoning district, so they couldn't move forward with that. Like I said, there were five dispensary applications. Where they are at with the State process, I have no idea. I'm assuming those will be announced sometime in the first quarter of this year, but that's just speculation.

Mayor Flaute: There were none for Riverside you said? Mr. Taylor: There were five. Mayor Flaute: And we don't know where they are at? Mr. Taylor: No. One was where Flightline Coffee is; there was one at the Midas; The Riverside Bar & Grill; and what was it Airway and Woodman where the McDonald's lot. I'll have that list in the report for next meeting. Mayor Flaute: Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: You said Flightline. Is the lot next to it part of this process? Mr. Taylor: No. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It is a separate thing? Mr. Taylor: No, I don't know anything about that. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: So something new will be going there, not a dispensary. Mr. Murray: No. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: But the application for Flightline Coffee is for a dispensary? Mr. Murray: Yes. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: The dispensaries I've been seeing in the news in California can't do a whole lot there in a coffee shop. Mr. Murray: I don't know anything about it. Mr. Curp: They have a drive-thru window. Mr. Denning: They've got drive-thrus at the CVS and Kroger.

There were no additional questions or comments.

ITEM 12: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

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

ITEM 13: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

- I) Resolution No. 18-R-2328 appointing the City of Riverside's 2018 representatives to the First Suburbs Consortium of Dayton, Ohio Council of Governments.**

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 18-R-2328 appointing representatives to First Suburbs Consortium.

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A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2328 appointing Mayor Flaute, Ms. Fry, and Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch as the alternate. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

II) Resolution No. 18-R-2329 appointing the City of Riverside's 2018 representatives to the Montgomery County Regional Radio Council.

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 18-R-2329 appointing representatives to the Montgomery County Regional Radio Council.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2329 appointing Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Lohr. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

III) Resolution No. 18-R-2330 appointing the City of Riverside's 2018 representatives to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC).

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 18-R-2330 appointing representatives to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2330 appointing Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch, Mr. Fullenkamp, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Keaton. Mr. Curp seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

IV) Resolution No. 18-R-2331 approving the City Manager's appointment of two members to the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC).

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 18-R-2331 appointing representatives to the Tax Incentive Review Council.

Mayor Flaute: I'm just wondered if since it is tax stuff, we should have Mr. Garrett or Mr. Murray? Mr. Denning: No, it is tax incentive. That's when people come in. Mr. Curp: That's for economic development. Mr. Denning: They come in and they are asking for the tax incentive and they review the information and bring it to us to tell us whether or not the business. That's more of a Bob job.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2331 appointing Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Murray. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

V) Resolution No. 18-R-2332 appointing the City of Riverside's 2018 representatives to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund (VFFDF).

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 18-R-2332 appointing representatives to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund.

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Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I don't think they have met in years, but who is currently on it? Mayor Flaute: Mike Smith and Kyle Blankenship. Mr. Carpenter: He's was a firefighter. We will need to replace him. I will be honest; I don't have all of the firefighter names. I was going to plug in the union representatives and Mrs. Wood; she would serve as the chairperson. Mayor Flaute: And she's willing to do that? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. Mayor Flaute: But you don't know about Kyle? Mr. Carpenter: Well I know Kyle is no longer with the department, no. Mayor Flaute: So you will find somebody. Ms. Arnold: Do we want to table until the next meeting hoping that Chief Stitzel is back? Mr. Carpenter: If Council would like to table that, we can table that. Mr. Denning: You all aren't going to have a meeting between now and next year. Mayor Flaute: The Council member, Mike Smith, was there because he was on Council. Mr. Carpenter: Correct. Mayor Flaute: So we will need a Council member. Mr. Denning: I'm willing to do that. Mayor Flaute: Great. Do we need a motion to table? Ms. Arnold: Unless you want to withdraw it. You have to do something with it though. Mr. Denning: Do you want to withdraw this resolution and bring it back next time? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. Mr. Denning: There you go. Now we don't have to table it. Mayor Flaute: As long as we are allowed to do that. Keep us straight. Ms. Arnold: Yes, we are.

VI) Resolution No. 18-R-2333 setting forth the appointment of _____ to the Investment Review Committee of the City of Riverside, Ohio, for the term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019.

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 18-R-2333 for an appointment to the Investment Review Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2333 appointing Mr. Curp. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

VII) Resolution No. 18-R-2334 advancing \$40,000.00 from the General Fund to the General Assessments Fund.

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 18-R-2334 advancing funds from the General Fund to the General Assessments Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2331. Mr. Curp seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

VIII) Resolution No. 18-R-2335 recognizing the Fisher-Nightingale Houses, Inc.'s "All-American Evening" as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the citizens of the City of Riverside.

Mr. Carpenter introduced Resolution No. 18-R-2335 approving a donation to the "All-American Evening."

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2335 making a donation in the amount of Two-Hundred Fifty dollars (\$250.00). Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

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Mr. Denning: How many weddings have you done so far this year? Mayor Flaute: This year? I haven't done anything yet, but I have one tomorrow. Mr. Denning: Okay, we need to get five here real quick. Mayor Flaute: Send your friends over.

There was no further discussion on the motion.

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

ITEM 14: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Steve Massa of Planters Avenue requested to speak before Council regarding trash in the right of way and drugs being sold in his neighborhood.

Mr. Massa: A couple of things. The first thing is I don't know if any of the staff for Zoning or the Police Department or the Service Department has noticed there is a couch and a chair on the side of Springfield Street right by the church on the right hand side. It has been there for two weeks. I'd like to see if something can be done about that. It makes the city look really bad. It is a main thoroughfare for us and it just looks really trashy. Mayor Flaute: I'm sure they will take note of that. Thank you.

Mr. Massa: I would like to know when the next BZA meeting is please, if someone could tell me that. Mr. Taylor: January 23rd.

Mr. Massa: Okay. The more serious problem, on my street we have had a regular occurrence of a person dealing drugs out of their car. I've seen it a minimum of two times a day and sometimes three times a day. I'm sure it is happening more, that's just when I happen to look out or look at the camera. This is happening with the Police sitting right across the street on Springfield Street. They are doing this right under their noses. The Police Chief maybe could tell me if they patrol my neighborhood, it is the Floral Park and East Gardendale neighborhood. I don't generally see any Police cars in that neighborhood unless they are on a call. Could someone tell me if that is patrolled regularly? Mayor Flaute: I think the Police Chief can talk to you after the meeting and make sure you give him all the information you have.

Mr. Massa: Okay, at this time I have printed out six pieces of paper I would like each Council person to have. It's just a little picture I took and I have blanked out the license plate because I have taken care of this particular dealer myself. I don't think they will be back, but I'm most certain they have moved to another part of the city. I just want to make the Council aware and the Police Chief aware that this is going on. That was the main thing, but I would like to give you these pictures just so you know I'm not just making this stuff up. Mayor Flaute: Thank you.

There were no additional requests to speak before Council.

ITEM 15: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I would like to get something on your calendar. Thursday, March 20th, will be the Volunteer Recognition Dinner and the Colonel will be our guest speaker speaking on the effects of how military life affects the children in their families. Since we have a big population of those children, I think it would be of interest. She has had a vast experience from living in South Korea recently and living numerous places around the world, so I think she can bring some real insight to our residents about the kinds of things they deal with. Mayor Flaute: I will look forward to that. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Yeah, but it will be on the 20th. If you will put the 20th of March on your calendar, there will be more details to come. Mayor Flaute: Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: I just have two of them here. I did four weddings, but they were last year. Mr. Denning: All that money goes into last year's budget? Mayor Flaute: I had to get it to Mr. Garrett before I even did the last wedding so he could get the bank on time. Anyway, I have one tomorrow so far. The other thing, I would just like to again reiterate that the Appalachian Unsung Hero Award is up for grabs again. The last year it was Mr. Murray that got that award. There is about 6 or 8 people at least that

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get some type of different award for different categories. If you know any Appalachian folks that are doing work out in the community and are not getting recognition for it, this is the time to do it. It's a very nice breakfast, nice recognition, and I have the applications up here.

There were no further comments from Council.

ITEM 16: EXECUTIVE SESSION

A) Personnel Matter – 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 officials or investigation of charges or complaints against a City employee or official.*

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

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

Council entered into executive session at 7:49 p.m. and came out of executive session at 8:51 p.m.

ITEM 21: ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Curp to adjourn. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Brenna Arnold, Clerk of Council