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NOTE: Video recording had powered down and was going through a system maintenance at the beginning of the council meeting. Recorder went into effect at approximately 6:37 p.m.

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; Mr. Denning, present; Ms. Fry, present; Mr. Fullenkamp, absent; Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch, present; and Mayor Flaute, present.

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

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

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the agenda. Ms. Fry seconded the motion. Mr. Curp questioned why the Live/Work discussion was on the agenda for work session as it had already been before council and it was not approved. Mayor Flaute stated it was brought up at the last council meeting that there would be information shared at the work session on December 20, 2018. Ms. Fry asked why they could not have discussion for more information as one half of the Live/Work idea had already been dismissed. Mr. Curp stated that a discussion with the law director should occur. Mr. Denning added that when the open council position was filled it may be a better time to have the discussion since a split 3-3 vote means it will fail by procedure. Mayor Flaute said he will check with the law director especially when things have changed substantially. Mr. Curp added that his comments aren't to be interpreted as not to bring something back, just to follow the procedure to bring it back.

Vote went as followed to approve the agenda as presented: Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Campbell, no; Mr. Curp, no; Deputy Mayo. Lommatzsch, no; Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion failed.**

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch to approve the revised agenda that removed the Live/Work discussion. Mr. Curp seconded the motion. Vote went as followed: Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Denning, no; Ms. Fry, yes; Mayor Flaute, no. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

A. Councilman Fullenkamp's Resignation: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch to accept Councilman Fullenkamp's resignation effective December 25, 2018. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.** Council discussed procedure for interested candidates to submit their information for the open council seat. Items to be submitted include a letter of interest, a brief resume of qualifications, and a completed boards/commission application. Mr. Curp stated that to be a qualified candidate the person must be a resident for at least one (1) year and also be a registered voter.

It was requested that information be received by Janaury 8, 2019, so council will have time to review all interested persons. Council determined that a special meeting will be set up

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on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers specifically for consideration of candidates. Interested applicants should be at this special meeting to discuss their application.

Mr. Denning asked if a person showed up who may not have submitted their information by January 8, 2019, should they be considered. Mr. Curp replied that it may depend if it is a regular meeting or a special meeting. Mr. Denning stated that a candidate should be heard as a courtesy. Discussion was had on how/if this should take place. It was determined that the law director be asked. A vote will be held on January 10, to determine who will fill the vacant council seat.

B. Facebook Live: Mr. Lohr passed out comments from the first Facebook Live posts. Ms. Campbell suggested a camera be placed in the front so people can see the speaker. Mr. Lohr commented that the quality of the sound was poor and the video was not as clear to see people. He spoke with Mark DeWright who installed the original system for recording in council chambers and informed Chris that it was not capable of Facebook Live in its current state. Mr. Lohr stated they would need to purchase a streaming video card (\$1,500 - \$2,000), pay for the labor to install, and pay for the network that needed to also be installed.

VIDEO BEGAN WORKING AT THIS POINT, 6:37 PM.

Ms. Campbell: I think we will get response from more people because the senior citizens they can't get out. Some people don't drive or drive at night. I think we will get more of a response and it will help the neighborhoods. Mr. Denning: To me it makes little to no sense to add additional systems. It is more things to break, which in the long run ends up costing us more o.k. I have a hard time believing if we talked to a couple other people about what you really need that it would come anywhere close to the \$2,000 mark. Ms. Campbell: Maybe if they replaced and worked on this and upgraded it, maybe the rest of it will work better. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Well let's get this working first. Mr. Denning: Maybe we need to have our system evaluated as a whole and see if this is the right piece for what we are doing because everybody and his brother does it on their laptop and PC, you can get for \$500 so to say that you need a \$1,500 card to make this work doesn't make a lot of logical sense. Mr. Lohr: I thought it was a little expensive too. I googled streaming video cards as I was talking to the gentleman and I did see them online for \$800 - \$2,000. They are there at that cost. He wasn't sure exactly what piece of equipment we would need; he was just spit balling at that point. He gave me a number of \$1,500 - \$2,000.

Ms. Fry: Do we have a sense of how many people watched live? Mayor Flaute: Yes, 499. Ms. Fry: No, I meant during, at the time, because they have the ability to watch it and engage later and if most of our engagement is coming later then we could address this need immediately by taking our video and in addition to posting it on our website post it on Facebook and see how people engage with that. We can do that right away; as soon as it is available. Mr. Lohr: You look at the number of comments, I don't know if we are able to see how many actually watched it as it was live. You can see the people that were reached; you can see the engagements and the views, and that would be the total people reached up-to-date between then and now; right. Mayor Flaute: We had 855 people. Mr. Lohr: That is people reached, but I am not 100 percent clear on that terminology. That may be people that saw the post or able to see the post and the engagements are people who clicked on it, I believe. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Most of those people we know. Mayor Flaute: Some of them were pretty negative. Mr. Lohr: To Ms. Fry's point, the way that Facebook Live works is that it is live while live, but later people can watch it and comment as if they were in real time but watching it later as if we have just posted the video after the fact. Without anything, we could just post the video directly after the meeting or in the following morning on Facebook and people could still watch it. Mayor Flaute: It is my understanding is the minute you turn the camera on anybody who had their computer on

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and was on Facebook that it came up Riverside City Council is now live. Mr. Lohr: Yes, it does if you are on Facebook. Mayor Flaute: You have a lot of people who are going to go “wow” or be reminded where if you wait the next day, you are not going to maybe have that. Mr. Denning: That is true, but, if we are not going to have someone monitor it while it is live to possibly answer some of their questions or if they wanted to say something directly to us and interact, the posting of our video at this point until we get things up and running better. Mayor Flaute: So you are suggesting that we do move forward but in the meantime, the next meeting we should, if we don’t have it ready, whatever it takes. Mr. Denning: Even \$2,000 in our budget is a lot. It doesn’t make a lot of sense to me. We are already putting it up on YouTube so all we are saying is put it on Facebook, too. They can make comments on that and we can read them. If we can’t see their comments on our monitors or something, maybe they have questions or concerns or whatever, then what is the purpose of being live. Ms. Campbell: Why don’t you just make a comment to them right now and have them make notes like this. Mr. Denning: That’s great, but what’s the purpose of being live if I can’t respond to their concerns live at the time. Ms. Campbell: They can put it on Facebook in the comments. Mr. Denning: But we don’t know when these comments even came in, these comments could have come in yesterday is my point. Putting it up for now and see what kind of response we get is the best answer before we go spending \$2,000 if that is truly what we need to spend. That is just my opinion. I like the idea, but if we aren’t going to respond live then there is no point in being live. Ms. Fry: If we could figure out how to respond live, then why would we give that audience the ability to talk during the middle of the meeting and not the people here; it doesn’t seem fair. Mr. Denning: And that was going to be my next point. Ms. Campbell: If you try to answer them live here, now, we would never get done. Mr. Denning: Right, exactly. Ms. Campbell: Have them make comments here and go through it and some of them maybe you can comment back. Mr. Denning: I agree we can do that just by loading our video and not necessarily being live ‘live’. Mayor Flaute: You can do that right after the meeting, or how long would it take to load that? Mr. Lohr: I’m assuming Katie you don’t go back to your office and load it? Ms. Lewallen: I load it; I don’t load it to YouTube; I don’t have that. Mr. Lohr: Right, I do that the following day usually. Mayor Flaute: I mean it would be nice to load it that night, at least, but I don’t know if that would help. We are done by 10:30 pm and most people are going to bed. Ms. Campbell: Some people watch other shows, too, and they don’t want to stop. Mayor Flaute: Okay, so the summary of this discussion is that it will be loaded on Facebook as soon as possible and see how that goes and if we want to talk about doing it live, we can bring that back. Mr. Denning: I think we need better information about that. If we can do it for \$300 or even \$500 that is one thing, but \$2,000 is a whole new thing. I think we need to see what we are getting out of it first.

Ms. Fry: I do have a question before we finish, do we respond to the questions? Mr. Lohr: I am not sure, I didn’t respond to them. Ms. Lewallen: I don’t have any access to our Facebook. Mayor Flaute: So no one did. Mr. Carpenter: I think we did do a response to the recount; I don’t know if there were any other questions. Mayor Flaute: We should have responded to the sidewalk one and let them know what we are doing. Ms. Fry: Who would be responsible for responding? Mr. Carpenter: We usually go through Lori, Economic Development Specialist. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Why wouldn’t he respond? Mayor Flaute: Who is he? I don’t have all the information all the time. Mr. Carpenter: Facebook posts are typically through the Economic Development Specialist Lori Minnich. Ms. Fry: Are the comments monitored? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. We had lots of them during the road levy and we tried to respond to those as much as we could. Ms. Fry: Okay, I chose the wrong word; what do we do with negative comments or obscene comments? Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Thank you for your input. Mr. Carpenter: Well, we respond in a tactful manner; if they are obscene, I don’t think we have had to delete anything, but negative comments are still there. I don’t think we have had obscene; I haven’t heard that. Ms. Campbell: Mostly what come up is that they couldn’t hear; we know that. Mayor Flaute: We will move forward with that then.

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C. Budget: Mr. Carpenter: This is an opportunity to clarify any further questions about the budget. We did have a few changes. It was really changes in the operations, primarily due to the increase for the Internet service. We did get our cost estimate for the phone service so the offset wasn't as low as we thought it was going to be especially since we had to do some upfront money for the phone service so we had to go back and make sure the line item for the Telecom was accurate. We took some money within those departments from one line item and move it into the Telecom where we thought it wasn't going to work out. I was going to try to give you a specific example, I know in the police department the Cell Brite had \$7,000 in there; they went back and checked it out and it was only going to cost \$3,500 so we moved a portion of that difference into the Telecom. In the fire department, we reduced the fuel a little bit to cover that expense. Administration, I don't think we had to change that line item. Mr. Curp: Which departments do the zoning administrator and code enforcement officer come under in this budget? Mr. Carpenter: Planning and Program Management. Mr. Curp: Okay, on pages 9 and 10 for Planning and Program Management you have for salaries the figure of \$94,500 and Economic Development Salary of \$55,500. My understanding is that we will have four positions covered by that \$150,000; you add those up it is \$150,000. You have a director position, unless something has changed, we are going to have an economic development assistant or whatever title is unless the manpower loading for that position is going to change. You have a zoning administrator position unless the manpower loading for that is going to change, and you have the code enforcement officer. That is four positions, one of them a senior management position at \$150,000. I think that seems a little light to me. Mr. Carpenter: That position is not in the budget. The department head position is not in the budget. Mr. Curp: So then the deficit is not going to be \$300,000 it will be closer to \$400,000 because sooner or later that position is going to have to be funded and we are going to see a supplemental appropriation. Or are we not doing that position? Mr. Carpenter: I wasn't planning on doing that position in 2019. Mr. Curp: We don't have the staff to handle economic development the way it should be handled. I don't know if we have the staff to handle Planning the way it should be handled. My concern is staffing those two functions, which what we were told earlier this year when those positions were furloughed that those two director positions were going to be combined into a single director position and those two departments would be combined into a department. I am concerned that we don't have the staffing credentials to staff that at a director level and that if we aren't going to fill it, how will we get those functions done? We have a need to get those done and \$150,000 won't do it for four positions. Mayor Flaute: Well, we are only doing one more position. Mr. Carpenter: There are three positions that are budgeted: the zoning administrator, code enforcement, and economic development specialist. Mr. Curp: I am just saying is that my simple approach to viewing this is you have to have that position, so you are either going to create a fourth position or you are going to furlough somebody else so that you are running that function off of the same money or there is going to be a supplemental appropriation, which we said we don't want. Ms. Fry: Are you suggesting that this is something that will happen in 2019, or something that will happen after 2019? The city manager has already said he is not filling that position in 2019. Mr. Curp: Are you asking me the question or him? Ms. Fry: I am asking what your concern is, is that it will crop up in 2019, or that it is going to crop up later? Mr. Curp: 2019. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Then we need to give some money to do the job. Ms. Fry: So the concern is before the end of 2019.... Mr. Curp: Before the end of 2018. Ms. Fry: ...we are going to hit a situation where we need to fill that position even though we weren't planning on it? Mr. Curp: Yes, and it comes much earlier than that because we were told when those two head counts were furloughed and we were in discussion with the city manager about organization structure that those two functions, planning and economic development, were going to be combined into a single department, which is going to be Planning and Economic Development and the planning would also include community development. That takes a high level individual. What I am hearing tonight is there is no intent to do that, to create that position and fill it until 2020. My question then is what is going to happen to this community during 2019 because one of the problems we had this year was that we gave direction for a community development to be put together and an economic

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development program to be put together and we talked about that at least on a quarterly basis throughout the year and it never got done. We lost the whole year of effort to do economic development and now we are saying we are going to have lesser skilled people trying to attack that during 2019 and we are not looking into creating a director level position with director level skills until 2020. I am saying that I don't think it is good for this community to put that off. Mr. Carpenter: I can create the position, but funding it is the issue. Mr. Curp: Then you might have to go back and look at some of the other things you have funded and decide that they don't necessarily have the same priority as creating economic opportunities in this community and creating jobs that generate revenue to pay for services. Mr. Carpenter: What is council's direction? Ms. Fry: So what would you want to do in 2020? Mr. Carpenter: 2020? The idea is to have the finances to fund that position. Mayor Flaute: If we would see how things were going without that position and somewhere along the line decide we need that position. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Where can they go without that position? Mayor Flaute: There are still people working on that including the assistant city manager, the city manager, and the two people in that department that are working on that. They are working on it; it is just they have added it to the duties they already have. That is my understanding of your thinking, right, Mr. Manager? Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, that is what is currently happening. Mayor Flaute: And that is what you are continuing to do. Mr. Carpenter: Correct. We are going to give you an organizational structure plan which would include an economic/community development position and then the funding is just not there to support. That is part of the plan going forward. Mayor Flaute: So approving this budget then would just buy us some time to put in another position. Ms. Fry: So what does the organizational chart look like for 2019, does it have vacancies in it? Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, it has two vacancies currently. It has the records clerk position and we are going to have a vacancy of the maintenance service worker. Ms. Fry: Okay, but these other two positions are they gone? Mr. Carpenter: Yes, they were abolished. The director positions and the service clerk position. Ms. Fry: So this budget does reflect the current org chart? Mr. Carpenter: Yes, with two unfunded positions. Mr. Curp: It addresses the org chart, but it doesn't address the need in those two areas. It doesn't address the creation of a combined department with a director position that we were told back in September was going to happen. Ms. Fry: But didn't we also approve the organizational change? Mr. Curp: Well, we did that to eliminate the positions in order to facilitate the termination of two individuals, but part and parcel with that we were told with those two departments they were going to be combined and there would be a single department director for the combined department. Ms. Fry: It seems like a discussion that needs to be had; I don't know if it is appropriate when we are discussing the budget if the budget reflects the organization chart. Mr. Curp: The second part of that is the direction we have provided unless something happened during the meeting I missed last time. The direction we provided is that we want a budget that doesn't change and end up having supplemental appropriations coming to us once a month and especially as we have seen in the last several years where we have a supplemental coming to us in the end of January, end of February, end of March, because we forgot something because we are running out of money. Mayor Flaute: The discussion also was to try and get as close to a balanced budget as we could so we are going to do as Ms. Fry said and have the discussion into the year and make the decision whether we want to do it. If you are going to be conservative on the budget, you can't be budgeting in something that might happen six months down the road. That is not going to happen for a while yet. Do you put a whole year's budget in there and not know when it is going to happen? Mr. Curp: That is a problem we got is that things are always pushed out and it never gets done such as the economic development plan for this year, 2019; it kept getting pushed back and pushed back and never got done. You can see all the economic development that took place, and all the marketing and promotion of the city that took place. The same thing with planning and community development, the direction we gave on community development that didn't get done. We can sit here and just come in and pay the bills and go home, but it is not going to move this community forward. My point is we need to take a look at what are the things that will drive growth for this community and make those the priority for the budget and if there are other things that are simply expense items that are using up dollars that need to go for

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driving economic growth then some of those expense things that are just consuming dollars need to be looked at and asked if we need to really do those things. Mayor Flaute: But you say we are doing nothing now, and that is not true. Mr. Curp: Well, how many new jobs did we bring in last year? Mayor Flaute: There are things in the pipeline that our manager and assistant manager are working on. Mr. Curp: Well then I would like to hear what they are. That is what this work session is for so I would like to hear what they are. There are things that deal with confidential things; we have an executive session tonight I would like to hear those things at that point in time. The other things, I would like to hear what they are. We saw the emails go back and forth this week about where are the specifics on this stuff for stuff we asked the city manager to have for us in detail. One of the questions was where the specifics are. What are the specifics for what is in the pipeline for what is going to happen; what we think is going to happen?

Ms. Fry: Let me ask the city manager, what is your plan for economic development in 2019 and how is it going to get accomplished based on the staffing you have? Mr. Carpenter: We have an economic development specialist that has been picking up the slack; I have confidence in her that she is going to be effective in that position where she is at. Also, our zoning administrator has been doing a great job; and on the planning portion, I think we need some further discussion on the housing for the planning development that Mr. Curp is referring to. I am confident the economic development is going to be occurring in 2019. I think 2020 we look to take more of our budget and direct it towards economic development, which means part of that is adding more staff. We are constrained by our budget. Ms. Fry: You said we need to address planning. Is that something you foresee happening with a supplemental in 2019? Mr. Carpenter: No, the idea is that staff and I work very hard to make this so we don't have any supplemental. Having said that, today, we had a conversation with the Eintracht Club and this year we budgeted for a sewer line. We were told our portion is going to be \$18,000. Today, we had further discussion and we discussed an estimate we received around \$36,000, but what we didn't hear prior to today was that is only half the cost, and that is not meaning our half. Well, I guess it would be our half. The part that wasn't included was that the estimate for the tap in to the City of Dayton sanitation line, which could cost another \$30,000 so that is new, just happened today. Would that be a supplemental? Well, it would be unless we put it in this evening. Mayor Flaute: My thought is you say we haven't had anything happen in 2018 and during that time we did have an economic development director and nothing happened then so maybe now is the time to let this work. Mr. Curp: That is the problem; that is the issue we brought to the city manager throughout 2018. Mayor Flaute: What makes you think another person coming in is going to be able to make all that stuff happen that you want to happen? Mr. Curp: I am going to tell you this, the economic development assistant had no economic development experience when she came here, and has not gained much economic development experience since she has been here because that was also one of the issues we had constant discussion with the city manager on last year was the cross training and doing things we created the position to do. If you think that all of a sudden, as magic as Christmas is, you go to bed one night and there is nothing under the tree and you wake up the next morning and there is a ton of stuff under the tree that all of a sudden we are going to have skilled economic development activity going on January 1; I don't think that is going to happen as much as I believe in Santa Claus that is not going to happen. Mayor Flaute: We haven't had anything for a year with one so what makes you think we will magically find somebody who is going to change that. Mr. Curp: You can't find them if you don't go out and do a search. If you have given up and said you are not going to even try. Mayor Flaute: We will try, but we are not putting it in this budget is what I am saying. We might need a supplemental for half a year, why would we put that in the budget, we don't know how long it is going to take to get that person. Why would we put that in the budget? Mr. Curp: Because you need to fund the position; how are you going to get the work done with inexperienced people? The city manager is not an economic development person, the economic development assistant is not an economic development person, and how are you going to get the work done without doing a search and bringing in an experienced person. Mayor Flaute: We need to make some decisions here; I still believe

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we should go ahead and have the reading of the budget tonight as the budget is. Ms. Fry: I had some more questions. On page 23, the net operating and plan program, have we figured out what those numbers are? Mr. Carpenter: The short answer is no. I went through them again and I don't have a good answer for you, unfortunately. Ms. Fry: Another question, the \$370,000, I think, that we are pulling from 2020 to use in 2019, how is that going to be reflected in the 2020 budget? Mr. Carpenter: If council would like me to reflect that as a surplus in 2020, I guess that is what we will do. Ms. Fry: I would like for there to be some sort of marker that says this money was already spent. Mr. Carpenter: Okay. Mayor Flaute: Any other questions or comments? Mr. Carpenter: As I mentioned about the Eintract, do we want to add that money in now, or do we not do the project, or do we want a supplemental; it is going to cost more than what is budgeted. Mayor Flaute: You don't know for sure how much, it is just what you heard today? Mr. Carpenter: I don't know. I can tell you that there was an estimate for \$36,000 and the ball park for another \$36,000. Mr. Denning: What are we on the hook for? Mr. Carpenter: Half. Mr. Denning: Half of whatever it costs? How did that answer come up? Where did that agreement come from? Mr. Carpenter: It was prior discussion between the former economic development director and the Eintract. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It was discussed here. Mr. Denning: I get that, but that was when it was a \$36,000 project and not when it was a \$66,000 project. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It is like everything that happens in the government, it is never what you think it is going to be; it is twice that much. Mr. Denning: Are there health department grants, county water grants, anything that would help well protection? To me where that facility exists there should be well protection money available to install that will take a septic system out, basically a giant tank out, and put it into an existing sewer system. I think we need to look at that also even if we install it in the budget; I think we need to look at the ability to get a grant or get someone else to help part of it somehow. Maybe even an Ohio EPA grant. Mr. Carpenter: We will look into that and see what type of funding might be out there. Mayor Flaute: It will have to be a supplement then or if we get some grants then it could be the amount that we owe. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I think the water fields grant money is about dried up, but there is no harm in asking. Mayor Flaute: No harm asking, and yeah, we don't know what that number is so to try to include it in the budget. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It is right by the river and they probably would like to see that septic go away. Those residents don't want to go on the sewer system; they like their septic tanks.

ITEM 7: RECESS: The Council recessed at 7:15 pm.

ITEM 8: RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 7:25 pm.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Flaute had Councilman Denning lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2018 regular Council meeting. Mr. Denning motioned to approve the minutes as written. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch seconded the motion. Five were in favor; Mr. Curp abstained. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 11: ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MONTH'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch motioned to approve the prior month's financial report. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 12: LIQUOR CONTROL – Blue Nile Investment Group LLC dba Oddbody's: Mr. Carpenter stated that a background check had been done and everything came back acceptable for the license. The permit will be under the name Zufan Damene.

ITEM 13: 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 14: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Carpenter followed up with a request from Mr. Denning about looking into the Green Lantern. Mr. Carpenter: I have called the number for the Green Lantern and it goes to a voice mail and doesn't identify itself as the Green Lantern. We did find some notes that indicated that the owner did pass and that an attorney at that time, I don't know if they owned it or was processing the title, I don't know what they were doing, but we are still looking at it. I haven't driven there by night so I thought I would be able to tell something. Mr. Denning: But the owner did pass? So the liquor license would be in her name so nobody would be able to do anything until something got transferred. Mr. Carpenter: I would think so. It would probably be a similar scenario if someone bought it and would have to apply much like the Oddbody's. Mr. Denning: It was just a curiosity point on my part because that is a large parcel of land. My understanding is that it has been a liquor establishment since probably the 1800s. Mr. Carpenter: They were current on their taxes as of July. Mr. Denning: I would just hate to see it torn down and put houses on it or something; there is a lot of history there. Thank you for looking into that. Also, if we are talking about the Council requests, the SAFER Grant, the chief did send us an email saying those could overlap so we can take that off the list. Mr. Carpenter: I think I did. Mr. Denning: It is still on the list. Ms. Lewallen: It doesn't come off the list unless I get it; I'm keeper of the list. Mr. Carpenter: So am I. Mr. Denning: It is still on my list. Mr. Carpenter: Oh, we are looking at two different sheets. I put the ones unfilled on this page. Mr. Denning: I just wanted to say that could come off the list. Thank you.

Ms. Fry: I noticed we are back to getting weekly summaries on the public safety. I have not seen the monthly summary for the fire department, which we used to get. Mr. Carpenter: I think it was a timing issue; they didn't have all the stats. That was the rationale for that; the police I didn't have those either so I just took the current weekly, but I will get the monthly for you. Then the phone issue, can you elaborate on that and how it was resolved and whether we expect it to crop up again? Mr. Carpenter: I am going to give you a version and maybe Chris can correct me. Tech Advisor was here still building the network and getting everything switched over and we have a sonic firewall. They made some changes and the next day the phones aren't working and we had some other technical issues. They had to make all the changes again and the next day we realized it was the sonic firewall that was resetting everything so it put us behind a little bit for getting the network established, but Tech Advisors removed that firewall and put one of theirs in there temporarily so their work would not be reset again. Ms. Fry: So it is a temporary measure before a permanent solution? Mr. Carpenter: We won't need that once the new network is up and running. Ms. Fry: Do we expect then that we won't have a phone problem? Mr. Carpenter: We are not expecting a phone problem at least not due to that reason. Mr. Lohr: We should not see that same problem again. The issue was that the firewall we had they would change all the settings and for some reason they did not understand all the settings would revert. That killed our Internet access and since we have VOIP phones, it killed our phones here. After it did that twice, they realized they would not be able to fix that firewall and they stuck in their own as a loaner until we get the new Internet then we won't need that firewall. Ms. Fry: Two more things, the victim advocate position, what time line should we expect? Mr. Lohr: We are accepting applications through the end of the year. We have already received two or three dozen applications in total. Lots of those come from Indeed.com. The quality of those tends to be lower than the ones that are emailed in, but we have gotten some very good applications emailed. It is not what you asked, but we will start interviewing the first and second week of January. I would assume we would be able to make a decision by the end of January. Ms. Fry: Has that function been unfilled this whole time? Mr. Carpenter: Yes; I'm going to turn it over to the chief, but I know Major Colon oversees that position and he can fill you in on what is going on. Chief Robinson: At this point the prosecutor down there is doing all the work and what the victim advocate does for him is he or she, well, when Miranda was here she would all the things going one. To be honest with you, he doesn't have a lot of time over there so he kind of shows up on

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that day and pulls the files. That is what we are paying for, for him to be able to do that. He pulls those things out and looks over them real fast and then Miranda would fill him in on what was going on. Right now he has to read a little bit more and spend more time on it and make more phone calls than he has made before because that is what she did. It is getting filled, but he is doing it and obviously they want to get that position filled as quickly as possible to alleviate his load. Ms. Fry: Okay, and the last thing, the Facebook information we get on the posts, the number of people reached is really not it doesn't mean a whole lot without knowing the number of posts. So, if we could get the number of posts or an average of people reached for the posts that would be more meaningful.

Mayor Flaute: Does that make sense Mr. Manager? Mr. Carpenter: I will pass it along to someone who does understand it. Mr. Denning: It says we reached 4,410 people, but if that was with 10 posts and it was the same people that is only 410 people because you would divide it by the number of posts that you saw. So, the question is, how many are we really reaching so her point is how many posts are we making to reach 4,000 people.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I just have a concern Mr. Manager that there are still lots of leaves laying in gutters on our streets. Now are we not addressing it with the homeowners? Mr. Carpenter: We are sending letters to the homeowners. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I have shared with you before when it first occurred; employees of the city were riding right by. I am concerned about the piles of leaves laying in our gutters. It is a safety issue now with them wet and frozen, and the infrastructure damage is incredible, but it is unsightly and now it is a safety issue. On some of them you can see where cars have driven through the piles of leaves. I don't know why we can't make those go away. Mr. Lohr: If I may; the leaves in the street and I don't deal with this directly, but I have worked with Mr. Green and Mr. Gibbs on this, we don't have a city ordinance that allows us to impose a penalty if they are not removed. We don't have an ordinance that says it is illegal to put your leaves on the street so what Mr. Gibbs has done is talk to some individuals out there and politely asked them to remove them, but if they don't remove them, we are not able to remove them for them or impose a penalty or anything like that. That is some of the challenge is that it is a voluntary thing for them to remove those leaves. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Nowhere in our code? It hasn't been a problem before. Mr. Lohr: I can't speak to what other staff has done before I was here, but there is nothing that explicitly addresses that in our ordinances. Mr. Curp: I would venture we would have something in our codified ordinances. It may not say leaves, but something in there that says you can't create a hazardous condition in the streets. Mr. Lohr: I am not aware of anything that addresses that. Mr. Green and I have looked at the code extensively when Ms. Lommatzsch made us aware of the issue. Mr. Curp: I know of a person who had a motor home parked out on the street and was visited by a police officer who told him their motor home was creating a traffic issue because of cars trying to go both ways on the street. This motor home was creating a hazard and needed to be moved. The same creativity that goes into dealing with that type of a hazard I am sure could be used to deal with leaves that are in the street. I know one situation where you can see that cars have slid through the pile of leaves because they were over in the gutter pan and had to stop at a stop sign and the street was wet, the leaves were wet and you can see where they slid right along the street there. I am sure if we wanted to get creative, we could get creative and make it work. Mr. Denning: The other thing I would suggest is if we need a specific ordinance that we write one up that says you are not allowed to put the leaves in the gutter. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: We got one that says you can't put basketball goals in the gutter so what is the difference because that is a hazard. Mr. Denning: It says basketball goals; it doesn't say leaves. That is the difference. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: But you can't put hazards in the street. Mr. Denning: My point is, if we need to get specific then put the specific thing in there that we are concerned about, let's pass the ordinance and let's move on.

Ms. Campbell: This is a different matter, but I have noticed a lot of bulk mail that is not being picked up, I just don't know if people aren't calling to have them picked up, but there is all kinds of furniture, mattresses and I think we need to talk about the trash issue

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because they are in breach of contract. Mr. Denning: Mr. Manager, did you get an answer on why stuff was not picked up last Monday? Mr. Carpenter: I did not. The previous municipal manager for Republic would notify us if they had some type of issue like the truck break down or some issue as to why they were not picking it up, but I have scheduled a meeting with the new municipal manager. I don't have specific answer for what happened that day. Mr. Denning: I would like to suggest that we have our law director look at our existing contract and find out if we have grounds to go ahead and put it up for bid. My understanding is that we were stuck through 2020, but we have had so many complaints from the residents and stuff like that I just think we need to reevaluate the whole situation and possibly put the whole thing out for bid again. Ms. Campbell: When they were here before, there was a different manager I think in that place, I had went through the contract and it does not say anything about wrapping your furniture. They said it was for protection of bedbugs or things like that. They knew that going in and it was not in the contract. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: That is coming down from the law that is not anything they control. Ms. Campbell: That is not what he said at that meeting when he was here. He said we were right because he went through it, too, and there was nothing in there that said they had to wrap it. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: But if it is preceded by a direction from a health stand point they have no control over that. Ms. Campbell: Neither is the trash, once they pick that furniture up and crunch it up that wrapping is going to be all torn to pieces anyway. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: That's not the point; the point is you are protecting the handlers. Ms. Campbell: They have machines that pick it up. Mr. Denning: They don't have machines that pick up the furniture; they have to get out and do it. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: The wrapping is a health issue to protect the handlers because if there are bedbugs in it; it gets on them. Ms. Campbell: Well, it wasn't in the contract. You said it is somewhere else for some other reason? I would like to see where it is written. He also agreed that it was just not in the contract. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: All trash haulers have to do that because they have been directed for health reasons. Mayor Flaute: Mr. Manager, our contract with them is up in 2020? Mr. Carpenter: Yes, then we have some option years. Mayor Flaute: So we really don't have a lot of options until our contract is up. We need to start talking about it in the middle of the year before the contract expires. Mr. Denning: Is it through 2020 or through 2019? Mr. Carpenter: I thought it was through 2020. Mayor Flaute: So we have it for all 2019 and 2020? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. Mr. Denning: I would like the law director to look at it. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: The law director has to know what the complaints are before she can evaluate the situation. Mr. Carpenter: I will have a conversation with the law director and we will talk about the contract.

Mr. Curp: I want to go back to the victim advocate. Are we looking at primarily selecting from the local pool, local being regional; however we want to define that, or are we looking at out of state? Mr. Carpenter: We are looking for the best applicant. Miranda was from Indiana. I am not sure about the ones prior to her; we are looking for the best applicant. Mr. Curp: I want us to be looking for the best applicants; my question is where does the pool seem to be? Mr. Lohr: I have not looked extensively at the Indeed.com applications, but the handful that were emailed to me were all Dayton area applicants. We have it posted on our website, with the Ohio Municipal League, with Indeed.com, but we haven't done anything to go specifically out of state. The requirements for the position are fairly low. It requires an associate's degree, one year of related experience, so we are going to get quite a few applicants that meet that minimum standard just here locally. Mr. Curp: How many applicants do we have so far? Mr. Lohr: I haven't done an exact count. I know I have had four or five emailed to me directly and then probably 25 – 30 Indeed.com applications. Mr. Curp: Where I am headed with this is, I know for several meetings now and even beyond we have talked about recruiting issues in the fire department for part-time and full-time. It just seems to me that about every week for the past couple months I see classified ads in the Sunday paper and even during the weekday for various jurisdictions around here recruiting for firefighters, police officers, service department workers, public works workers and we tend not to use the newspaper here to advertise. I know we used the newspaper to advertise for the clerk and we filled our position in half the time it took to fill

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the position for the service director. I don't know how long it takes for these other positions to get filled because we don't track that and some of that information isn't volunteered to us as far as what the time line is when you start and end. If we want to get a good pool of applicants if we think the pool is too small then I think we need to take a look at using the newspaper from time to time. I understand it costs a little bit more, but if these job boards don't provide us with what we need as far as a good pool to select from then we need to look at doing something different. Ms. Fry: Is Indeed.com the only job board we are posting to? Mr. Lohr: Yes, we will typically with positions look for a professional organization or website, we haven't been able to find one for victim advocates, but the national job board Indeed.com is what we use for that. Ms. Fry: So you tailor for each position you look for a job board for those applicants? Mr. Lohr: Exactly, if we can find something like that. Ms. Fry: Have you considered recruitment assistance like Zip Recruiter? Mr. Lohr: No, I haven't. I am familiar with the name, but not all their services. Ms. Fry: That might be something that would address the concern. Mayor Flaute: Anybody who is looking in the newspaper you would think would also be looking on the websites also. As Mr. Curp said before the newspaper seems to be getting a little more irrelevant than what it has been and it has been awhile since I have looked for a job, but there are so many sites and job and family services and all of that and if we are advertising even for police and fire on them, I'm not sure the newspaper is something that is worth our money because newspapers are expensive and are becoming more irrelevant. Ms. Campbell: What about these temporary places that hire people? Maybe we need to send a message over there and see if they have anybody qualified to do so. Mayor Flaute: We have one in our city, People Ready, off of Valley Street. It is something to look at.

Mr. Carpenter: Another meeting, it was impromptu, we had a gentleman from the census bureau show up today and we talked about a few different things. One thing is that they are hiring and he did ask us if we would post something on our social media about the position so we do intend to. In the Dayton area they have a low response so far so they are really looking to add people to work for the census. Mayor Flaute: Good, good information.

A) Monthly Update Police Department – Chief Frank Robinson: I would like to start out talking about a few things going on in the department. Major Colon started the CLEEP Program which is the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program; it is one of those programs that take a year to get your certification. It is fully funded by the state so it didn't cost us anything. He only has to go to the school like four to five times in the year and the rest of the stuff is done at home and he has tests as well. I went thought the course, myself, it is a long process, but it is one of the command schools offered just in the state of Ohio. We were fortunate that Major Sturgeon was able to talk to the folks at OLEG (Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway) and were able to get us new passwords individually to Huber Heights and take some of the mandated state courses that you have to have to continue being a police officer in the state of Ohio. We were able to get that done with them and they were gracious to open it up for us to do that. We all got through those courses so we are good for another year at least. You stole my thunder, Ms. Fry, when you brought up victim advocate as we are going through that process right now. I would just like to say that when we talk about recruiting people, we also go to any of the schools and academies and advertise with them as well for police and fire. They just don't really have one for victim's advocate. Hopefully, we will get some good candidates and get one that will fulfill our needs. I just like to talk about the cops and the kids; the FOP of Huber Heights and Riverside get together and do their version of shop with a cop. Officers were able to raise \$1,000 and the FOP matched that to make it \$2,000 and we were able to go and enjoy a good time with the Jaycee's and go out and spread some Christmas joy with the children. It is one of those things as a police officer if you have never done that, you should really try it. You don't have to be a police officer to do it, just get on board they will let you get involved with that and sponsor somebody. It is just the best thing in the world; I've done it many, many times. We also did breakfast with Santa at Mad River Middle school. That is a huge deal and a lot of people there. You can get lost there are so many people there; like Kings Island on a good day. A lot of pancakes given out and the kids were very happy so

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that is a good thing. The survey I gave to everyone, we actually put that link on Facebook and got a little bit of press and I had an interview with Channel 2 News today in reference to that. You may have seen my face; I didn't break any cameras, I promise. I was on there supposedly at 4 pm and 6 pm. I don't ever watch myself because I think I'm ridiculous. Mr. Denning: You broke my television. Chief Robinson: Thank you; I don't watch myself just for that reason. But, anyway, it was a very good response. If you speak to the city manager we tailor some of our performance measures next year with that survey. I don't think we are completely done with that yet; we have some other things we want to try and incorporate in it, but there are things that came out of it and I will let you know what those are in a second. We try to raise our percentages. The three biggest things in the survey were thefts (burglaries and thefts from vehicles), drugs, and traffic. I try to tell everybody all the time when you have a million cars that go up and down Harshman and Woodman on a yearly basis there is a lot of traffic. We do a lot of traffic. Sometimes the perception people have, and this is what the survey was for, how we can now show them the percentage of our day our whole year is. If we get 26,000 calls a year and we spend 5,000 of those calls on traffic then you can see the percentage is around 18 – 19 percent of all of our calls are traffic. It shows you we are trying to make an effort; sometimes traffic is overwhelming. We only have so many officers working at one time. I think overall the survey was very positive. There wasn't a whole lot of negative in there; the percentages were all pretty good. I do think there are certain things we want to improve on and that is what we will try to do next year is improve those numbers. When it says "to a great extent", if you read that is says nine percent, I want that to be 15 – 16 percent next year where people think they are doing things to a great extent. I don't just want nine percent; I want 15 – 20 percent. That is our goal. We are going to improve on that. We are going to do that with some different programs we will try to get out there, some monthly meetings with people, quarterly meetings with folks from different areas of the city. We will get some more face time with them and see their concerns. Just like we do here and I say please come see me tomorrow or write that down and we will see if we can get with you about it. I would be remised if I didn't mention in the last meeting of the year about drug overdoses. I have to tell you that every two weeks I get a report from the county. In those reports he gives the monthly stats for the year on how many overdoses and how many people have died from drug overdoses for the year. If we can just do the same thing we did in December for 2019, we'd be extremely happy because in November of this year there were 168 overdoses in the whole county. This month we only had 83. That is phenomenal number, right, how it has gone done? Our GROW Program, we only went out two times this whole month to meet with people so it goes to show you that it fluctuates up and down. If you don't know why that happens it is because there is a bad batch that comes through town. At some point there was 168, 170, 180 in one month, that is when you know a bad batch comes through town. December it was not and it could be for many different reasons. There have been some big drug busts throughout the state. I don't know if you have seen those; maybe that is the influence, I don't know. Montgomery County is touted as one of the worst in the state. We are a big county and we have a lot of people, unfortunately for Dayton, they had the most. We have had two overdoses in the last two weeks. That is probably two, too, many, but to honest with you I will take that one; no one died. We did have 10 people pass away this year in Riverside. Last year, I think we had 13 or 14 so it is down a little bit. I think that we are getting out there more; the GROW Program is working with some people and I think that will continue to trend for 2019; we can only pray that that happens. I want to end this with an atta-boy/atta-girl, if you will. Tina made an apprehension this past week. The reason why I am telling you this is because it was kind of big. Jackson and K-9 partner, Tina, were out working and he got on a vehicle that was stolen out of West Carrollton and they fled into Huber Heights then they jumped out of the vehicle and ran trying to get away. Tina was sent in and she got one of the suspects out and they made the arrest and did a really good job. Ms. Campbell: I saw that on the news. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I did, too. Chief Robinson: What that comes back to and one of the things I mentioned today in the Channel 2 news article was that it was a smash and grab. There are a lot of young adults right now stealing cars from different places and Tipp City is one for some reason; they are stealing these vehicles and

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using them for smash and grabs and running around. So they go to West Carrollton, they go to Englewood and they go to our Valero on Valley and they smash and grab down there and then Huber Heights end up on them. One of the places had those rain cameras on the front door and if you have ever seen one of those they do great pictures. So they got pictures of suspects, pictures of the vehicles, and then they matched them up to all these people. Those cameras are a really good thing. What I am getting to is one of the things that we want to use to put in place for these day time thefts that we have and the robberies is a popular registry for cameras not only by the commercial cameras, but with residential cameras. If you are familiar with some of the cases going around right now, we have used cameras in a lot of different places and what our intention is to do a camera registry where everyone who has a camera on the street can, voluntarily give your address and phone number, so if something happens on your street we can call you and hopefully get some footage from your camera. We will use them for any businesses in the city and any person who has one on their front door, side of their house, wherever. That is one of the ways we are going to try to combat some of the thefts in the city. That's all I have for tonight; I appreciate it and sorry I was long winded.

B) Monthly Update Service Department – Kathy Bartlett: I attended the MVRPC ODOT District 7 Transportation Improvement Program Bi-Annual Project Review meeting on November 20. We discussed the Valley Street sidewalk project, Airway West, East Springfield reconstruction, and West Springfield reconstruction. Those are the four TIP Projects and I think those were in your packet reports individually. I also attended the annual meeting with the Montgomery County Engineer's Office on November 27. We discussed current and future projects in Riverside. One of their projects they want us to look at with them in the future is a very long culvert, but it is considered a bridge, between Woodman and Burkhardt. It is county owned; it is mostly within our right-of-way and it goes underneath the Shell station. This project will require work within the next five to seven years and it may be something they can line or not do a total replacement because it is a very lengthy project. It goes under the K-Mart parking lot that sort of thing; they have given me mapping and all of that. They also were very helpful in getting me in touch with their pavement engineers and we talked about how the county does their pavement management and how they do their condition ratings. I know last time during work session or last council meeting we talked about the PCI that was in the budget to do. They are the ones that gave me the idea. They use this method, Fairborn uses this method, Kettering uses this PCI method; they are a good resource and they seemed to welcome me to their meeting. I was very grateful to have that resource. I met with the Montgomery County Engineer Environmental Services Water Department last Thursday to discuss possible teaming up for some projects for OPWC funding. They have two streets, Lynnhaven and Meyer, that they would like for us to apply for OPWC funding with them in this coming August when applications are due. They also provided me with a list of 40 streets over a period of the next 10 years that they have several water line breaks and you can see it in our streets. It is causing problems; they do the best patching they can when they go out and fix the repairs, but it is making our streets damaged over time. They have been very successful getting their OPWC applications. We can't typically score high enough on a residential street for OPWC funding. But, if we team with the water they had six applications this last round and they got all six of them funded. When you can join like that it is a positive way to get grant money. We submitted our 2019 Permissive Tax application for our crack sealing and paint striping on thoroughfares. On our Airway East project a punch list is going to be prepared after one remaining item that needs to be done, a curb ramp at Spinning and Airway, and on that punch list will be the manholes that need to be adjusted to grade. There is a possibility the contractor could come out and get those done before hand. There was a little delay in doing that because those manholes are so old; it is not an easy item for the contractor to purchase those rings. He is actually going to have to go through Montgomery County to get rings to fit those older manholes. The Harshman median wall repair is complete that just happened last week and barricades were taken down. We have some ongoing guard rail repairs on SR 35 and Route 4. These were damaged city property police reports with insurance that are being performed by Lake Erie

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Construction that we have an ongoing contract with so we are up on any time city property gets damaged and there is insurance we can get for reimbursement we are having the contractor go out within a week or two and getting all that taken care of. There is a little money in the budget to do some past things that hasn't has insurance claims or anything that will happen in 2019. We have been doing some project preparations for 2019. I have spent the last couple of weeks along with Jay doing some planning for the residential pavement plan; taking the data that Choice One had prepared and fine tuning the streets as to which ones we want to do in 2019 and I hope to present those in a work session at the next council meeting to get input on those. We have it narrowed down to three or four streets with some alternates depending on how the bids come in. That would be mill and fills mainly, maybe some overlays. We are also doing the prep work to do a tree trimming contract that would be bid. We are going through the neighborhoods. When one of the service employees, Jim, was doing the street sweeping, he was making notes as to what trees were basically blocking the roadway and just knowing what areas need to be trimmed up. We are going to have a contract bid with some alternates and there is a budgeted item for this. Rather than having our guys do it who are not trained to do things fast and efficient. They are great to go out and take apart a tree that has already come down, but not to do the maintenance. This would be something that would really clean up the neighborhoods where the branches are into the street. We are also collecting city building needs for repairs in the 1791 building, the garage, and the Spinning Road fire station, and developing a yearlong plan to get them addressed using the budget for the building maintenance so we aren't doing all our maintenance at the beginning of the year, but spreading it across the year and timing it so that we are doing pavement in February, but doing some other things with buildings to fill in the rest of the year. As far as operations in the last month, the maintenance crews have put down seven tons of blacktop patch on the roadways, targeting the thoroughfares while the hot mix plants are still open. Some residential patching was also done. Taking advantage of the good weather, we have replaced stop signs and speed limit signs plus other miscellaneous signs in Arrow Rock and the Byesville plats. The next plat to get new signs is in upper Rohrer and we will continue this in 2019 going plat to plat until basically mowing season hits. As long as the weather stays good we have been able to get a lot accomplished in doing that. We are also currently doing the brush line trimming that gets done this time of year. We have completed some training this month. We had CDL training for all of the staff; it hadn't been done in some time so we found an instructor and had some cones and things set up at the Center of Flight and had all the guys and dump trucks over there and had training, classroom training as well. Two men were sent to asphalt training. They learned a variety of different things on inspection and on pavement ratings and general knowledge. They learned information that only Jay had and now we have two more people have some similar knowledge and will continue to grow from that.

Mr. Denning: Are the trees you are talking about trimming, are they not the property owners responsibility? Mr. Carpenter: I am not sure which specific trees. Mr. Denning: The reason I am asking is if somebody's sidewalk needs repaired and we repair it, we are able to send them a bill or put it on their taxes and get reimbursed. Obviously, we would have to have it in our budget to pay for it initially, but I was wondering if we do something similar to get at least a portion of our investment back. I understand we need to do it because it helps to keep moisture off the pavement and it dries it out quicker and all that, but I am looking at a way for us to recoup some of our costs to do that. It may be that it has just not been what we normally do; I don't know. Mr. Carpenter: We will verify which trees and if it is the homeowner's responsibility, we will notify them and cite them and if they don't, we do have in this budget that we can do the work and then assess. Ms. Bartlett: There are some neighborhoods brought to my attention that the city actually planted some trees in some of the neighborhoods so we might get some push back there. Mr. Denning: I get that, but we are trying to keep our budget balanced.

Ms. Campbell: Somebody kinda asked the question, do we have the funding for this, or is the money we have for something else? Ms. Bartlett: It is in the proposed budget for 2019.

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Ms. Campbell: There are some places where you can't see to pull out and I didn't know if that was covered in that or not. Ms. Bartlett: That would be an area we would like to address in those areas.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: On the Meyer and Lynnhaven proposal, what would be our contribution, it is an 80/20 or 60/40? I know it would not be a grant that would cover the whole thing. Ms. Bartlett: What I could see happening is that we have the \$350,000 we are going to use for mill and fill in 2019. If we have a number something like that for 2020, I would hope it wouldn't take the whole thing. I don't know what the exact numbers would be like on Airway West....Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: No, I'm talking about Lynnhaven and Meyer, they are going to replace water lines, right? Ms. Bartlett: Yes, replace water lines and then we would come through and do a mill and fill so it would reduce the whole cost of the project for both the water and for the pavement. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Okay, I understand that, but if we ask for a grant to help fund that, my question is, what is our obligation? Do you know? Ms. Bartlett: I would have to go back and see what the total cost of the project is; like 20 percent.

Mr. Curp: Crack sealing, I think the contractor went back and sealed the joints on Airway East and I suppose it is okay, my frame of reference for what I consider quality of the work is the crack seal they did on Grange Hall in Beavercreek between Kemp Road and the nursing home a quarter of a mile north where they widened that and put down new pavement and they went through and crack sealed. There is just a load of difference what the contractor did on that job and what our contractor did on our job. It could be that when we contract out for crack sealing this coming year, that we also look at putting in another later on Airway East and firm that up and make sure we put off the day that that open ups. Secondly, tree service, I understand what Mr. Denning is saying and I agree with that. I think what Ms. Campbell was asking about was line of sight issues at intersection where people have their hedges growing out to where you have to pull your car out farther into the intersection in order to see if something is coming from your right or your left. That is probably a zoning issue as opposed to the service department dealing with it. Going back to Mr. Denning's comment, I concur, cities have police powers such as requiring a property owner to maintain the tree line between the sidewalk and a curb, mow the grass, or whatever is needed to maintain that. It is considered a police power requiring the property owner to do that. The segway back to Mr. Denning's point if there are things we can do to notify the property owners that they should be trimming the trees instead of us doing it and then we incur the expense and get a reimbursement from them either by billing or assessment process, nonetheless, all that is eating into our cash flow and we could use that money for something else and let the property owner come up with the money upfront because we have notified them it is their obligation to do something about that tree that is overhanging in the street and creating a problem with school buses, trucks and other vehicles that go down that street. Mr. Denning: The first thing we should do is send these property owners a letter to take care of this, and if they don't, we should warn them, that they will get a bill. Mr. Curp: We are allowed to trim anything that comes into the street into the right-of-way. That does not mean we have to, which was your point earlier. Mr. Denning: Right. Mr. Curp: There is a difference between what we have to do and what we can compel others to do and what we are allowed to do on our own. Ms. Bartlett: If you have seen them do the highways, trimming the trees, this is something that is growing over the roadway that we would do a lot of trees and we would have particular parameters 16' up, 2' over and go out to bid on this as opposed to doing it in-house to get quantity. Mr. Denning: We don't disagree with that; it is just like to me if I have a street light I get charged so much for the footage in front of my house so if I have 87' of frontage and I have three trees and that is 10 percent of the total bill that we get that person should be charged 10 percent of our total bill so we can get reimbursed that amount. I don't know how you would do that math, but in general that is my concept. You pay for what you get and they get the plus of okay now it will cost them only \$150 where if they go out and hire their own tree trimmer it will cost them \$350. You are going to get economy of scale because you have one guy going in and doing 87 trees, I get that. I think we should try and

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get a portion of our cost back from the property owner that should be taking care of it themselves. Ms. Bartlett: I agree with the concept, but the practicality of like who is going to go through street by street we will list out to do the trimming. I would need to take one of the guys out of the service department. We are going to let the contractor with the parameters decide what trees get done so if it is a curb being assessed that is expensive, or a driveway apron, that is a big dollar ticket, it is worth it to go back to the property owner. I just don't think the tree trimming, it would take one of my staff members probably two or three months and the letter to go out. Mr. Denning: How much is in your budget for this? Ms. Bartlett: \$25,000. Mr. Denning: Oh, okay; I get it, but I still think we could even go and say we did 700 feet and say you had 37 feet and split it up and send them a bill and hope we get something. I just think we should do something to try and get ourselves reimbursed something.

Mr. Curp: One of my favorite topics is the egress of the K-Mart property out on to Woodman Drive. It is one thing to come out in opposition to something, it is something else to offer a solution and I am going to offer a solution. We currently have a traffic signal at Eastman and Woodman Drive, which is the main entrance into the DP&L office park. One of the things that any person who wants to develop onto that property can do is instead of coming out onto Woodman Drive at the K-Mart property and creating havoc for us could always put an access road parallel to Woodman Drive on the DP&L property and run it up to that traffic light and gain access to Woodman Drive at that point where there is already a traffic signal. While that might be considered more of an expense than what the developer had in mind, it is a solution. We need to keep in mind that earlier this year, DP&L was in discussions about the property and they had discussions with the City Of Dayton about the future of that property because what I think DP&L was looking at selling the property. They entered into an arrangement with the City of Dayton where they would have the right of first refusal for the property so that the City could have additional land to develop within the corporate limits of the city. So it is obvious there is an interest in developing the property beyond what is on the property now just the DP&L headquarters. If they are looking at some development long term, then having an access road along the frontage inside the property seems to be something they should be considering, and they can kill two birds with one stone. They can provide egress for any short range development that is planned for there, and they will also be opening up the property by having an access road elsewhere on the property beyond just the drive that goes back to the office building.

Mr. Curp: I want to go back to trees one more time. Whenever we get a big storm of any kind or get a lot of freezing rain and trees or tree limbs come down, we get a dearth of tree service companies that suddenly pop up like mushrooms. They are going up and down the streets knocking on doors and offering to take care of your problem and then they show up in the summer time also and solicit. I would like for us to consider licensing those people only to the extent that we want to make sure they have the proper liability insurance in order to protect our property owners in the city. I am not looking for a revenue generator as far as fees for licensing; I don't care if we give them a free one, just so that we come up with some way to certify to the property owner that these people have appropriate liability insurance in case there is damage to a structure on a property. I would like for us to consider doing something like that. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Also about liability as far as if they get hurt on your property. That is my concern that these jokers show up at the door and say I am insured, what if you fall off that tree in my yard; are you going to sue me? Mayor Flaute: I am not totally disagreeing with you; it is partially the responsibility of the homeowner to check that out. Mr. Denning: If they are certified with the city then we have done some of that for them. Ms. Campbell: I know before awhile back I guess you contract with DP&L or they do it, but they were cutting around all the wires getting all the limbs where wires were. Is there a way you can put in for a grant as a safety issue on some of the ones that you want to cut because sometimes you get it faster and you might get a little more? Ms. Bartlett: What was that again? Ms. Campbell: Sometimes you can apply for a grant as a safety issue with the grant you are trying to apply for to help pay for this. You might check with that and you might get more to help; it is something to look into.

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Mr. Denning: Make our \$25,000 go farther. Mayor Flaute: I'm just glad you are doing the rings; some of those are pretty bad.

Mr. Denning: When you are looking at Springfield East, I drive that road in the morning and have looked at it closely and I have watched the traffic and Springfield West it sort of makes sense to me that we do the road diet and bring it down, but Springfield East that makes no sense at all to me to cut that down to one lane each direction with a turn lane in the middle because there is a huge amount of traffic there and with the base, from Harshman out to the base there is a lot of traffic there. I just don't know when Choice One brought that to us that they have done the right traffic studies to make sure that is not going to be more of a problem than it will be. I think we need to discuss that when we have our discussion with the base and talk to them on what they think about that. Mayor Flaute: Isn't it too late? We have already got that all settled; we went through that with all the meetings we had about it. I mean there was one person that was really upset about that issue. Choice One said no that this is the way it should be. Mr. Denning: The more I watch it and drive it; the answer is we aren't changing anything with the pavement; all we are doing is changing where we are painting the lines, okay, and the answer may be we are painting the lines where we said we were going to paint them because that is part of the grant, but in a year we can change them. I think we need to keep a very close eye on that traffic there because I think we are asking for trouble with two bike lanes and then one lane each direction and a center turn lane, especially from Harshman to the county line. That is my two cents. I think we need to discuss it with the base also and see what they think before we put the paint down. Ms. Bartlett: We are into Stage Three plans. Not to say that it can't be changed to do that. Choice One might want some more money to do that that is the only thing I see. That was before my time and I will have to go and dig into that and talk to them. I only heard about the road diet; typically you do the road diet to slow traffic down; it is the main purpose. Mr. Denning: I understand that, but if you cut that down to one lane each direction; it is already pretty much quite a bit of traffic in both lanes and if you try to cut that down to one lane, I think we are looking for trouble. Ms. Bartlett: Okay, I will look into it. Mayor Flaute: I think we are a little late for it. Mr. Denning: You are not too late unless the paint is already down; and we can always change our mind. I am not talking about narrowing anything or widening anything or adding any extra. Mayor Flaute: During the meetings they said they have investigated it and you will lose 30 seconds or something. Mr. Denning: But they don't drive it; that is all I am saying. Ms. Campbell: I was just curious have you heard anything back from the base with them helping out with the roads? Ms. Bartlett: I haven't heard anything yet; I did get a call from a gentleman, Slone Gregg, who had questions about Springfield Street? I have returned his call and had to leave a message. Ms. Lewallen: You all received my email about the set up going to happen in early January? I don't know who that is; it is not anybody who I have contacted.

D) Monthly Update Planning & Program Management – Jeff Green: For the month of December, Planning Commission met and we had one public hearing for 601 Woodman, which is the U-Haul. Planning commission did recommend denial of that case and I expect there should be a public hearing for council regarding this proposal sometime in January. For code updates, the big one that came up was small cell regulations. As of now, the city does not have any regulations on a small cell tower, specifically in the right-of-way, so we are trying to expedite that process. I have Dalma reviewing any and all possibilities of getting that done as quickly as possible. The big thing right now is the FCC came in and I am sure you all are aware about two months back and changed the rulings. There are basically law suits on law suits regarding the situation. I am trying to get a public hearing done hopefully in January to get to you all so we have something on the books. We also discussed the commercial vehicle definition and urban chickens. I am expecting that to be heard as a public hearing in February. The planning commission regular meetings for January and February cannot be done given they fall on holidays, MLK Day and President's Day, as of now the updated planning commission times are going to be January 14 and then February 19 at their regular time of 6:30 p.m. The board of zoning appeals did not have a hearing for December as it falls on Christmas Eve, which city offices are closed

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as well as no cases were brought to our attention. As of now, no cases have been brought to our attention for January so they basically have until the end of December if someone wants to come forward with a variance request before the January meeting for BZA is closed. The property maintenance contract, we sent out a bid and we received three. You all should receive an analysis with those bid packets and what we are recommending at the January 3 council meeting. City staff enforcement is now going completely through the iWorq property management system from the Zone Pro. Going forward we are working out any last minute kinks as well as starting to get the citizen engagement portion on. As of right now, folks can look onto the system and check an address to see if any permits have been processed through. Soon they will be able to register a complaint and check up on that complaint and go from there. I am expecting that to be fully implemented in January, probably the end. We do have, in my opinion, a bit of a situation at 4916 Airway that is the old Long John Silver's location. A food truck has apparently signed a year lease agreement with the Airway Shopping Center. I found out about it yesterday in regards to a sign permit they applied for. As of now, I talked with Mark and Chris on what we have done in the past and from what I can tell, we don't have a food truck ordinance on the books. The closest we have linked it to is Chapter 700 dealing with peddlers. Because our peddler definition talks about going from home-to-home and selling wares and this is a stationary location, we can't regulate this particular food truck. We will propose an ordinance for review at a work session, hopefully in January, to get something on the books and begin proper regulations and if we want to designate certain zones or whatever we want to do. For code enforcement and permitting, we have 30 new violations for December, 11 new permits were processed. That brings our total to 256 permits this year as of December 17. There were eight final inspections conducted.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: The difference between this food truck at Airway and the food truck at the Shell station, explain the difference. I am told nothing can be done about the food truck at the Shell. Mr. Green: What I know as in general is as of now we have no set regulations to deal with them. Whoever told you that probably would be correct. As I understand our regulations from what we have in year's past, we have no way of dealing with a food truck that stays at one location. Mr. Curp: Have we visited them and given them the contacts with RITA so they know where to file their income tax returns? Mr. Green: For the one on Airway, not yet, no. I am still processing the permit. Mr. Curp: That's tomorrow, right? Mr. Green: It will be before January, yes. At the end of the day, we can't require that as part of the approval for a permit; we can give it to them, but it is up to them to fill it out; I can't force them to that by holding up a permit. Mr. Curp: I wasn't asking for any adverse situations for the business owner. I am just trying to make sure we identify all the businesses in the city of Riverside and make sure they are paying their fair share of their net profits tax and their individual withholding taxes. That is all. It may not be the function of whatever organization you are in because I don't know what organization you are in, but it may be somebody else's responsibility but I am making a public comment here to make sure it is on the record that we need to be identifying businesses in the city of Riverside and making sure they get notified as soon as possible that they have a tax obligation. A lot of times that doesn't happen for a couple of years and they are already delinquent and we have gone without the revenue. I want to make sure we are on top of this. Mayor Flaute: I think it is pretty clear on the agenda that Mr. Green is part of the Planning and Program Management department. I don't think there is any question about that. Mr. Curp: I need to see an org chart. Mayor Flaute: I don't know why you have a question about that. Mr. Curp: Because we have a budget document here and my mind is creating questions that's all.

ITEM 15: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: There were no public comments on agenda items.

ITEM 16: NEW BUSINESS

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A. ORDINANCES

I) Ordinance No. 18-O-681 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, 2018, and declaring an emergency. (1st reading, 2nd reading, public hearing, and consideration of adoption)

Mr. Carpenter: This ordinance is making supplemental appropriations for the current year 2018, January 1 to December 31.

Mr. Denning motioned to read Ordinance No. 18-O-681 for the first time in its entirety. Ms. Fry seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-O-681 for the first time in its entirety. Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or comments from members of council.

Mr. Curp: I have a question; is this end of year clean up or is this just adjustment? How are we handling 402, the transfer of the \$100,000 from the Wright Point Fund to the General Fund? I don't see that on here. Mr. Garrett: It was programmed into the budget already so there is no change to that plan; it has not happened yet. Mr. Curp: My question is, is that handled at somebody's desk or does that need to be on this document. I know that it is in the budget and it shows up in the financial reports as not having been done yet through the month of November. I understand the way that stuff works, but sometimes, well, this does need to be because this is a General Fund thing where something is not spent over here is going to show up as part of the General Fund carryover balance. This is an actual transfer from something not in the General Fund to the General Fund so it doesn't work the way those General Fund expenditures work or non-expenditures. My question is how is the \$100,000 going to be handled? Do we need to amend this to include the \$100,000? Is that something that is going to take place between now and December 31 at somebody's desk that is all I am asking? Mr. Garrett: It was just an administrative item; this is changes to the approved appropriation. The \$100,000 transfer is already programmed into the normal course of things and it has not been accomplished yet, though.

Roll call was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes; Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Denning motioned to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 18-O-681. Ms. Fry seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Denning motioned to read Ordinance No. 18-O-681 for the second time by title only. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-O-681 for the second time by title only. Mayor Flaute asked if there were any comments of council.

Mayor Flaute opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 18-O-681. Seeing no one, Mayor Flaute closed the public hearing.

Being none, all were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

II) Ordinance No. 18-O-682 making permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period beginning January 1 through December 31,

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2019, and declaring an emergency. (1st reading, 2nd reading, public hearing, and consideration of adoption)

Mr. Carpenter: This ordinance is to make permanent appropriations for the calendar year 2019, January 1 to December 31.

Mr. Denning motioned to read Ordinance No. 18-O-682 for the first time in its entirety. Ms. Fry seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-O-682 for the first time in its entirety. Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or comments from members of council.

Mr. Curp: I would like to make an amendment. I make a motion to amend the appropriation to increase fund 100.108 which is Personnel Services amount of 100.108 Economic Development fund by \$110,000 to fund the director's position and to reduce the following funds by appropriate amounts that equal \$110,000 as determined by the City manager that would be fund 100.102 City Manager Fund, 201.201 Fire Fund, 202.202 Service Fund, and 203.203 Police Fund. Mayor Flaute: We have a motion on the floor, is there a second? Okay, motion fails for lack of a second. Ms. Campbell: Wait, I didn't catch that. Mayor Flaute: What is your question Ms. Campbell? Ms. Campbell: I was going to say second. Mayor Flaute: Okay, so the motion to amend has been made and seconded. Now we have a vote on the amendment. So this is vote on the motion on the amendment Mr. Curp has talked about. Any other discussion?

Roll call was as follows: Mr. Curp, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Denning, no; Ms. Fry, no; Mrs. Lommatzsch, no; Mayor Flaute, no. **Motion failed.**

Mayor Flaute: Now we go back to the original motion. Any other discussion from members of council?

Roll call was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Curp, no; Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes; Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Denning motioned to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 18-O-682. Ms. Fry seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Denning motioned to read Ordinance No. 18-O-682 for the second time by title only. Ms. Fry seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-O-682 for the second time by title only. Mayor Flaute asked if there were any comments of council.

Mayor Flaute opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 18-O-682. Seeing no one, Mayor Flaute closed the public hearing.

Roll call was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Curp, no; Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes; Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion carried.**

B. RESOLUTIONS

- I) **Resolution No. 18-R-2429 requesting the auditor of Montgomery County to certify the total current tax valuation of the City of Riverside and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a 4.95 mill renewal levy to operate the Police Department, as authorized by Section 5705.19(J) of the Ohio Revised Code.**

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Mr. Carpenter: This resolution is to requesting to certify the total tax valuation for the city of Riverside for the dollar amount for the Police Levy renewal at 4.95 mills.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2429. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or comments by members of Council.

Mr. Curp: Yes, I think we should have the county auditor provide us with two sets of numbers. One would be based on a renewal and the other would be based on a replacement so that this council has both sets of numbers so we can make a determination which of those vehicles we want to use. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: A replacement doesn't expire. Renewal might expire, would a replacement expire? Mr. Carpenter: Well, I know the replacement we would lose the rollback for a replacement. Mr. Curp: Well, let us have the auditor provide us with a number. Mayor Flaute: We can do that; it's not like we aren't going to go the ballot no matter what the numbers are. Mr. Denning: Which are we going to the ballot with is what we are trying to get. Mayor Flaute: Okay, is that okay with the motion. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: That is fine with me; I'll withdraw mine. Mr. Denning: We will accept the amendment.

Being none, all were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 17: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Flaute invited Mr. Smith to come forward with his comments.

Mr. Smith: Evening mayor, council, my question or comment is we need more police activity down in the neighborhood. We have had two cars broke into in the last week or so. There is a lot of foot traffic down there now and we need a little more police presence in the neighborhood. I can't tell you the last time I've seen a cruiser in the neighborhood. One other comment is bringing up the trash issue. A couple months ago, I had to call them and they never even picked my trash up. Now I set my trash out on Thursday night so I know the can was out there, but they just flat did not pick it up. I called them and it took them until the following trash day to come out and pick my trash can up. You know, it is really frustrating because I follow their... I set my trash out so there is no reason for them to not pick it up. Mayor Flaute: It is noted; and I am sure the police noted your need for more patrol. Mr. Denning: Was it just yours or was it a whole street worth? Mr. Smith: I don't know; I know when I come home and I've been gone, when I get home I pull my trash can back in so it is not setting on the street. Mr. Denning: I understand and appreciate it. We had last Monday the whole street I live on didn't get picked up. Mr. Smith: But this has been awhile back. Mr. Denning: This was just recent. Mr. Smith: And I called the lady who said we will see what we can do and it took them... you know. Mr. Denning: It was Monday before it got picked up? Mr. Smith: No, it was a little bit longer than that. Mr. Carpenter: I have on question, Mr. Smith, just for my knowledge when I talk to them, do you sit it on Planters or on Byesville? Mr. Smith: Byesville, I set it right at the end of my driveway because the truck when he comes down the street he comes down and then he turns onto Planters and backs up to the dead end on Byesville. They just flat didn't pick my trash can up. I had to call them. Mayor Flaute: Thank you. On that same line I did get a bill for the yearly trash pickup from email, and I know we have discussed this on the four percent, if you get four percent off if you pay by the year. I would like to know if that is still in effect. Mr. Denning: It is part of the contract. Mr. Carpenter: It is supposed to still be in effect. Mayor Flaute: Then a whole bunch of people got that yearly notice and it doesn't say a word about that. Mr. Carpenter: That is a good point; we should probably put something on social media about that as well. Ms. Campbell: They told me in the beginning if I paid the whole year you are only paying for three. Mayor Flaute: You only get a four percent discount if you pay for the whole year. Ms. Campbell: They told me if I pay for three of them, there is four of them a month, right? Well if you pay the whole year you get three months you get the other month free. Mayor Flaute: I don't think that is true;

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no, I have never heard that before. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: You get four quarters of billing. Mayor Flaute: You get four percent off. Ms. Campbell: If you pay the whole year, you get three months free. Well, I will call them and find out. That is what I paid the first time.

ITEM 18: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I would like to thank the staff that showed up for the breakfast with Santa. That is an amazing event; over a thousand people got free breakfast. The teacher's union and the Lion's Club do an awesome job. It is just fun to get in the spirit of the season and see all those children. A lot of people who are not hungry are there getting a free breakfast, but there are a lot of people who are hungry being fed. That is a big deal. The police activity there was really awesome and they are so good with the kids. I would like to thank the staff and all who showed up at the Chamber dinner. I thought it was a really nice event. And I thank all of you for everything you do and a Merry Christmas to everyone in the room.

Mr. Denning: I believe our sign in front of Harshman should say Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. I am just putting that on the record. I want to thank staff for everything they do all year and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holidays.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: One more thing, don't forget the children those shoes represent because they are still being separated over the holidays from their families.

Mr. Curp: Two things, food trucks, it slipped my mind at the time of the discussion. There is a situation in Cincinnati where they have taken an abandoned gas station that still has a canopy and that has become a food station port. The owner has spruced the place up and put picnic tables underneath the canopy and then they put the food trucks around the perimeter and people can come there and have lunch or whatever. There is hope, yet. Leaves in the street – Riverside Code 311.01(d) deals with safety hazards and 931.01 and 931.02 deals with solid waste collection; 931.01 definitions as leaves and yard waste listed specifically, 931.02 addresses solid waste collection service and mandatory use of the city's solid waste collection service by property owners. It addresses yard waste and the city's contract with the service provider; it addresses yard waste in containers. So, if we want to do it, it can get done. Merry Christmas to everybody; it has been a good year.

Mayor Flaute: I have a couple of things. I did have a meeting with two council members from Huber Heights along with their city manager. They have opened up a new water plant and because of that their old water plant is no longer needed for them and as you may know Huber Heights has one of the lowest water rates in the county because they have a company that does their water for them. They are asking us to consider us to take over that water tower and plant and create our own water system for the City of Riverside. A lot of that equipment is old so what I have asked the city manager to do is to check with the company that does all of Huber Heights water. This company does the water and then Huber Heights cuts them a check at the end of the year. They do all the billing; they do everything. There is a good possibility we could reduce the water rates for the citizens of Riverside. I don't know that, yet. I have also asked the city manager if there is someone maybe retired or who has been in the water business that could come look at the equipment and decide whether it is something that we can be doing. If we can lower the rates for the citizens I think it is something we need to think about. Mr. Lohr, did you want to add to that? Mr. Lohr: No, I think that sums it up. There would be a lot involved in creating the water department and eventually what council would want to look at if it is something you want to consider would be hiring a consultant to look at what all would need to be done to create that water system. You will want to do a rate analysis so you look at everything it would take to get that water system up and running and then figure out what you would have to charge residents and then we could compare that to the county rates and see if there would be a benefit there. Mr. Denning: Is it just water or water and sewer? Mr. Lohr: It is

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just water. Mr. Denning: Huber Heights is their own closed loop; we are already tied into the county. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: How do you turn this spigot on and that spigot off? Ms. Campbell: That is a lot of high maintenance, isn't it? Mayor Flaute: That is what the company would tell us. Suez? I think we will have to see what they say. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: What is it going to cost us for them to tell us? Mayor Flaute: If they want our business, they ought to tell us. Mr. Carpenter: Suez may offer some first-hand knowledge because they have dealt with that equipment for the last several years. But beyond that, the water lines, the service department, it is going to take a much more in depth look. Mayor Flaute: I think the county would be happy to give us their old lines. Mr. Denning: Yeah, right. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I tell you I have drunk some water from neighboring areas and let me tell you don't mess with success. Mr. Curp: First thing that should be done if it hasn't been done already is to contact the county and see whether that can even happen if they are going to let the city pump water through their infrastructure. Mr. Denning: The way we are broken up, how are you going to do that? Mr. Carpenter: We have reached out; we haven't gotten a response, yet. Mr. Lohr: I have left messages; I didn't get a call back. There are people out of the office for the holidays. The other thing we want to know, is our water consumption, can we even supply enough water out of that plant. That is another piece of information we need to get from the county as well. Mayor Flaute: Other than that, I had only one wedding; it's a little slow over the season.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch motioned to go into Executive session. Mr. Denning seconded. Roll call was as follows: Mrs. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion carried.** Council went into Executive Session at 9:17 pm.

ITEM 19: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A) Section 103.01 (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.
- B) Section 103.01 (d)(1) Unless the City employee or official requests a public hearing; to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a city employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a City employee or official.

ITEM 20: RECONVENE

Council reconvened at 10:45 pm.

ITEM 21: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Denning motioned to adjourn. Ms. Fry seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council