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**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Flaute called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

**ITEM 2: ROLL CALL:** Council attendance was as follows: Ms. Campbell, present; Mr. Curp, present; Mr. Denning, present; Ms. Fry, present; Mr. Fullenkamp, present; 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; Bob Murray, Economic Development; Dan Stitzel, Fire Development; Brock Taylor, Planning and Project Management; Frank Robinson, Police Department; and Jay Keaton, Service Department.

**ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:** There were no absent members.

**ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** The agenda was revised prior to the start of the meeting to add an Executive Session to discuss personnel, the Clerk of Council position.

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

**ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:**

A. Airway Beautification Plan – Request for Proposal

Mr. Carpenter: We are looking to draft an RFP to conduct a beautification project at the Airway/Woodman shopping center. We'd like to share some ideas and get some input from Council. Mr. Murray will present.

Mr. Murray: As the City Manager said we are looking to do a street beautification; this has been a while in the works. We set up the TIF in 2012 which was actually incorporated in 2014. (He displayed an aerial photo) This is the original document we sent to the State; everything outlined in white is in the TIF which includes all of the business districts over there. It is both sides of Airway and both sides of Woodman; goes all the way down to Domescik Realty and Old Hickory, so it is all the businesses located in that area.

Mr. Murray: (Displaying another aerial photo) I wanted to show some history and this goes back to 2011. This was the only historical document I could find. Some of the stuff outlined in green was done, most of it was not. It does show Dizzy's lounge on the corner and that building is now gone as well as the service station. It shows the old McDonalds across the street and you can see where the development took place for the new McDonalds.

Mayor Flaute: I was thinking the TIF was only for the Airway Shopping Center; it's across the street also? Mr. Murray: Yes; it's huge. Going back a slide, it is all 61 parcels outlined in white. The market value for those was \$15 Million at the time and you'll see the results of the TIF here shortly.

Mr. Murray: As I looked through the information I found, I came up with a lot of things that apply to Airway/Woodman and these things were written about any shopping center done post WWII. It talks about lack of special definition; lack of sidewalks; parking is unbuffered and unsightly; lack of plantings and site elements to create a desirable environment; it's uncomfortable for a pedestrian in some areas to be standing; openness that contributes to high speed and lack of identity – one of the main reasons to go forward is to make this safer; the intersection is very intimidating to pedestrians and its non-human

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scale environment creates a hostile intersection – that’s very important because we have InfoCision across the street; vehicles are given priority and most of them are just passing through and don’t stop – it is designed to get people through the intersection and not for them to take advantage of what our businesses have to offer, so the idea is to slow that down and to create Airway as a more desirable location; vast amounts of pavement, again created post WWII for Christmas shoppers and those days are over, so we have a lot of parking space that goes unanswered and it’s uninviting; and there is an unclear definition of space, people are always more comfortable in a defined environment where they see lines and they know where the boundaries are. Again, these things were all said about shopping centers that were built after WWII and I think those all apply to what we have there today.

Ms. Fry: How did you choose Airway as the place you wanted to concentrate on? Mr. Murray: It’s the traffic count; we have a lot of people from surrounding neighborhoods that go through that area and it’s a poster child of who and what we are. Also McDonalds; I knew I could get a bump in the TIF if I did prior to those guys going in there. Since that time, we will go through another slide that show all the possibilities we have there with all the vacant property and to get it redeveloped. That’s not an outcome of the TIF but it’s happening now and I think putting together a beautification scheme for this, a marketing plan that shows what we are going to do and things we can put in place will really contribute to the market value and help those properties get used. At the beginning, I just saw a place where we could get a substantial TIF.

Mayor Flaute: So we are redoing Airway West and redoing that whole intersection; would this be in addition to what we are doing and would you be doing it at the same time? Mr. Murray: We are trying to put things in place prior to that and I’d like to get a pretty picture together before the levy so we have a marketing piece to show what could be done at this location if we had the funds to do it. It is not contingent upon that levy but it might be something that might help the levy; pretty pictures of what could be there. Woodman has 26,000 cars/day and Airway has 16,000/day; we have to move forward with Airway whether this gets done or not but this includes flowerboxes, signage, and it includes a look which we are getting now. Mayor Flaute: It is the fifth most dangerous intersection...Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: In 7 counties. Mr. Murray: It’s not just the intersection that’s unsafe; this will correct the lead up to the intersection. I am speeding when I get to that intersection so maybe there is something we can do before that to help me slow down. Mayor Flaute: Enforcement works well.

Ms. Fry: Is this part of a bigger vision or a stand-alone? Mr. Murray: It could be expanded out. In my mind, it is also kind of stand-alone because you want to create a unique space. So should this intersection look exactly like our other major intersections – not exactly but a lot of things could carry over. I think each intersection needs to be a little unique but a lot of similarities so you know you are in Riverside. Ms. Fry: But in general we want to think about addressing all our shopping centers. Mr. Murray: Absolutely. A while ago, I created a document referring to LIDs (Local Improvement Districts) and we lined those out. It was a Multimodal Transportation Commission project. So we’ve got those defined but it takes time and staff to meet with these people and define their vision. I think Spinning/Burkhardt is extremely important now; there’s a lot going on, a lot of people involved, and there has been a lot of investment this year which we haven’t seen for a long time. So now is the time to bring these people together based on the investment they have done and create a plan for that area as well.

Mr. Murray: So again, the main objective is to enhance the aesthetic value and appeal to attract more shoppers and spur economic development. The main goal is also to increase safety. With that we balance vehicles, pedestrians and bicycle traffic; develop streetscape and design guidelines that bring a human scale to the area; obtain cost estimates and funding sources; and promote a sense of community and garner strong citizen participation. Strong citizen participation will be one of the goals of the consultant; they

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will be the one going out and bringing the people into the room to help with this. They will be tasked with getting community participation.

Mr. Murray: I put the next slide in to show you what is available. (He pointed out areas that could be developed.) The Long John Silvers is gone; the oil station is still for sale; we have the corner where the old McDonalds was and the same owner owns the area across the street next to Ed's Service Station/Car Lot which is next to the bike path; Mr. Ronnie from Rway did buy the two lots up the street from that, which are also available; and the KC lounge was bought by somebody that wants to get rid of that as well.

Mr. Murray: One of the documents would be a marketing document to show what our plans are going forward with the idea that we help these people get their lots sold and developed. Mr. Denning: It only goes as far as the Dairy Queen, correct? Mr. Murray: No, it goes to Hayden Ave. so the Laundromat is included as well as Tim's Auto; it goes up that far.

Mr. Fullenkamp: The Laundromat is not part of Overlook? Mr. Murray: I don't think it is owned by Overlook. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It has been bought, redone, and the grand opening is scheduled.

Mr. Murray: Again, Ronnie from Rway Motors bought two lots and behind there is a five acre triangle that is land locked and that's something I always look at - how to find a way back in there. Mr. Curp: I think the Laundromat, unless things have changed, is sitting on the street right-of-way, and that accesses the triangular lot. Mr. Murray: And then somebody put some utilities in there; I don't think you can get a car in there anymore from when I looked at it. Five acres in that location might amount to something one of these days. There are a lot of things available now around there that a marketing plan based on a street beautification plan would help.

Mr. Murray: The TIF was established in 2014; it's a ten year TIF that expires 2023; and the current balance in the TIF is \$116,949 according to Mr. Garrett. We average about \$35,000 and in 2017 we collected \$34,158. We are ahead of that now and the idea would be to leverage general fund monies used to secure additional funding. We would go after every grant possibility there would be to make this a reality. The consultant would be responsible for telling us how to get things done and telling us where the money would come from for this. We would have a list of menu items of things to do and we would get them funded.

Mr. Murray: The draft is a complete street beautification plan designed to cover everything from infrastructure improvements to zoning issues to flower beds. It is structured to be driven by a review team and probably will need more community wide meetings which I would leave up to the consultant to make sure we are well covered and everybody is at the table. Funding the project will come from a variety of sources but primarily from the existing TIF, extensions of the TIF, and possibly the street levy.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Who will make up the review team? Mr. Murray: That is to be determined. For options on the level of deliverables, we could ask for a lot of things – design palette, hardscape recommendations, zoning ordinance updates, funding sources, engineer drawings, and build out estimates; I really want it all. I want this to be a plan going forward for the next five years. I want people who come to that shopping center to do some investing and to understand what the future is going forward; commit a certainty in their decision to invest in this community. Determining the meetings and the timetable are the other things that have yet to be done.

Mr. Murray: This is a recommendation for a review team. I'm trying to be inclusive and make sure we get buy-in from everybody. I'm suggesting an eleven member team starting with five members of the district. Those could be tenants or landlords – I would want

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InfoCision there; I would want Airway there; and three other people that have a direct interest. I would want a Planning Commission member, a City Council member, a Riverside Chamber member, a Riverside Seniors Representative to create mobility for the seniors and get them in this equation, someone from the Prairies – they are not in the district however I think better connection to the Prairies is important and of course the people who control the Prairies is Miller Valentine, and someone from Overlook Homes – creating more walkability for those residents I think is important as well.

Mr. Fullenkamp: How about residents in that Airway strip? Mr. Murray: I'm not sure how much citizen participation I have in this when I look at it; I think I have stakeholders in this. Mr. Fullenkamp: If we are going to put Overlook in there; why wouldn't we put residents from the other side in there as well? Mr. Murray: I don't have an average Joe citizen and that probably needs to be added.

Mr. Murray: I don't think I spelled this out in here but I would like better connection to the bike path. The bike path goes through us but we don't have the connectivity. The closest place is Old Hickory, it's ten feet from their parking lot to the Creekside Trail, and then how do we get them to Airway Shopping Center. We don't have a real plan for that so the idea is sidewalks, bike paths, crossing for a lot of different people and not just vehicles as this was originally written.

Mr. Denning: You honestly believe at the speeds people travel up and down Woodman that getting the bike path closer is a good idea? Mr. Murray: Not on Woodman but I think crossing Woodman is something we should look to do and I think there are enough places we could develop to make them safe that way. One light on Woodman for sure would be at McDonald's. Mr. Denning: So a light at Bayside so they could get across to Old Hickory to get on the bike path. Mr. Fullenkamp: Another light? Mr. Murray: It's fast through there so what are we going to do? Mr. Denning: There needs to be some traffic calming and that's what this would do.

Mr. Fullenkamp: That's part of the safety at Airway and Woodman as you stated "I go down there at 60 MPH" and again, people don't slow down even we they get to that intersection, people climb my rear end when I slow down for it. Mr. Murray: It's very deceptive there; you think you can make it across the street but cars are going very fast and you have no idea. Mr. Denning: It's a lot of lanes you have to go across there. Mr. Murray: That's happened to me before; all of a sudden you wonder if you are getting across. Mr. Fullenkamp: That's the issue having an interstate through your city and that's essentially what this is. Mr. Murray: It's the inner belt for the City of Dayton; that's the way it was built out. I don't think it has to remain like that to our detriment. Mr. Fullenkamp: We can control it. Mr. Murray: That's what I hope this study brings to the table – how we build this street for us not for the people who are just passing through to the base.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: They have this same problem in Kettering which is why they make so much money on tickets. Mr. Fullenkamp: Kettering has largely a 35 MPH through most of that. Mr. Murray: I can remember when Oakwood was exactly like Woodman Drive and you can see what they did there to quiet things down. I'm not suggesting that's what we need here but let's at least do something.

Mr. Curp: Oakwood put police officers out there who wrote citations. Nobody exceeds the speed limit going down Far Hills going through Oakwood. It didn't have anything to do with spiffing up the street; they put out the police and nobody speeds. Mr. Murray: They had the same issues on Shroyer and now they have medians and bump outs and flowers and you go 35 MPH because it looks like you should go 35 MPH. That goes back to the first slide; it doesn't look like you should go 35 MPH on Woodman.

Mr. Curp: How do we look at creating a special improvement district and doing assessments with these parcels? I think, unless the revised code has changed, there are at

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least two places in there that address different kinds of special improvement districts. Mr. Murray: Exactly. Mr. Curp: With the TIF, they don't have any skin in game, they are paying what they would pay anyway in property tax. They aren't paying anything towards the improvements. But through a special improvement district they could be partners. Mr. Murray: That might be the outcome of this study. Engage them in the beginning and tell them here's what you need, so the expert comes back with a special improvement district and these guys are sitting at the table. I think that is a definite outcome.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Does the RFP address that? Mr. Murray: Funding sources is one of the things in there. I'll make sure to clarify that again but the idea is to create a menu of what we want and then line by line, how do we get that accomplished.

Ms. Fry: So what is the timetable for this? Mr. Murray: That's to be determined; I was waiting for this meeting and then I'll firm that up. The other thing I am getting is a review from MVRPC because I want to get their opinion on what the timetable should be. I would love to have pretty pictures available by October. Mayor Flaute: When is Airway West being done? Mr. Carpenter: 2020. Mr. Murray: So that's the idea; I was waiting on comments from Council. I'll firm this up; there is still work to be done and I'll address the issues we have now. I will look to expand the review team to include maybe 2 or 3 average citizens to make sure they are at the table as well.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Make sure this RFP addresses the funding issue; I really don't see it in here. Mr. Murray: Okay – it's going to be.

#### B. Fact Sheet for Road Levy

Mr. Carpenter: I put a fact sheet at your seats this evening. This is a culmination of a lot of input I received from Council and staff and was put together by Lori and me, primarily. We need to get this completed so if there are some last minute comments – and I did see a couple emails before the meeting, but if you have some other input or things we want to address or include, we need to get some finality so we can get this out. We can send out additional information; I totally agree with that being a must.

Mayor Flaute: So you are going to put this on the front page and you are going to put something else on the inside? Mr. Carpenter: This will be on the front page of the newsletter and then it will be our traditional newsletter and information. Mayor Flaute: But nothing more about the levy inside the newsletter? Mr. Carpenter: No.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: We have to be very careful Bill because actually staff time can't be spent on this. So we have to be very, very careful about how much time staff is spending on information. The State has tightened down pretty heavy on watching what you do because you cannot spend taxpayer's employee time. I started in July contacting the city about finding some folks who could take hold of this, while I was on vacation when you decided to do this I started addressing it, trying to find some citizens out there and that's gone nowhere. We have to get this turned over to somebody not sitting here and not staff. Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't understand what you are saying here because my understanding is as long as we are just providing information, that's allowed. But we can't say vote yes. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: You have to be very careful about how much staff time is spent on these kinds of items because this is a promotional item. Mr. Fullenkamp: This is information. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: There is a fine line. I was just speaking today with the treasurer from the school district and he warned me; he said be very, very careful because you can be audited on the subject.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Well then we should talk to our attorney about it if that's a real concern. So let's talk about this. Ms. Fry, Mr. Curp, and I gave notice to the City Manager and all your emails about this content and there is a little bit of disagreement and some agreement on what we should put in here. I'm not sure why we are so shy about talking about

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thoroughfares. The discussion from my perspective has always been about all roads; we've never talked about a levy exclusive to residential streets. Maybe we need to clarify a little more about thoroughfares; we throw this \$35 Million number out there but that is the total cost, it doesn't reflect grant money we may receive to complete these projects. I understand that maybe there is some confusion here but on the other hand I think we can be more explicit in saying something a little stronger such as grant money is rarely available for residential streets. I think we have to talk about both because it is for both. I'm glad we got rid of the mistakes; 2013 was not a property tax, it was an income tax, and it wasn't specified for anything but all operations and capital infrastructures. I'm glad we got rid of that but I agree with Ms. Fry, we need to include that failed and that has generated a problem for us in terms of revenue coming in. I'm with Ms. Fry on this; I think that if we can show that we have used grant money successfully for thoroughfares in the past that works in our favor and it doesn't have to be confusing. We have two classes of roads that we talk about and I think we can keep it to that; I know there's more but I think we can keep it to that. This looks pretty good and I think we've gone from a font that was too small to a font that's excessive – 13.5 is pretty big. But again, I don't remember this being a discussion all about residential streets; this has always been about all roads.

Mayor Flaute: It says on the top line – residential streets and major thoroughfares. We need to keep that same language through the whole thing or it's going to be very confusing. Mr. Fullenkamp: I agree with that but I think we don't want people to have to infer what the \$35 Million is for - other roads rather than residential streets. They kind of have to make that deduction and I don't want people to have to do that. Mayor Flaute: What would you want to say then? Mr. Fullenkamp: We will specifically say major thoroughfares. Mayor Flaute: Major thoroughfares and residential streets. Mr. Fullenkamp: Right. Mayor Flaute: That's different from streets and major thoroughfares, so we need to put that throughout this information. Mr. Fullenkamp: I agree we need to be explicit about that; this money is for both. The preponderance may be residential streets and it's because there is not grant money available.

Mr. Denning: What it really is for is residential streets and the city's portion for major thoroughfares. That's right and I think that's what it needs to say; the city's matching funds for major thoroughfares and we need some example of how we match funds; it's going to cost us \$4 Million for Airway West but \$3 Million of that is Federal grant money and \$800,000 is OPWC and the city's portion is a small piece of that which is going to come out of this.

Mr. Fullenkamp: What I don't want to happen is for the first piece of literature not to provide most of the facts, and then we get what looks like this project creep through our subsequent mailings. I think it's important to get most of the facts out there and then do clarifications in the subsequent mailings. That is what has always worked for me. If we send this piece out and then suddenly we want to start talking about major thoroughfares – you know – where did that come from?

Mayor Flaute: Did you say we should put information on this page about the 2013 fail? Mr. Fullenkamp: Yes; that's a reason we have a lack of revenue. Mr. Denning: There's that and the fact that the road levies that existed before the merger disappeared. Mayor Flaute: That's too much. Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't think you can talk about that but we do have to talk about a revenue shortfall. Part of the reason for our revenue shortfall is the 2013 Income Tax did not pass and that was the public's choice.

Ms. Fry: What was the reason for not talking about the earlier levy? Mr. Fullenkamp: Because it was 15 years ago. Ms. Fry: Too long ago? Mr. Fullenkamp: I think so. Mr. Denning: But that is 15 years we haven't been collecting and that's part of the reason we are in the situation we are in. Mr. Fullenkamp: I don't know how much we want this to be a history lesson or a projection for the future. Mr. Denning: Maybe not this but it is going to have to be part of a discussion when we have some of these other meetings. Mr.

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Fullenkamp: We know they turned down our road levy in 2003 or 2005. Mr. Denning: I don't remember it. Mr. Fullenkamp: We had a police levy, a fire levy, and a road levy all at the same time. That's just my rationale; I'd rather get the facts out there than clarify. I don't think it needs to be any bigger, just use our words a little better.

Mr. Curp: The problem is that we are trying to figure out what are the facts that we want to put out there; everybody has their own view of what are the facts that should go out. If we try to make it too all-encompassing it's going to require so many lines of text that we will run the risk of people not reading it. Mr. Fullenkamp: But it's already in here by inference. Mr. Curp: If it came to me in the mail like this I probably wouldn't read it even if it had the City logo on it because I get stuff like this every day in the mail and most of it is unsolicited. Mayor Flaute: But it's going to be in a newsletter. Mr. Curp: I'm just saying.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I was disappointed to see some of your suggestions go away; the block on the side with the short statements. Some of those made sense to me, bullet points with 4 or 5 words to describe it and then the other section was more explanatory.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Other people didn't want pictures; we are less than 90 days, we are professionals and everything I suggested got shot down in the first meeting. That's why I have not entered into this discussion at all but we need to move forward. We are dead in the water; we need to be raising money, getting citizens involved, and we need to move this newsletter out. Everybody has their own opinion. Mr. Fullenkamp: You think this is okay; do you want to send it out like this? Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I think this is too much. When we leave here tonight, we need to be moving forward because we are counting days until the election. We have a big message to get out there; I got with the staff, I got meetings set up, and I have suggested we get a committee of citizens to take this ball and roll with it but we can't even get together on this Council. It's been three weeks since I've been back from vacation trying to get this ball rolling down the road and it's still stuck in a hole. I haven't sent any emails to anybody because I'm to the point I don't care what message you guys decide to send. All I'm saying is let's get a message out there. I'm meeting with people; I was in a meeting today with people asking me questions and I didn't have anything to show to them to give them the facts because we can't put together anything up here on this dais. Mr. Fullenkamp: Three weeks ago I offered the City Manager to write this and it got turned over to staff. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: That's not your role. Mayor Flaute: That's not your role. Mr. Fullenkamp: Sure it can be; I can do those things. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: We all can; I came in and helped do one and it got shot down first meeting. Mr. Fullenkamp: Which one did you do? Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: The first one you saw. Mr. Fullenkamp: Why wasn't the rest of council involved with that? Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I had been out of town but I had been in touch with staff. I said we need to get a committee together, they need to start raising money, and we need to get a plan; we don't have a plan to sell this levy. Mr. Fullenkamp: So you were responsible for that first thing that came out. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I wasn't responsible; I was a part of that first piece and it totally went in the trash can. That is why I haven't answered any of your emails and I've not been involved; all I'm saying is when we leave tonight, we need to have a plan because we don't have one and how many days away are we from election day? This is going to be a monumental exercise. I was talking to the school folks today and they were telling me for them to pass a 6.9 mill levy was monumental in the work that was involved. We need to be working and we are not; all we are doing is talking about a piece of paper.

Mayor Flaute: There were a few suggestions made tonight but this is okay by me.

Ms. Fry: Why were those two points removed; was it for space or was the content problematic? Mr. Carpenter: It was just trying to get a consensus; the consensus is why they were out. We can put this back in if everybody is okay with that. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It's because everybody is sending him different information. Mr. Fullenkamp: How are you getting your consensus? Mr. Carpenter: From email responses.

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Mr. Fullenkamp: The three of us. Mr. Carpenter: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: I included everybody on mine; there's a reason I did that. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I saw everything that was sent out. Mayor Flaute: I agree with Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch; we've got to get it done. Mr. Fullenkamp: There is no disagreement there. Mr. Denning: At the same time, I don't think we want it to not have all the facts in it. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: But we have more opportunities folks; this is not a drop dead piece of paper. If we do it right, and I've worked on lots of campaigns going back to Paula McElwaine, we have lots of opportunity to fine tune that information and answer people's questions. Mr. Denning: I agree but you only have one time to make a first impression and we need to make sure we are putting the correct facts out there. I agree with Steve and Brenda both that the two statements she wanted to put back in, I think we should put back in there. I think we need to make sure that the facts about our thoroughfares are in there. We need to let them know how much; we basically footed the whole bill for Harshman – zero percent loans and this and that – it was only done with a two year plan, 30% from the State, or whatever the answer was. Most of that came from us to get it done because it was in such bad shape but since then, we've gotten on the five year plan with the federal government and MVRPC and we are able to get larger portions so we are able to do more with less of our money being used. That got us going in the right direction for major thoroughfares but we are still going to need funding if we want to do anything with residential streets.

Mr. Carpenter: My thought on that is to share that at the meetings and some future mailers or distributions.

Mayor Flaute: Okay, so in the facts we put "A 2017 engineer's report estimated \$40 Million is needed for residential streets and major thoroughfares". Mr. Denning: That's not a true statement. Mayor Flaute: Why not? Mr. Denning: Because it's \$40 Million just for residential streets; you got another \$35 Million for major thoroughfares. But the answer is we can get 80% of that from the Federal Government. Mr. Fullenkamp: Maybe.

Mayor Flaute: Ms. Fry, what are the two statements you want put back in? Ms. Fry: I wanted to answer the questions why do we have a shortage of revenue and how has the city been good stewards of the money they have? The previous version answered those two statements by saying that the 2013 levy did not pass and that's why we have a shortage; and it answered the second question by talking about how we are using grant money to cover as much of the cost of the thoroughfares as we can and we will continue to do so. Mayor Flaute: Does everyone agree those two statements should be a part of this paper. Mr. Fullenkamp: I do. Mr. Denning: I do. Mayor Flaute: Then that's what we are going to do. Mr. Fullenkamp: That's going to require a little rewording of some of this text. Mr. Denning: I think if we get that in there it will take care of this. Mayor Flaute: Let the City Manager take care of the rewording.

Mr. Curp: That's how we got where we are; the City Manager is trying to please each of us and all of us. That's why 80 % is only agreeable to each person and it's a different 80 %. Mr. Fullenkamp: All I'm saying is there will be duplicate language if you just add those two statements. There are things in there already that kind of elude to it. Mr. Carpenter: We need to edit the "\$75 Million is the estimated cost for city-wide road repairs". That needs to be changed. Mr. Fullenkamp: When we saw this today it was totally different than what we saw two days ago.

Mr. Denning: Do you have a good idea of what we want you to do and the rest of staff. Mr. Carpenter: yes.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: In the same vein I would also suggest, as we did two weeks ago, if you have any suggestions of anyone we could incorporate and hopefully convince to be a part of a committee; we have to do that legally to raise any money. Mr. Fullenkamp: The committee doesn't have to be associated with the city at all. Deputy

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Mayor Lommatzsch: They just need to be citizens but I asked for suggested people two weeks ago and I've heard from nobody.

**ITEM 7: RECESS:** The Council took a recess at 6:50 p.m.

**ITEM 8: RECONVENE:** The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

**ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Ms. Fry led all those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

**ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the August 2, 2018 regular Council meeting.** A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

**ITEM 11: ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRIOR MONTH'S FINANCIAL REPORT:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch to accept the July Financial Report. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

**ITEM 12: PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 18-O-663 – LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS:** Mayor Flaute opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. and asked for the staff report.

Mr. Lohr said this is the street lighting assessment we do annually. There have been no significant changes to what was assessed last year to what is being assessed this year with the exception of adding Brantwood, Section 2 which is a new set of street lights. So this is pretty much business as usual and similar to what we did last year.

Mayor Flaute: If anyone would like to speak it will be sworn testimony; anyone speaking should come to the podium and take the oath. Are there any audience members who would like to discuss this matter; anyone in favor of the ordinance or in opposition to the ordinance? Being none, we will close the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. and open the floor to council for discussion or any action you might want to take. Being none, we will move on and maybe have more discussion when we get to the ordinance part of the meeting.

**ITEM 13: ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN CITIZENS PETITIONS:** Mayor Flaute advised citizens to fill out a form if they wished to speak about agenda or non-agenda items.

**ITEM 14: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- A) Monthly Update – Administration
- B) Monthly Update – Police Department
- C) Monthly Update – Fire Department
- D) Monthly Update – Service Department

Mr. Carpenter: In your packet is the report; if you have any questions I can answer those at this time.

Mr. Fullenkamp: In the Public Service section it talks about driveway and right-of-way inspections; what is that exactly? Mr. Keaton: The driveway and right-of-way inspections are when citizens come in with questions or if they are going to replace a driveway

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approach or apron or a sidewalk or a curb, I go out and inspect that. Mr. Fullenkamp: Has Bonnieview been turned over to the service department? Mr. Keaton: We have mowed that a little bit to get to areas that had debris overhanging a fence line; we have not officially received that to mow as of yet. I do know about it. Mr. Fullenkamp: It is mentioned, so I noticed.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm interested in knowing for the Police Department report, what's the difference between an incident and a dispatch. Chief Robinson: A dispatch is one that comes from the dispatch and an incident could be anything that includes what the officers are doing as they call it in. Mr. Fullenkamp: How is that differentiated from a dispatch? Chief Robinson: It's a self-initiated activity. Mr. Fullenkamp: Self-initiated by the officer; so there were 1,723 calls initiated by the officers. Chief Robinson: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: The others were called in by dispatch. Chief Robinson: Yes.

Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm looking at the one ton definition under council requests. I see staff has reviewed this section of the code and the item is on the Planning Commission calendar for August. What are you bringing forward to the Planning Commission in terms of that definition? Mr. Taylor: That definition is being pushed off until September because we missed last month's meeting; we are going to look at that ordinance and see how they want to do that. As discussed before, the one ton ordinance is kind of an unenforceable code, so we are going to look at how Planning Commission thinks that should be interpreted or how do we want to regulate commercial vehicles in a residential neighborhood. We'll have some discussions and have something for council to approve after they get some language they like. Mr. Fullenkamp: Are you going to propose language or are you going to wait until you discuss it. Mr. Taylor: Before I propose language, I'd like to discuss it. I can make up all kinds of things but I don't know if that's what they want. Mr. Fullenkamp: What do other communities do? Mr. Taylor: That language is actually old language that was used in a lot of ordinances. It came out of the ORC. When we look at what other cities are doing, it's depends on how you want to regulate it. Do you want to regulate the size or the weight or do you want to keep people from having commercial vehicles by keeping people from having commercial business at a residence? How you want to regulate that depends on the language, so if you have a weight limit then are you trying to keep heavy trucks off your roads so they don't get damaged and then how do you enforce that? The Code Enforcement Officer doesn't ride around with a scale to weigh cars. Mr. Fullenkamp: There's a payload specification. Mr. Taylor: I don't know how you get the payload of somebody's vehicle. Mr. Fullenkamp: There's this thing called the internet. Mr. Taylor: Payload is the difference between the actual weight of the vehicle and its gross vehicle weight. So you would need to know what the car weighs to figure out that delta between the gross vehicle weight and the actual weight. Again, we don't have scales to do that. Mr. Fullenkamp: You are making it too hard because the manufacturers specify payload capabilities. That's okay; I just wanted to figure out where you guys are going with this. Mr. Carpenter: I did the Google search and it is a lot of common pick-up trucks that would be disallowed the way our ordinance reads right now. So we need to fix that. Mr. Taylor: So how does the community want to regulate this; we can be really difficult or we can be more common sense, and then whose common sense are we going to use?

Mr. Curp: Are we saying that because a lot of common pick-up trucks would fall in the citation realm that we just don't cite anybody? Mr. Taylor: No, we cite for that all the time. There are four provisions in the ordinance: one is weight, two is body modifications, I can't remember the third, and the fourth talks about using the transportation truck manual which I can't even find a copy of anymore. It's not in circulation. We use one and two. Basically we look at: is the commercial vehicle modified; it doesn't come from the manufacturer that way. You take a pick-up chassis and you modify it with a work bed with doors or you put a big box truck on it or a tow truck; that's considered modified. You can't just go to the dealership and buy that, so it's considered a commercial vehicle by our code and that's how we use that. Mr. Fullenkamp: Or a recreational vehicle. Mr. Taylor: Recreational vehicles are different because there is a different definition and those are

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looked a separately. So that's how we enforce that; if you have a regular panel van that says Acme Plumbing, that's not a commercial vehicle – it's a van that is being used that you take home. If it's a van that has been cut and it has a box on it, that's a commercial vehicle. Also whether it's licensed commercial or not doesn't play into our current code. There are a lot of things we will talk about at Planning Commission and try to get some ideas. Mr. Fullenkamp: Don't you make a reference to the Ohio Revised Code in definitions in a different section? Mr. Taylor: I think so and they just recently changed their definition. Without it in front of me, I'd have to get back to you on what it says. Mr. Fullenkamp: But a different portion of our code references the ORC regarding commercial vehicles; parking maybe. Mr. Taylor: I'm not sure. We reference in a lot of different places, different things but I think in the ordinance it does reference commercial vehicles in the ORC but they have kind of a funky definition as well.

Ms. Campbell: What about the ones who drive their work vehicle home; some of them are on call, like road side help. They have to keep the vehicle with them. Mr. Taylor: We've had cases like that. They have gone to the BZA and the BZA has approved and denied different cases. If's it a commercial vehicle and we've cited you; the code doesn't talk about it being your job, the code talks about a commercial vehicle in a residential neighborhood. We let the BZA hear it; the code gives them the latitude to adjust that. Ms. Campbell: What do you think they should do; raise the one ton limit. Mr. Taylor: I don't think we should have any weight requirements because we don't travel with scales, unless you want to buy me scales. Ms. Campbell: How much are they. Mr. Taylor: More than we have.

Ms. Fry: On the website section it says staff participated in online cybersecurity training. Was that the full staff or just certain members of the staff? Mr. Carpenter: We sent a mandate for all staff to do the training; it's about an hour and a half. Ms. Fry: That includes all the various departments? Mr. Carpenter: Yes.

Ms. Fry: For the Community Connectedness meetings; what are the objectives for those meetings? Mr. Carpenter: It's similar to what we did last year; it's to go in and inform the residents of what's going on as far as any major projects and in general, what's going on in the city. I'm sure there will be some discussion about the levy. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm hoping you make it about the levy. Mr. Carpenter: It will be emphasized and the information will be available.

Mr. Curp: Where are we on the opening of the grocery store in Spin/Kemp Shopping Center? Chief Stitzel: We sent some crews over to do some inspections when they went to get a final and we found some things that weren't meeting the code and weren't jiving with the plan we have. We are working with the county; we made an arrangement for the Spin/Kemp architect and the County Building Department to come together to discuss what is different about the plan and what they actually did. For example; there is an exit sign on a door that leads into an area that has an overhead door, not an actual egress door, and that can't happen. I don't know where they are in the progress of getting that updated and getting those issues fixed but the crew that is working with them is going just about every day they are on duty just to check and see if there's anything that they need and where they are at on it. I do know the architect was off for a while but when he got back, he started meeting with the county building department and trying to get them in compliance with what was approved. I don't have the latest on what has happened this week.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Are you saying they didn't follow the original design plan? Chief Stitzel: From what I understand, yes. It was the original design plan that was approved by the county and when we went in to do the inspection, things weren't matching up. When we checked the plans we noticed some discrepancies.

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Administration Monthly Update – Mr. Lohr: I have just a few updates; we already talked about the cybersecurity training which is 90-minute training for every member that accesses our network. Its common sense things like don't open an email from somebody you don't know, don't open an attachment to more painful things, and don't use the same password for everything you log in to. Everybody is getting that education; we are trying to get that done by the end of the month and we are making good progress towards that. Along the same lines, we have hired a consultant to test our network and the exterior security level. With the existing network we have, we are making sure everything is locked in and we can't be hacked again. The good news is we are secure now and we verified that with the cybersecurity expert. As soon as we move forward with getting our new network set up, he's going to come back and test that. He's going to test our website and make sure we have a good level of security for everything we do on the IT side. Speaking to the new network, we've ordered some new equipment; firewalls and things along those lines and I'll know more about our timeline tomorrow when I meet with the IT, Internet, and Phone contractor that we are working with. Our plan is to set up a parallel network to what we are using right now; set it up the way it is supposed to be done and how we know it's going to be secure, and then abandon the network we have now. Much of the equipment in that network needs to be replaced anyway so it will be a nice segue in to that new network. We are going to have fresh equipment and we are going to know everything is secure.

Mr. Lohr: Moving to HR, we have been hiring like crazy. We've hired a Fire Fighter, a Maintenance Worker, a Zoning Administrator, and a Code Enforcement Officer all in the last few months. We are anticipating hiring another Fire Fighter within the next month and we've talked about hiring a Police Officer here. So we've had a busy year and hopefully Council has found some good candidates in the Clerk of Council pool. I was impressed with some of them that we saw and of course we will be hiring there as well.

Mr. Lohr: We are getting into the health insurance renewal season. I'm getting everything set up for us to do our health questionnaires. We are planning to try the Ohio Benefits Cooperative again as well as some other public entity pools. We are also going to look at staying with our current broker and doing it the way we have been. So we will be weighing a host of options and hopefully one is going to be good for us. It will probably be November at the earliest before we actually have all the options in front of us to be able to make a decision.

Mr. Lohr: The last park event is coming up a week from Saturday at Drennen Park. We are showing the kids movie Ferdinand from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We will have free popcorn and water. I think it's going to be a good time, so if you are available, come out. All the park events we've had this year have been fun and I think this one is going to be too. Help me spread the word; we will get it on Facebook and the website and that will wrap up the park event season for us.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I've already seen the posting and I have shared it but does it speak to bringing chairs? Mr. Lohr: Yes, but I'll double check. We won't have chairs, so it will just be bring a blanket or a lawn chair you can sit in the grass.

Ms. Fry: How are we doing on attendance for park events? Mr. Lohr: Depending on the event, we've had anywhere from 50 to 100 people. That is very similar to what we had last year. We've tried different ways this year to try to increase attendance but it seems like we are at the same point. I've had some discussions with Parks & Rec about what we want to do next year, whether 50 to 100 people for an event is what we should expect or maybe we should try more frequent smaller events. Right now we are doing larger events that cost quite a bit of money; so we are having some discussions about that and we will come up with some ideas about what to do next year.

Mr. Fullenkamp: On the park events; do you see the same people at the events or are they essentially people from the neighborhood? Mr. Lohr: I think I see different people. I

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haven't made it a point to ask people where they are coming from. Mr. Fullenkamp: The reason I'm asking is something I mentioned last spring about holding all the events at one location so it brings neighborhoods together vs. having specific events for different neighborhoods. What you've confirmed is you see different people so that kind of tells me that people from that specific area are attending. I'm hoping you are considering that possibility of having a central site for most of these events and it's something you should discuss.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Second thing; on the revised content filtering standards for the internet, what are you doing? Are you cutting most stuff out? Mr. Lohr: We started with trying to cut most stuff out and we ended up cutting out everything we needed for our daily operations. So within an hour of implementing that we realized we needed to scale that back; we turned it off and we started the other way. We started with stuff that clearly we don't need like pornography, violent sites, gambling sites, and things like that. We turned it back on with the common sense stuff that nobody needs to get on to and that's what we are filtering right now. We are going to work up the scale and cut out more things we know aren't needed as time goes on. Mr. Fullenkamp: Can you customize it for individual users? Mr. Lohr: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: Maybe give us a list of what you are excluding; and you can also find out what people are using if you have the ability to find out what is driving traffic. That's another way to look at what's appropriate for the business. I don't mind news sites and stuff like that but I don't want people playing games or twitter; I'm not sure that's necessary for most people. They have telephones for that.

Police Development Monthly Update – Chief Robinson: I'll start with some personnel stuff. Det. Cooper analyzed seven phones this month and they were some pretty serious cases, a homicide and some drug cases that were pretty substantial. We appreciate that machine every day. We did provide some active shooter training to the Stebbins kitchen staff. The Sergeants attended triple incident training this month. We had an incident on Darnell where we ended up having to call the SWAT team out and we were lucky he gave up without incident. We had two officers get into an altercation with a subject who was high on drugs and Officer Anderson ended up getting injured slightly in the ankle but he is okay and back to work; we are happy about that.

Chief Robinson: We also attended the Back to School Bash at the Riverside Church of the Nazarene. We participated in the course at Stebbins Sports Spectacular and the Day of Giving Back at Stebbins.

Chief Robinson: Moving on to some general information, this is filled with my favorite subject which is National Night Out. I want to go on record saying Thank You to some folks who really need to be thanked for their assistance in helping us make this one of the biggest events that we've had so far in the last three years. It keeps getting bigger every year and it's not because we are guiding it but there are people within this community that step up and people outside this community that step up to make this a very nice event. Thank you Mrs. Lommatzsch for coming out; I appreciate that. Also thanks to Mr. Denning and the Jaycees for providing snow cones – somewhere around 400 snow cones. I want to thank the Riverside businesses of course who donated all the gifts we gave away to the folks. They provided those prizes free of charge and they are very generous in this community. I will make a special shout out to the businesses that aren't in our area like Walmart and Meijer; between those folks we got about \$800 donated, so we went and bought the food and got different things donated for the event without spending any of the money we had appropriated. Seven-Up right here in our own city provided all the drinks and gave us double what they gave us last year; they also donated some of the games for the kids – the football toss and the basketball toss and all those things. I want to thank all of you who came out and put up displays and information for the public. And of course the vehicles; the Army came out and brought that big Robot machine from the STEM School. That was a nice connection and they are going to have that come out again. It was a very interesting Robot inside. Also I want to make sure we thank Chad Wyen for letting us use

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the parking lot again, we appreciate that. Stebbins band was great once again. I also want to thank all the staff that came out to help with the event; there's a lot that goes into that and honestly the next day I couldn't walk – it was a long day. Most of all I want to thank the citizens who came out; it may not have been everybody from Riverside that came to that event, people from all over came because it was a big event with lots of things to do and eat. We gave away 400 hot dogs, 400 hamburgers, and about 60 pizzas that were donated to us from Dominos and Double Deuce. The Cakery gave us about 10 dozen cookies and I promise you those are all gone. I thank them all and if I missed anyone, I apologize. It was a very good event and we can only get better from there. I also appreciate that Care Flight came out.

Chief Robinson: I want to end with one thing and it's about the survey that's online. So far we've had about 205 people take that survey and our goal is 1,000. Major Colon has been working hard on this, he wants 500, but we'd like to get 1,000. We are pushing really hard. I'd like to share what their thoughts are as of right now and what we are going to do with this when we get finished. The plan is to go with what results we have, and then check our records as to what percentage these things are occurring to see if we can collaborate them together; what the public thinks we have in reference to theft from vehicles, drug abuse, traffic issues, and burglaries. You could take the burglaries and the thefts from vehicles and relate those back to the drug problems we have. That's across the country and you can't help that because people are trying to get the money to buy what they need. What we are going to do is show what their numbers are or what they think are the biggest issues we have in the city and check those against the calls we have to see where we really are. Then we can put together a plan to drop those percentages of what they think is the most important. I would say we know drug abuse is out there and those things that are tied to it but we want to know where the numbers truly are and attack it from that angle. I'm tired of the passive way we do some things when it comes to the drug issues we have and I'd like to see us in their face, be on them; if we know there is a drug house out there, we should be on that street and make it uncomfortable for them. If they leave, I don't care; if they go to Dayton or go to Huber Heights, just as long as they aren't in Riverside, who cares. Do I want to arrest them, absolutely; I want to put them all in jail if I can but if they get out of Riverside, I would be happy with that too.

Ms. Fry: In the report it was mentioned you established a partnership with Full Circle Recovery; can you speak to that? Chief Robinson: I can't; I saw that today and I didn't get a chance to talk to the Major today. I can certainly give you a report on it when I get more information. Mr. Denning: Send us an email; I would like to know what the idea is. Chief Robinson: I will. Ms. Fry: Kudos for the proactive approach.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I just want to say hats off to everybody, those who were there in uniform, those who were there in civilian clothes, and the staff who supported National Night Out. Folks were just having fun and that's just real important on an evening in the summertime. Chief Robinson: I think so; the goal is to connect with people and I think we made a good effort. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It was. I recognized some of the officers that were out there in civilian clothes and firemen were out there and we had service people; it's just a really good night. Chief Robinson: I did mention the staff but thanks to Chief Stitzel and his folks coming out; they put the water in the dunk tank for us, they landed the helicopter for us, and they had their vehicles out there for the kids to go through. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It was just a fun night and I know a lot of work goes in to that kind of an effort, so the guys who put it together are to be commended.

Fire Department Monthly Update – Chief Stitzel: Not to keep talking about National Night Out but we certainly appreciated that opportunity and again, like the Chief was saying, the goal was to connect to people. We set up a table and we had our nurse from our Community Paramedicine Program and Paula Balcom, our Paramedic that is running that program there. We made a lot of great contacts and got a few enrollees to the program

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through that event. We certainly look for those opportunities and we appreciate the Police Department for inviting us. It was a lot of fun and we had a good time.

Chief Stitzel: Since my last update, the crews have been really busy. We'll start with the events; National Night out, Day of Giving Back, and A Day in the Park. We've had five working structure fires in the last month which is unusual and we're really busy right now. Every one of them requires a lot of manpower not just at the fire scene but afterwards the investigation, the reports, the clean-up, and all that kind of stuff. They are busy and doing a great job out there.

Chief Stitzel: Mr. Lohr talked a little about our hiring; we had the full time opening since last year and we just filled it. He starts this coming Monday. We did have another full time fire fighter resign recently so that's another opening and it looks like we are going to be able to fill that off the current eligibility list. We may only have a week or two where we will be short then we'll be right back up to full strength again. We are filling vacancies that are already there. We did interviews for part time fire fighters; we had seven interviews and we still have four in the process. The next steps are physical agility and we will hopefully be hitting that real soon and getting that in to their orientation. One of them will probably get cleared and be able to start working right away. He is already a full time fire fighter on another department, so he will be a quick study. The others, if we get all three, have little to zero experience so they are going to be in the orientation phase for several months before they will be able to help us out much.

Chief Stitzel: I put at your desks this evening and I put some in the back of the room for later something we started through the Community Paramedicine Program. Dr. Sherlock from Reach Out Montgomery County was able to find some grant money to pay for these; it's called the "file of life". It replaces something from about 30 years ago called the vial of life – a little plastic bottle where you wrote your information and put it in your refrigerator. I remember the program but I never remember checking inside a refrigerator to find one. This is basically the same program; it's a magnetic folder you can put on the front of your refrigerator or in your car or wherever you want if you feel that you need to write down all your medical information, emergency contacts, your medication lists, and medical conditions. This is just a really big help for us when we get there; if somebody is not a very good historian for you or you don't have all your medications written down if they are on this we can grab this real quick and get all that information. It helps the process in a medical emergency if you have this with you. We were hoping to have these for the National Night Out but they didn't come in until the day after. We will have them out at every event from here on out and I have a stack here if anyone in the audience would like to take one home tonight.

Mr. Denning: Has anyone thought about making this into an app for the smartphones because basically everybody carries them. You could call it the same thing and it could be a big red flag on the phone. Chief Stitzel: I'll check into it and we'll share the royalties if nobody has. Mr. Fullenkamp: Isn't the purpose is if the Fire/EMS come to your house. Chief Stitzel: Yes; if I ask you what medicines you take, you can say that file is up on the refrigerator and I can go get it. If you are unconscious or unable to speak to us, we'll look at the refrigerator and see it. Mr. Denning: I appreciate that but my thought was you can do the same thing on here. Chief Stitzel: If it's on your phone it could be secure and I might not be able to get a password. They do have ICE on the phones; I can type in ICE and bypass the security of the phone. It is a good idea and we'll look into it.

Chief Stitzel: The last thing is our old Medic 105 is on govdeals.com and we are starting to get interest – people calling and asking questions. Hopefully we'll get that program closed out soon.

Ms. Fry: You mentioned you were in the process of hiring full time and part time. After you get done hiring the ones you spoke about will you be at full staff? Chief Stitzel: Yes;

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after the two full time fire fighters are hired, the full time staff will be full. Not part time. Ms. Fry: How bad are we on part time? Chief Stitzel: Not good. Maybe a year before I started we had close to 40 part time people and I am currently at 16, and I just lost one. We are probably at the lowest numbers ever. My approved staffing through the ordinances is 9 per day and the best I can do is 6.5 to 7 per day. If I had them I would work them but with the limitation on hours from the Affordable Care Act, I can't work them more than 30 hours per week. So I just can't get enough of them to fill that schedule.

Mr. Fullenkamp: You were talking about the Community Paramedicine Program and I had an interaction with a resident so the question I'm going to ask is related to that. Who is that designed to serve? Chief Stitzel: In general, it is designed to serve the under-served and under-insured population that we have that have medical needs or a situation that we may have some resources to help with. With the EPA grant that we got we are supposed to be focused in on chronic respiratory ailments. Mr. Fullenkamp: What do you mean by under-served and under-insured; is there a definition of that? Chief Stitzel: There may be; I'll be honest with you I took it at face value. It's somebody that either has very poor insurance or no insurance, they are on fixed income, and we have a population that has some medical ailments and they don't have the proper healthcare. We try to identify them through our EMS involvement and we try to link them up to other resources and other government agencies that may assist them. Mr. Fullenkamp: For the most part everyone over 65 and above has Medicare. Is that considered to be under-insured? Chief Stitzel: I think that depends on their situation; if they are not getting everything that they need. Mr. Fullenkamp: How do you know that when somebody calls and signs up for your program? Chief Stitzel: We send Tammy in from Reach Out Montgomery County; she is our expert in all that kind of stuff. There are some people that have lost their Medicare insurance or maybe it was Medicaid; they didn't renew it correctly and they made over 90 phone calls trying to get it reestablished. She went out and identified the need and he just needed help getting his Medicaid back. She helped him get that back and he stopped calling us every day. Mr. Fullenkamp: If an emergency occurs, unless they are signed up, how do you know there's a need? Chief Stitzel: If there's an emergency, our on-duty crews just handle it like any other emergency. We assess, we transport to the hospital, whatever we need to do. Mr. Fullenkamp: I'm talking about the aftercare. Chief Stitzel: We make a follow up phone call, we ask them if they have any needs or if they would like for us to come out and talk to them. They go through about an hour and a half interview with Tammy and Paula that identifies what resources they have available to them and what resources we can find to help. Mr. Fullenkamp: You always make that contact though; if they are released from the hospital and you transport them back home, do you automatically make that contact? Chief Stitzel: If they meet those criteria, yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: How do you know they meet those criteria? Chief Stitzel: Because Paula sits down and reviews every EMS report. Mr. Fullenkamp: So you know if they have insurance at that point. Chief Stitzel: Yes. Since she is a paramedic on the department, she is allowed to read the narrative. She is looking for respiratory ailments, she is looking for repeat calls, she is looking for that demographic, and then she makes a phone call. A lot of them say they are fine and got everything they need. Mr. Fullenkamp: If they say that then I think you have to call off the dogs but sometimes you have to determine if they are not fine.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: Transportation is often an issue; they don't have cars or they don't drive anymore but you can't make the assumption that everybody has Medicare. I have two friends that have no Medicare and they are in their 70s. It's a choice you make when you get to that age; if you don't want it, you don't pay for it, and then you don't have it. It is not an assumption that everybody has Medicare. Mr. Fullenkamp: That's a pretty small percentage though. Mayor Flaute: Still not everybody has it. Mr. Fullenkamp: If you pay into it, you've got it. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It comes out of your Social Security, so if you choose not to do that, you don't have Medicare.

Service Department Monthly Update – Mr. Keaton: We did start the paint striping program; if you notice we have a long line that has been painted. The weather has stopped

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them from finishing up on the long line; they will be in to do some of the short stuff and we're going to see some of the intersections getting brightened up. We did do a bid opening for the guardrail/damaged city property program. I went out and surveyed all the things we have in our public right-of-ways, especially things that are consistently getting hit such as the big green extruded sheet signs, the I-beams that go hand in hand with that, the guardrail and the types of guardrail. We made a spreadsheet and put that out to bid of what per linear foot or per sign or what have you that contractors could place a bid on that would free me up from having to get quote after quote. There was one time within a couple days I had to get 17 different quotes. We'll get a good competitive bid on this and be able to select a contractor to get moving on some of these hits we have insurance claims for and police reports for. That bid did happen and Lake Erie Construction won that bid. I think you will be looking at that tonight. It is a maintenance project with no money to award; it is on an as needed basis. If something gets hit by the general public and we get a police report, we are able to fix that and maybe recover some insurance money. I fill out an invoice and Mr. Garrett bills those folks.

Mr. Keaton: The ADA ramp project that has been going on down off of Tall Oaks is completed. The contractor had a few things to pick up but he did the restoration, got the seating done, the ramps are in place and looking good. They did an excellent job on it.

Mr. Keaton: We did have some crew members in the a.m. to button up Airway and Woodman. We also did the same thing in front of K-Mart on Woodman. We were really pressing the issue to get that stuff done and thanks to the Police Department for backing us up on that. They stopped by, helped us out and stayed with us until we got the job done. We really appreciated that. We are trying to stay in front of the paint strippers as well because we don't want them to paint anything we might have to repair. There are some places on Airway West we need to do the same thing; when the weather gets right, we will get that done to get ahead of the strippers.

Mr. Keaton: I scheduled a meeting with Choice One in regards to our upcoming paving program for next year and what that might look like. I talked in faith believing that things would pass because I feel like we have to get ready for this and team up with our partners around town, especially Montgomery County being one of them. I have given them a list of all our mill-and-fill streets and I was able to make contact with them as well. I am planning a meeting in a couple weeks with all our infrastructure folks – AT&T, DP&L, Montgomery County, and Vectren – have everybody at the table and let everybody know what we are planning on doing so everybody can stay on the same page. If we can get some roads done ahead of time with some of these different infrastructure entities, it's to our advantage to do that.

Mr. Keaton: This is totally off the subject but my son graduated from boot camp in the Air Force and I am very proud of him. He finished third out 758 Airmen and he graduated with honors. He is now in his tech school training and I am very proud of him. I just wanted to throw that out there to my work family.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I just have one other thing I forgot; I was out at the parks for the school giveaways on Monday and that was amazing. There must have been 1,000 people in Shellenbarger Park. What was fun for me was seeing our Police Officers playing games with the children; they were really in it, it was not just showing up, they were really having a good time with the children. A real Atta-boy to those officers; it was hot and those uniforms are hot. Mayor Flaute: It was the same at Rohrer Park when I was there.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Mr. Keaton, you didn't talk to us about our favorite subject – Airway East. Mr. Keaton: We got the task order in and one of the things I wanted to make sure they knew is what the scope of the project is. Engineers usually like to scale things up and we want to make sure we just fix our pavement. We got it toned down to where we are not doing a lot of concrete work, ADA ramps, traffic signalization; so we had that discussion

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and we got the task order. Mr. Fullenkamp: So the task order defines the scope of the job and then it goes out for bid. Mr. Keaton: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: When do we think it will be out for bid? I'm assuming that as soon as the task order gets signed, the scope of the project is defined and signed, that will go out for a two week bid. That could happen immediately after we sign that. Everything is all ready to go as I know it. Mr. Fullenkamp: So we are saying the first couple of weeks in September the bid could be awarded. Mr. Keaton: I think we could actually do paving in October and in this type of a paving program, you don't want to get into cold weather. You need to have 40 degrees and rising for your pavement to react well. Mr. Fullenkamp: So if we get the bid out, you are saying in two weeks we should have our bids in. Mr. Carpenter: In the conversation I had with Mr. Puthoff from Choice One it was the time frame for doing the RFP, the advertising, and the paving. I want to say we are probably two weeks behind that schedule but at that time it was going to be done before October, so I would say mid-October would be the end date but some of that is going to depend on the availability of the contractors. We are shooting for the end of September to get it completed.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Will you have some of the "files for life" at the front desk for people. Chief Stitzel: I will.

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

**ITEM 16: OLD BUSINESS**

**A) ORDINANCES**

- I) Ordinance No. 18-O-663 determining to proceed with the improvement of certain streets between certain termini in the City of Riverside, Ohio, by lighting the same with electricity. (2nd reading and consideration of adoption)**

Mr. Carpenter: This is the ordinance for street lighting.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to read Ordinance No. 18-O-663 for the second time by title only and approve its final adoption. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-O-663 for the second time by title only and Mayor Flaute asked if there was any discussion by members of Council.

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

**ITEM 17: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCES**

- I) Ordinance No. 18-O-665 to make 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. (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings and consideration of adoption)**

Mr. Carpenter: This is the supplemental appropriation with supporting documentation. If there are any questions, I would be glad to answer those.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to read Ordinance No. 18-O-665 for the first time in its entirety and approve its first reading. Ms. Fry seconded the motion.

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The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-O-665 for the first time in its entirety and Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or comments from members of council.

Ms. Fry: I tried really hard to understand this and the numbers just didn't balance for me. When I added the numbers up I saw that we increased the general fund which is what I expected but there was a \$37,000 drop in the Fire Department and I expected that one to balance to zero. The Service Department balanced to zero as far as I could tell. Then it looked like there was additional money that went into the police fund and I didn't understand that; and I didn't understand the last two funds. Can you clarify how these numbers work together? Mr. Carpenter: The method was we tried to show on the spreadsheet that we were going from line item to line item within the operations or the personnel. The second thing we would do within the department is move from fund to fund, for example from personnel to operations. Then if we needed more money we would go from department to department. That was the thinking going in. What we tried to show on the exhibit were the increases and the decreases for each fund, what we tried to also add was showing the transfers. Ms. Fry: Can you describe it to me with the police fund? Mr. Carpenter: We are adding \$16,000 to the police fund. The fire fund was being decreased and the service department was being decreased. Ms. Fry: So for fuel, you needed \$16,000? Mr. Carpenter: Fuel and vehicle maintenance. M. Fry: So you took \$16,000 from the fire department personnel and that was reflected in the transfer from the general fund. Mr. Carpenter: Yes; we decreased the fire, the money went into the general fund, and then we took it out of the general fund and gave it to the police department. Ms. Fry: So that balances to zero. Ms. Fry: For the fire department it doesn't look like there's any external activity just those three items and the transfer from the general fund; so those numbers, at least to me, don't appear to balance to zero. Mr. Carpenter: There shouldn't be money left over from the fire department personnel; the personnel decrease was \$24,175. That money is going towards Airway Road. Ms. Fry: That wouldn't be left in the fire department budget would it? Mr. Garrett: It wouldn't be left in the fire department; they were a big donor for all of this effort funding several things. They gave vehicle maintenance to the police department, they gave some back to the general fund, some went to nuisance abatement. Beyond that we did reduce the fire department budget by reducing the transfer from the general fund. Ms. Fry: We reduced the fire department budget overall so the drop in \$37,000 is what we should expect. Mr. Garrett: I don't know about \$37,000; it says we reduced the transfer to the fire fund and general fund by \$61,000. Adding all that up is how we got to the \$61,000; all the places that it went. Mr. Carpenter: The reason we used that fund is because it was the largest pot, instead of piecing it from two funds. Ms. Fry: So the important number is the \$61,000. Mr. Garrett: It's already in the general fund and it's not going to the fire department.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So if I take the spreadsheet, I should be able to figure out what's happening on the exhibit, correct? Mr. Garrett: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: Then the other pieces of information are also supported by the spreadsheet. Mr. Garrett: There were a couple of tabs that came in the packet that really don't have any relevance; they were just on the spreadsheet. Mr. Fullenkamp: The last couple of pages? Mr. Carpenter: Yes, they were just worksheets. Mr. Fullenkamp: So the only two important documents are the spreadsheet and the exhibit and I should be able to take the spreadsheet and see where the transfers come from and where they are going on the exhibit, correct? Mr. Garrett: Yes. Mr. Carpenter: I don't think the transfers to the general fund are reflected. Mr. Fullenkamp: You should put that on the spreadsheet to reflect that so it is a complete story. Mr. Carpenter: What you can do is take all the increases and decreases that are applicable and it will equal \$59,525 which is on the spreadsheet. Mr. Fullenkamp: We are getting closer. Mr. Carpenter: There is one thing I want to point out and Mr. Garrett put it on there to clarify for auditing purposes, the transfers; if you add that in there, it is kind of double counting. That is not on the spreadsheet. Mr. Fullenkamp: Did you send us this spreadsheet? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. Mr. Garrett: We sent a revision. Mr. Carpenter: There was a first version that came in the packet on Friday but we had a couple changes; we had to add some more money to cover the task order and we eliminated money we previously

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appropriated for the Valley Street sidewalks. Mr. Fullenkamp: So I like to play with numbers and I will probably spend an excessive amount of time making sure I understand it. Maybe I can come up with a better way to display it. Mr. Garrett: This was a fairly complicated effort because we are trying to give money back and spend it where we need it and everything else. Mr. Fullenkamp: And I didn't expect it to be perfect the first time; we appreciate the effort you are putting forth. Mr. Garrett: That spreadsheet is really the source because it is showing where I found money and where I needed money and then we tried to put that in appropriation language in the exhibit. Mr. Fullenkamp: I just want to make the spreadsheet information jive with the exhibit and then maybe I can figure out a way to display the information. I think the numbers are right but I want to understand it. Mr. Garrett: I think the spreadsheet will probably have a few more savings that are not in the appropriation. Mr. Fullenkamp: I probably will be contacting one or both of you as I work through this. I want to make sure this isn't so hard. I know this is a big change and there are quite a few transfers; this may have been one of the most difficult ones we've done.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Another question I have; when I see next month's reconciliation in the excel file you send us, will I see these changes on the line items and everything else? Mr. Garrett: Reconciliation? Mr. Fullenkamp: The excel sheet you send us for a monthly report. Mr. Garrett: Yes; one of the files I send you is the current expenditure report and the leftmost column is the approved appropriation. Tomorrow I get to post all these numbers and there will be new beginning approval numbers in the fund. Mr. Fullenkamp: So we'll see that in the data file. Mr. Garrett: Yes. Mr. Fullenkamp: We'll see the line items change too, correct? Mr. Garrett: Yes.

Mr. Fullenkamp: One more question; I know you have authority to move line items. Is there a way you can tell us when you do this if you decide within a department, within a fund to move stuff around? Is that part of your monthly accounting? Mr. Garrett: In a way; I've never given that back to council but usually the process is if the department head needs a little money, we talk about it, they write a memo and I use that memo as my source. At the end of every month when I am printing all those reports, there is one I also print called appropriation changes which shows the line item to line item adjustments. Mr. Fullenkamp: Maybe I want that document too. Thank you; I'll work with you.

With no further discussion, Six were in favor; one was opposed – Mr. Curp. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to suspend the rule that dictates the number of days between consecutive readings of ordinances. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to read Ordinance No. 18-O-665 for the second time by title only and approve its final adoption. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-O-665 for the second time by title only and Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or comments.

Being none, Six were in favor; one was opposed – Mr. Curp. **Motion carried.**

- II) **Ordinance No. 18-O-666 by the Council of the City of Riverside, Montgomery County, State of Ohio to appropriate a temporary construction easement for a certain parcel of real property located at 1991 Harshman Road, Riverside, Ohio for the purpose of public right-of-way and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings and Consideration of Adoption)**

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Mr. Carpenter: This ordinance is necessary to put the right-of-way portion of the property at 1991 Harshman into appropriations so we can do the work for the Valley Street sidewalk.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to read Ordinance No. 18-O-666 for the first time in its entirety and approve its first reading. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-O-666 for the first time in its entirety and Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or discussion from members of council.

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

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch to suspend the rule that dictates the number of days between consecutive readings of ordinances. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to read Ordinance No. 18-O-666 for the second time by title only and approve its final adoption. Mr. Curp seconded the motion.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-O-666 for the second time by title only and Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Denning: What parcel is this and who isn't playing with us? Mr. Carpenter: McDonald's. As I understand it, they are very big, very busy. Mr. Denning: This is the one that Choice One discussed with us that may be issue and we are sticking it in escrow until they get their stuff together. Mr. Carpenter: Yes.

With no further discussion, all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

## **B. RESOLUTIONS**

### **I) Resolution No. 18-R-2402 authorizing the City of Dayton to install five monitoring wells either in the right-of-ways or on property owned by the city as depicted in Attachment A.**

Mr. Carpenter: This resolution is to install five monitoring wells in the right-of-way or on property owned by the city.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2402. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

Mr. Fullenkamp: We are sure none of these are in the City of Dayton? Mr. Murray: We checked.

Mayor Flaute: What is a flush mount well and before we install this, we should be sure where the exact location is. In the attachment it says "this is a general location in the park in close proximity to where we would place the flush mount valve". Can anyone explain that to me? Mr. Murray: Flush mount means it is level with the ground. We've had one of these go in already in front of the Green Lantern. Mayor Flaute: I shouldn't be concerned that we can put this in any location? Mr. Murray: That's the idea; it is flush mounted at ground level and nothing sticks up. Mr. Denning: You can mow overtop of it? Mr. Murray: Yes. When we did the first one we had a schematic and I can offer that to you again if you wish. Mr. Denning: So it's like our water meters in our front yard. Mr. Murray: It's exactly like that; it does have a large plate then there is a top to it, but it is just like your water meter.

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With no further discussion, all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

**II) Resolution No. 18-R-2403 by the Riverside City Council authorizing the assessment of delinquent charges for the cutting and removal of weeds, vegetation and/or grass to be placed on the Montgomery County Property Tax Duplicate.**

Mr. Carpenter: This resolution is authorizing the assessment of delinquent charges for cutting and removal of weeds, grass, and vegetation.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2403. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

**III) Resolution No. 18-R-2404 authorizing the City Manager to initiate a foreclosure action on the delinquent lands located at 5313 Huberville Avenue (I39 00107 0055) in accordance with Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code.**

Mr. Carpenter: This is to provide authorization to initiate foreclosure action on the delinquent lands located at 5313 Huberville Ave.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2404. Ms. Fry seconded the motion.

Mr. Fullenkamp: So this forces them to foreclosure but this doesn't guarantee that we acquire the property. Mr. Murray: This does guarantee acquisition; this is going to the Board of Revisions and that comes to us no matter what. It does not go to Sheriff's sale. Mr. Fullenkamp: Do we get it free and clear? Mr. Murray: Yes; the fee will be about \$2,000 in a timeframe that will not hit until 2019. Mr. Fullenkamp: It will be taxable property once we acquire it? Is there a house there? Mr. Murray: There is a house but it is not occupied. Mr. Fullenkamp: Is this equivalent to a REAP? Mr. Murray: This is a REAP; this is called a quick REAP and it goes to the Board of Revisions. It's a direct devaluation of the property and is handed over directly to the city. We've had 2 or 3 of these before.

With no further discussion, all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

**IV) Resolution No. 18-R-2405 authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a grant in the amount of \$785,930 for the Airway Road, West Project PID 100348.**

Mr. Carpenter: This resolution is for the OPWC Grant application. We put two in there to show the difference between a 60/40 split and a 79/21 split. We looked at the application and did our estimate as far as scoring goes; we believe it will score very well. Mayor Flaute: Which one? Mr. Carpenter: The application itself will score very well and there is only a one point difference between the 60/40 and the 79/21. Mayor Flaute: So we should go with option 1? Mr. Fullenkamp: We should go with option 2.

Mr. Taylor: We just relooked at the scoring and if we went to a 75/25 we would get the exact same points as if we did the 60/40. So a 75/25 gives us an extra point if you want it. As Mr. Carpenter said, it scores really, really well either way. Mr. Fullenkamp: Actually it's option 3 not 2. Mr. Taylor: What I just described is not an option on there. Mr. Fullenkamp: So you are saying 75/25. Mr. Taylor: Or 80/20 to make them smoother. An 80/20 gets us the same points as a 79/21 and 75/25 would get us the same points as a 60/40. Mayor Flaute: So we are doing the 75/25. Mr. Taylor: That's what I'm recommending; it gets us an extra point. Mr. Fullenkamp: How often does an extra point

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make a difference in the awards? Mr. Taylor: If we were in the 20s I would be very concerned, but I think we are in good shape. Mr. Fullenkamp: So you are saying there's not much chance of losing this grant at 79/21? Mr. Carpenter: There's no guarantees, but we think it's going to score well. Mr. Taylor: There are no guarantees; I think Mark scored it real conservatively at 28. I came out at 32. Mr. Fullenkamp: Did Choice One score it? Mr. Taylor: Yes; it's all right there at 30. Mr. Fullenkamp: I say go with option 3; 79/21.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2405. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

With no further discussion, a vote to approve a 79/21 % grant application was as follows: All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

- V) **Resolution No. 18-R-2406 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Lake Erie Construction Company, the lowest responsive, best qualified bidder to provide maintenance of damaged city property to the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, under certain terms and conditions.**

Mr. Carpenter: This authorizes entering into a contract with Lake Erie Construction to act as our repair company for guardrail and damaged property work.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch to approve Resolution No. 18-R-2406. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

Mr. Denning: So this is similar to the contract we have for abatement; we'll have somebody we can get quicker instead of having to get bids each time. Inaudible response.

Mr. Fullenkamp: What is the duration of this agreement? Inaudible response. Mr. Fullenkamp: This is the maximum amount, actual labor and materials. Mr. Keaton: The bid we received shows the actual costs of the various repairs that exist. For instance, the C-channel fence is the right-of-way fence; we spec'd that at 100 feet. They come in and inspect that gauge of fence and the post and then competitively bid that. Mr. Fullenkamp: So this estimate is for not anticipated repairs but repairs that we currently need. Mr. Keaton: Correct. Mr. Fullenkamp: This is what they are proposing to fix. Mr. Keaton: That's the items they are bidding on and it would be for maintenance; if they were to get hit, that's what we could be charged. Mr. Fullenkamp: So they are not actually damaged now but they could be damaged within the next year. Mr. Keaton: Yes.

With no further discussion, all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion carried.**

**ITEM 18: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Mr. and Mrs. David Todd of Vandalia. Mr. Todd: This has been very interesting; I'm going to keep something in my vehicle about my wife and all the medications she is on. If we are in an accident or something and we can't talk, they will know exactly from this pack. I really appreciate that.

Mr. Todd: We lived down here when it was Mad River Township from 1970 to 1980. We have our Son who passed in 1974 buried at Harshman Cemetery and my Wife's Parents are out there also. Over the years, going to Harshman Cemetery was nice in the beginning. I'm trying to find the exact word to describe it now; I've never seen a cemetery where herbicide is used on a grave to kill the grass where a fabric cloth is used and it is barren ground. This has been going on for a number of years. Your City Manager years ago, the one who passed away, I was out there and the area they called the baby section was covered with mulch. I was there when the maintenance worker was there and he asked me how I liked it and I told him I didn't like it at all. I was determined to find out why it's like

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that. I went to the City Manager and he wasn't aware of that and they removed all the mulch.

Mr. Todd: Right now there are Veterans out there with their graves completely barren, there is no grass and there is a fabric cloth with herbicide to kill any vegetation. I've taken pictures and I have videos that I am going to put on You Tube if necessary. I was told back then that people were complaining about the trimmers doing damage to the stones. I have never come across a cemetery where you just get rid of all vegetation on the grave using herbicide and fabric cloth. Going out there is very depressing, it upsets my Wife a great deal, it upsets me, and I don't understand why it is done like this. Mr. Carpenter: I will get your phone number after the meeting.

Mr. John Schnieders of Wynora: Thank you for letting me speak tonight. I want to congratulate all of you; I've been around the neighborhood and it is looking fantastic. I haven't heard anything but the bicycling that's coming up on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, what do we have planned? Is there something I can do? If we have to get people out there with signs welcoming the bicyclists, I will. Please let me help. Mr. Carpenter: I spoke with Mr. Schnieders and I was expecting a phone call about the exact route but I haven't got that call yet. What Mr. Schnieders is talking about is I did reach out to the people doing the Tour De Gem and they did tell me the riders are coming through the city somewhere around 10:30 to 1:00 on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. They haven't told me the exact route. I offered some assistance like a water station but they weren't looking for that but they would appreciate any type of cheering or signage welcoming them, something like that. I was looking at the pamphlet when I mentioned Valley Street but I'm not sure that is the route just yet. We will definitely get the word out when we learn the route. It would be great to host something as a city. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: We're working on it and we'll get back to you Mr. Schnieders.

**ITEM 19: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:** Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: I would like to apologize for my outburst to staff and my fellow council members.

Mr. Curp: I would like to remind everybody to remember the migrant children who are still separated. Over the last couple days there have been a lot of other major topics in the news. I'm not in to all the politics of that stuff here but migrant children are supposed to be above politics. We still need to get children back with their parents.

Mr. Fullenkamp: Way off topic but today is a sad day in America; we lost the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin. Soul music and R & B were always my secondary love to rock-n-roll but she was a special person. She once said "We all require and want respect, man or woman, black or white". When you look at the list of songs she had there were lots number one R & B and Soul hits. She stands tall among the greats of Soul and Rhythm and Blues – Otis Redding, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, and Al Green, all of these folks were important in a lot of American's lives. They are a memory that will never go away. Long live the Queen, Aretha, rest in peace. Thank you.

Mayor Flaute: I did four weddings but I've been out of town most of that time and that slows it down. We had the ribbon cutting at the restaurant Vistro which is located on Linden Avenue across from East Town Shopping Center. I understand the food is very good and I recommend everyone give it a shot. We had the IN Crowd at the Dairy Queen and that was, of course, good food there. A lot of you helped out with the school supplies we talked about earlier – thank you all for that. Thanks to the teachers, council members, residents, the Hope for Riverside Pastors, and everyone for their help. The Ice Cream Social for the Historical Society is coming up September 15<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00, so please put that on your calendar. There is a ribbon cutting August 21st at a place called At Your Service, a laundromat at 4755 Airway Road. They had a Sports Spectacular at Stebbins last Saturday; I had to miss it but the whole community got together to support Stebbins High School. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: It was awesome.

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Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch: The IN Crowd is Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Xaun's the Vietnamese Restaurant on Airway.

**ITEM 20: EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Mr. Denning to enter into executive session for purposes allowed by law: Codified Ordinances 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;* and Codified Ordinances Section 103.01 (d) (2) – *to consider the purchase of property for public services, or for the sale of public property, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive advantage to a person whose personal or private interest is adverse to the general public.* Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. On call of the roll: Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. The Council entered into executive session at 8:47 p.m.

**ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT:** The Council came out of executive session at 9:17 p.m. and a motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn. Ms. Fry seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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William R. Flaute, Mayor

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Clerk of Council