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

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL: Council attendance was as follows: Ms. Campbell, present; Mr. Curp, present; Deputy Mayor Denning, present; Ms. Fry, absent (arrived at 6:02 pm); Ms. Lommatzsch, present; Mr. Teaford, absent; and Mayor Flaute, present.

Staff present was as follows: Mark Carpenter, City Manager; Chris Lohr, Assistant City Manager; Tom Garrett, Finance Department; Chief Frank Robinson, Police Department; Chief Dan Stitzel, Fire Department; Kathy Bartlett, Public Services Director; Tamara Ennist, Zoning Administrator; Dalma Grandjean, Law Director; and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to excuse Ms. Fry. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

*Ms. Fry arrived at 6:02 p.m.

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

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

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

A) Recognition of retiring council members - Mayor Bill Flaute and Councilman Ken Curp: Presentation of proclamations were made by Sara Lommatzsch on behalf of the Montgomery County commissioners to Mayor Flaute and Councilman Curp. Deputy Mayor Denning presented proclamation of recognition on behalf of the State of Ohio Governor's office to Mayor Flaute and Councilman Curp. Deputy Mayor Denning presented a crystal clock to Mayor Flaute for his retirement. He provided dates of service of Mayor Flaute and expressed how much he has put into the community and the vast number of weddings he has done every year. The money he brought in from doing weddings was put into a fund where council could then give money to various organizations in the city to benefit the community. On average, about \$5,000/year was brought in from weddings. He thanked Mayor Flaute for his many years of service and his involvement in the community.

Mayor Flaute stated he was honored to serve the citizens of Riverside. He thanked staff and council for work they have done for the city. He discussed a number of conferences he had attended and the changes that came from those meetings like taking down green signs and putting up city emblemed signs, and bringing back white-water river rafting. He mentioned people who have helped the spirit of the community: senior citizens, the historical society, the chamber of commerce, and Hope4Riverside. He mentioned some disappointments during his tenure: trains and railroads, the library, and the income tax from the base. He discussed taking Riverside outside of its boundaries and how it was important to him, because of that he was on the American delegation to Turkey and was able to go there and represent the city. He was able to go to Sierra Leone in West Africa where his son was stationed in the Peace Corps and he got a parade while representing the City of Riverside. He mentioned how WPAFB treats them so well when they go to the base. He added that he has performed about 1,200 weddings as mayor. He closed with a quote from St. Vincent De Paul, "Loving someone is wanting all that is good for that person."

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Deputy Mayor Denning stated that Ken Curp was the first mayor beginning in 1994 until 2007 and put Riverside in the direction it is going. He reviewed his years of service on council and how he has been doing what is in the best interest of the community; he was given Mayor of the Year by the Jaycees in 2001 at the state convention. Ms. Lommatzsch discussed the history of service she and Councilman Curp have shared since the 1980s and the work they started in the schools. She announced had it not been for Mr. Curp then they would have been taken in by the City of Dayton. She listed a number of organizations he has been a part of including the county, the base, and the MVMAA to name a few. She listed various dignitaries in the audience attending the reception. She added that Councilman Curp is who made Riverside happen. Deputy Mayor Denning presented Councilman Curp with a crystal clock for retirement.

Councilman Curp stated a lot of people who were active in making Riverside happen. He stated it is his 36th year of elected service to the community and over 40 years of service to the community as he was on a neighborhood association that was active prior to his time on the school board. The Spin-Kemp Improvement Association was involved with development in the Spinning and Kemp Road area, which is now Burkhardt Road in Riverside. They were people who came up with alternate solutions when there was disagreement between residents and developers. He has spent 14 years on the school board, 14 years as the mayor, and 8 years as a council member. He recalled the first day on the school board and being told there was a \$1.0 million financial problem. The superintendent didn't have a solution; they met next month and still no solution. The month after that the superintendent and treasurer were gone. He began dealing with finances for the community and how to stabilize the financial situation for the school system and deliver educational services to the community. He recalled the merger of the township and the village and ran for mayor and was elected. They learned the calculations for estimated revenues for the new community were low coupled with additional expenses like maintenance of thoroughfares the new community had to undertake as the county used to do it for the village and township, but now they were a city. He discussed how when he did weddings he did not charge for that. He stated they have come full circle as council is dealing with financial situations now and council will get through it. He concurred with Mayor Flaute that it hasn't been about politics, but about community service. He added that council is only as good as staff lets them be because as individuals they do not have authority to dictate the level and quality of service. They provide funding, but it is the staff that makes them look good and is responsible for getting things done. He added that staff does a great job of it. Community surveys, when done, often come back with comments from businesses and citizens stating 'great service' from the police, fire and services department. Those departments work on holidays and weekends when everyone else is off; they are working making the sacrifices, their families make the sacrifice, and they make the city look good. He closed by stating he wasn't retiring; he was just leaving. He has other things to do; it has been a delight to work with citizens and there was nothing he would change about making the decision to do community service in the community. He appreciated all the support he has received from the staff, the members of the community and other communities. He introduced his wife, Rosemary; his sister, Karen; and his brother, Rick. He introduced Earl Reeves from DP&L and how the city used team building and the management training organization from DP&L as they volunteered their services to come and do things for and with the city. Mr. Reeves facilitated that to help them work together as the first council of the City of Riverside. He closed with a story of working at NCR Corporation.

ITEM 7: RECESS: Council recessed at 6:36 pm.

ITEM 8: RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 7:16 pm.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Flaute asked Colonel Sherman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the December 5, 2019 regular Council meeting. Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 11: OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Flaute swore in Councilmember Dan Teaford for his term beginning January 1, 2020. Notary Becky Elliott swore in newly elected April Franklin to council for her term beginning January 1, 2020.

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

ITEM 13: ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MONTHS FINANCIAL REPORT: Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve the financial report for November 2019. Ms. Fry seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ITEM 14: DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

A) Monthly Update Police Department – Chief Robinson: You have my PAR so if you have any questions, please ask me about those. We have replaced the two vacancies we had in the department. Officer Renner started about three weeks ago and he is doing great. Officer Nick Vendetti started yesterday and was sworn in tonight by the mayor before we got started tonight. We plan on having both of those officers before council next month so you can have it official; we were trying to get them sworn in so they can go to work. Mayor Flaute: We are having another meet the council, next month? Chief Robinson: Next month, we just wanted to get them sworn in so they can go to work. Unfortunately, Sgt. Jackson who has had a couple of things happen this year, she is going to be out at the end of the year for about two to five weeks because she is having another surgery. As we move along, things happen that are strange and today we got a call that one of our officers was in an accident; it was just a rear end, the car is fine. The officer was here earlier and is fine. He said his neck was stiff and I told him he will probably be worse tomorrow so let us know. He remained at work so it wasn't too bad. Deputy Mayor Denning: I saw that; the other car did not fare so well. When I drove by it, I thought the guy had actually smashed into a semi, and then the officer had shown up shortly thereafter. But, he actually rear ended the police officer? Chief Robinson: Chief Stitzel made a reference to it, he thought it was kind of odd because the police car had his lights on in front of the car that was damaged. Making some changes in the department with moving some officers around into the detective's section; those three officers have been going through some advanced training and interviewing, criminal investigation and homicide investigation. We try to train them as much as possible as soon as they get in and continue that training the course of time they are in the detective's section. The reason we do that is we have a limit as to how long someone can be in the detective's section because if you can put them in there 4 ½ to 5 ½ years and then take them back out and put them on the road, you really have a well-trained police officers working the street at that point. It is not that the officers are not trained, we train them, too, but that is a lot of advanced training that the detectives get that we put on the streets. That is our purpose behind doing that. Speaking of training, the department has done a lot of training in the last month for the year's end training. Mr. Lohr has training has some for us to do for the whole city and that includes the police department. Then we use the state mandated training and the OPATA, the AGs office allows us to use that to do training on a monthly/weekly basis whenever it comes across. We want to have our guys and gals train on something that is important. This last month, we have done ethics, sexual harassment, a written exam for use of force, disability training for responders, de-escalation of mental health crisis, domestic violence, and ARIDE – an advanced DUI training. We put everyone through a driving course and that helps with issues. We finished up at 8:00 a.m. this morning with handgun, rifle and shotgun. Everyone is finished and we are good to go for next year. We try to shoot three times a year and we use the county's facilities and will use what we call phase training, which includes weapons training, defensive tactics, and domestic

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violence; all those things rolled into one. It is with the county and costs us per person like \$100 for us to go through all these courses so it is a good benefit to get all that training in. Chief Robinson: All the cruisers now have the anti-theft device installed in the cruisers. Unfortunately, the guy who owns Trimco kind of reneged on what he was going to do for us so we had to pay for the whole thing. It wasn't that expensive, only \$119 a piece so it wasn't that bad, but well worth the time, effort, and the money. Sometimes we use other agencies to help us get things accomplished within the city and we had no idea exactly what they are doing, because when we ask them and say come in here and do this but they won't give us any information because the more people know, it is like more cooks in the kitchen kind of messes up the stuff. So, until Tuesday, I didn't know this even happen; the Lemon Spa on Valley Street, which is the massage parlor there, we asked RANGE, a task force made up of various departments within the county, they do vice and drug things. They do anything you may need for surveillance. We reached out to them and asked if they could do this. I have no idea what they are doing because they didn't want us to know either. They went to Lemon Spa and after some very concentrated effort they raided Lemon Spa on Tuesday the 17th. They had enough to do some charges, including prostitution, but they are still looking into some charges in reference to human trafficking and sex trafficking. I will keep you posted when the RANGE task force gives to us and let you know exactly what charges are being filed there. Prostitution, definitely, has been filed already. Deputy Mayor Denning: Is the massage parlor shut down, then? Chief Robinson: Yes. The last thing I have is the Citizens' Police Academy scheduled to start on the 4th. Applications are still being taken at the police department. If someone does call in and say they are having a problem getting down there, if we can email it to them, we will, because they can then send it back. I'm not sure how many have signed up; we are looking to get at least 20 people in the class. It is 10 weeks long and has some really good training for folks who can come in and see what we do on a daily basis. I think it would be good for the community to see that and hopefully the information we give them, they take out in the community. Then, maybe next time we have it we can have 20 – 25 people; maybe 30 at the most. The more information we get out as to what we do, I think, is important for the community to know how we function. A lot of people don't know that and it would be nice for them to know what we do. The last thing I want to say is to the Mayor and Mr. Curp; I've been here six years, now, you swore me in in November and January 6 will be six years I have been here and I can't thank you enough for the support you have given to me personally and to the department over those years. I appreciate that very much.

Mr. Curp: Do we have cruising lights on our light bars? I think they are the ones on the end, a red one on one side and a blue one on the other? My purpose for asking is I saw an article in the paper this past week or previous week where they interviewed people in the Oregon District and downtown in general, probably in the village area where a lot of people are out at night. They were talking about how more secure they feel in seeing police cruisers in the area with their cruising lights on because it provides more visibility knowing there is a police car around. They view it as a crime deterrent. I don't know if we have those on our light bars. Chief Robinson: They are called alley lights so if you go down an alley you will brighten up the whole alley with that light. We do have those, certainly. The only thing I would say in an area like that it probably be a deterrent, but I guess if we are trying to prevent crime I guess you could say it would be a great idea, but if you are trying to sneak up on somebody, it is not a good idea at all. Mr. Curp: You know sometimes, we hear from citizens how they never see the police, and we know our policemen are out there, cruising. They don't honk the horn when we go by somebody's house. Just a thought. Chief Robinson: We do what we call through a neighborhood a reverse back so it wouldn't hurt to put on the lights one way and then come back without them on.

Ms. Lommatzsch: Would it be possible for us as the academy get started that we can know when the classes are and what is being covered? Could we be observers to see the training you are going to do with the 20 folks. If we could have the schedule it would be nice. Chief Robinson: Absolutely, you are welcome to come. Ms. Lommatzsch: Touring over there and seeing the property room and all that is really interesting for anyone who hasn't done it.

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B) Monthly Update Fire Department – Chief Stitzel: In addition to the PAR, we just have a few things to update you on. Our 20-year veteran Tom Janowicki has resigned; his last day will be December 26; he is going to another department to finish out his career in the region here so we have a vacancy coming up. Since we are already doing the process for the SAFER grant, we already have a list established. We went to the number one person and made him an offer. We are hoping the vacancy will be there for maybe a week. Hopefully, that will take care of itself relatively quickly. I want to say thank you to Tom Janowicki for all the years of service he was here. I think he spent four years part-time before he became full-time for the last 20 so he has been here pretty much since we have been a city. I've known Tom when I used to work in Huber and we would come over mutual aid and always good to go on calls with him. He is going to leave a void; hate to see him go. In that process, we have been doing a lot of interviews. We also brought in a few part-time people for interviews so we have been conducting interviews and background investigations and things like that. In our interview process, our eligibility list we have, had three candidates that we like really well. They were not paramedics at the time, they don't need to be until we are ready to hire them, and I got word that two out of the three had passed their paramedics just today and yesterday. It looks like we will have enough to hire for the SAFER grant starting very early in January. I am hoping to make some conditional offers next week to those people and get them in for physicals and things like that. That process is going as planned and hopefully, the three SAFER grant positions will start early in January; that is our hope. Other than that, we are doing a lot of year end wrap up with maintenance and getting all of our information together, making sure all of our budget is taken care of. I can only reiterate what the chief was saying, Mayor and Mr. Curp, it has been a pleasure. I've been here almost three years now and again on behalf of the fire department, we appreciate your support over the years.

C) Monthly Update Public Works – Ms. Bartlett: I wanted to update you on the Airway West reconstruction project. Bids were received on December 12. Sines Construction Company was the apparent low bidder. The bids were 30 percent higher than ODOT's estimate; that is ODOT's estimate and not our engineers estimate. But, I inquired since it was so high, we had the option of rebidding, but ODOT didn't feel there would be any benefit to rebidding and it would push it out to bidding in April, which is a higher season for taking bids. Basically, they awarded this week, today, the contract. It increased our share from what we originally thought we had saved another \$222,000 and ODOT safety funding contributed an additional \$90,000 to the project. The East Springfield Reconstruction Project, actually east and west Springfield Projects, the FLAP grant was submitted last Friday and we had letters of support from Rep. Turner and Col. Sherman with WPAFB in that package. I put a memo in the packet since we didn't have work session, this is something that would have been typically handled during work session, but I need to get answers back to ODOT on the US 35/Woodman Interchange Bridge. They are asking additional questions regarding the lighting, specifically. What we have been calling decorative lighting, that is an ODOT term, it is basically pedestrian lighting. They are wanting to know if we want it on one or both sides of the bridge. The cost they initially gave us that I presented to council earlier this year was \$300,000. Now they are saying for both sides of the bridge just the bridge over SR 35, we can do that for approximately \$200,000, if we do it just to one side it is going to \$150,000. I referenced the county bridge on Springfield on Harshman; there is lighting on both sides of that bridge. It would be about five poles on each side of the bridge for a total of 10 poles, but I need an answer tonight as to what council would like to do with that. Do you want to go item by item, or do you want me to go over... Mayor Flaute: What is council's pleasure? Do you want to do all three at one time and have a motion, or... Ms. Lommatzsch: We can do that. Ms. Bartlett: They asked about the painted black banded fence to match the light poles, there is no additional cost for that. I mentioned that I think it would look best. Is there any interest to adding lighting for the trail under the Creekside trail bridge at our cost? This would be an approximate \$60,000 cost for under the bridge for design and construction, and then do we want lighting on top of the Creekside trail bridge at our cost. This is approximately \$70,000 for design and construction. Ms. Lommatzsch: I make a

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motion to do everything but the last one, Creekside. Ms. Fry: The last two? There is lighting under and on top. Ms. Lommatzsch: Just do the top two. Deputy Mayor Denning: I second. Mr. Teaford: I have a question before we proceed. Are we doing sidewalks on both sides of the bridge? Ms. Bartlett: No, there will be a 12' sidewalk on the west side of the bridge. Mr. Teaford: Then we shouldn't need lights on the other side then. Deputy Mayor Denning: But, to make the lighting look symmetrical and look pretty and be an entrance to the city. If it was double the price, I would probably agree, but it is \$150,000 or \$200,000; I think to make it look better and look symmetrical, I think we need it on both sides. Ms. Lommatzsch: That is the way it is over the Mad River. Ms. Fry: On the point of reference on the other bridge, is there sidewalk on both sides of that bridge? Deputy Mayor Denning: No. It is only on the west side. Ms. Fry: So, it is comparable in all ways. Deputy Mayor Denning: Except, actually, I think our sidewalk will be wider than what is there. Ms. Bartlett: It is going to be almost like a bikeway. Deputy Mayor Denning: And, we won't have a barrier. So, what you motion is, is that we do the lighting for the bridge on top for pedestrian lighting and the painting, but you are not going to add lighting under the bridge that goes over the Creekside trail. Ms. Lommatzsch: I'm not opposed to that, I just think we need to look at saving some money. I know it is a safety issue; I don't think it is a bad idea, I just think that is a place we can cut. Deputy Mayor Denning: There will be street lighting close by, above in the area? Ms. Bartlett: There is this high mast lighting. Deputy Mayor Denning: What is the distance through that? I am just curious. My question is, is it 20' or 10' or 200' that would be dark at night? Ms. Bartlett: The distance between the Creekside trail and the....Deputy Mayor Denning: What is the distance that we would be lighting the area we would be concerned about? To me it is a security thing after dark. Ms. Bartlett: The bridge length is 220' where we would be putting lighting on both sides of the bridge. Then, the Creekside trail is would continue on; it would be continuous. It would be about 1000'. Deputy Mayor Denning: Of lighting? Ms. Bartlett: That was the old number they gave me. This map doesn't show any dimensions. It looks like 300' of lighting, if we did the topside of Creekside trail and the bridge. It would be a total of about 300'. Ms. Fry: I wonder if the police chief had any insight of this lighting of the trail, if it would be beneficial safety wise? Chief Robinson: I'm all for lighting to increase visibility, when I say, yes, it would be beneficial; absolutely, it would be beneficial. I would think if you could see better. Ms. Fry: We don't have any particular issues with lack of lighting? Chief Robinson: No. Mr. Teaford: We are just talking about the distance under the bridge. The bridge is how wide? 50' or 60'? You are expanding a large area where that bridge isn't that wide where the trail goes under. Ms. Lommatzsch: She is talking about extending the lights from the bridge over to where the rail is and then lights under the trail. She is talking about two things; extending the bridge lights out towards Spinning Hills and then putting lights under that is what I understood. Ms. Bartlett: Right. Mayor Flaute: That would be more maintenance for our guys because I don't think the state would pay for that. Ms. Bartlett: No, it is our maintenance.

Call of the roll went as follows on the motion to do lighting on both sides of the bridge and to have the fence work match the light poles (Ms. Lommatzsch motioned; Deputy Mayor Denning seconded): Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Teaford, no; Mayor Flaute, yes; and Mr. Curp, no. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Bartlett confirmed they were doing just the lighting on both sides of the bridge and no lighting along Creekside top or bottom. Council confirmed that was correct along with the black paint.

D) Monthly Update Planning and Program Management – Ms. Ennist: Rob and Jeffrey are working in the iWorqs program taking the violations in that system and creating some maps showing where violations are. Also, Jeffrey was working with the public service department to draft a letter to property owners. They have identified 85 property owners that had basketball poles in the right-of-way so that is one of the things our intern was working on. He drafted a letter and sent it out to those people because some of the properties were not owner occupied so about 92 letters were sent out. We had a little bit of feedback from that, but the letter is about maintaining the right-of-way when we have to do

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things like remove snow so when people want to use the right-of-way for basketball purposes, it is fine as long as they take it out of the right-of-way when they are done. A lot of people aren't doing that so they become permanent structures and sometimes they interfere with people parking, especially during the snow times with ice on the roads. Sometimes snow plows and damage so we asked people to remove them from the right-of-way when they are not in use. For zoning, we met with the BZA on November 26. They had two cases, Oakley Blacktop had a variance request for a major accessory structure, and we had a residential property that wanted to put an extension of a garage and needed a side yard setback. Planning commission met and we had a replat for a residential property on Waneta where they put two lots together into one. We have been working to develop the technical review committee so we added a couple more people to that. Basically, the technical review committee will review some of the developments prior to those going to the planning commission so I was able to get some contacts with DP&L and Vectren this week, also, we are working with soil and water and find out who is going to do those reviews. As far as developments, we completed our summary of the NIP properties and turned those over to the city manager. We have 13 properties we need to look at. We have several developments happening in the community right now. At next month's planning commission meeting we will have two developments: Taco Bell on Harshman, north of Valley Street – a proposal to build on the lot north of the existing and once that is up and running they will tear the other one down; and Waffle House will be on the planning commission agenda in January at the corner of Linden and Woodman Drive. We are in contact still with Circle K and they re still proceeding with their development at Airway and Woodman, but I don't have any application for the January meeting, but I expect they will be on February's agenda. I haven't heard anything back from Southwest Properties on the K-Mart property. They sent a design through and we did a review for them and sent that back to them. Basically, they had come through with a proposal to take the approximately 11 acres and they wanted to use the K-Mart building entirely for the internal store-n-lock; they were going to provide three out lots along Woodman. The out lots would only amount to 3.2 acres out of the 11 so it would not provide 60 percent retail if it were to rezone to heavy commerce. We will have to wait and see what they send back. We have a person that is looking to develop the 215 Woodman building that used to be an auto-title place next to the Cricket business. They are looking to develop that into a coffee shop. I talked to the architect, yesterday, on that. CitySwitch is still pursuing placing a cell tower north of Springfield Street, east of Huberville. We have some input from a developer that would like to develop the corner of Spinning and Burkhardt at the Capitol Cleaners lot into a convenience store/gas station. Ms. Lommatzsch: What did you say about the gas station? Ms. Ennist: I have had two people who have proposed developing a gas station and convenience store there at the corner of Spinning and Burkhardt. The first person who looked into it told me, and I don't know for sure, but he said there may be a deed restriction which would prevent a convenience store from being on that lot because of Kroger's. I have not seen that deed restriction so I don't know how true it is, but that person passed it up. The second person is going to see if they can develop it that way.

Mr. Curp: The K-Mart property; they are saying they want to redevelop the whole building for storage? Ms. Ennist: They want to use the whole building for internal store-n-lock so it would be seven acres for internal store-n-lock and the other 3.2 would be three slots for retail. Mr. Curp: Convenience store at Spinning and Burkhardt, we had another retail prospect for that, is that gone by the wayside? Mr. Carpenter: That restaurant? Mr. Curp: Yeah. Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, there was a restaurant that was proposed there; they've decided not to pursue that. Mr. Curp: Are they considering other places in Riverside? Mr. Carpenter: Not at this time. They weren't really pleased with the last store they built; they were a little concerned. Mayor Flaute: In Fairborn they built it. Mr. Carpenter: Yeah, that was the word that we got.

Deputy Mayor Denning: Didn't U-Haul give us the same thing on the K-Mart property and we basically told them no, so I don't understand why Southwest thinks we would tell them yes, if they are going to make everything into store-n-lock. That is not what we want on the entrance, gateway to our city. So, you may want to discourage them. Ms. Ennist: I put

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together a letter to them and pointed out to them that the site is one of our major areas for retail in Riverside. They did come back and say what if instead of going for heavy commerce rezoning which requires 60 percent retail; they suggested possibly rezoning the K-Mart building and everything to the west as light industrial and then rezoning the frontage as a B-2. There would be some support for that being that the property to the west of the bike trail is already a light industrial type of use of store-n-locks. We pointed out in the letter that this is surrounded by a lot of residential subdivisions and this would be a really important retail location. *(Note: Difficult to hear from Ms. Ennist's microphone)* Deputy Mayor Denning: I would be very concerned that we told U-Haul no and if we tell them yes, then all of a sudden we are getting sued for something. Not that that doesn't happen anyway, but I don't believe we want a store-n-lock. We had 100 employees there and now we are going to go to five, maybe. We need a lot more dollars/sq. ft. as Mr. Curp put it to make that a useful piece of property or if they wanted to come in and put in patio homes or something beneficial to the community, but I don't see a store-n-lock as being beneficial to the community. Ms. Ennist: I did get a call from the U-Haul people and they had heard that they were willing to provide three to four acres on the site for the library and would be open to their proposal. Mayor Flaute: That is not going to happen. Ms. Ennist: I told them that was not the case. They would still have to provide 60 percent retail and not have display of their vehicles along the right-of-way.

E) City Manager Report – Mr. Carpenter: I had a couple of things to add. The CCA is sending out a second letter to the residents along with tax forms. We have worked with them to get a city logo on the next letter. We want to convince them to put that on the tax form as well. I know the first response was they don't do that, but we are working to try to convince them that is what we heard and that is what we want. We are definitely going to have it on the letter and try to get it on the tax forms. We talked a little bit about the vacant property ordinances; we did contact eight different cities and put some samples in your mailboxes. Then, the one company I mentioned, Pro-Champs, we got word about Springfield that they interviewed the gentleman that came here, but they also talked to Pro-Champs and they did hire Pro-Champs. We will get a little information and see how that works out for Springfield. We did do the time study about processing checks; it is pretty quick, about three minutes. It is cost effective about \$1.78 to process a check, just wanted to share that as well. We continued to pursue filling the Community Development Director position. We have an interview tomorrow and then we just received another applicant that we are trying to schedule for an interview. We are trying to get that taken care of and get them on board as soon as possible. The next meeting, the land use with WPAFB, the DDC, Congressman Turner's office, Fairborn, Beavercreek, and Dayton should have something scheduled in January. They haven't set a date yet; they just sent out some hold the date and trying to get a consensus on what is the best date to meet.

Mr. Curp: An idea for the tax collection agency, they may be able to get by without the logo on the letterhead, but it would be more effective to have the logo on the envelope that goes out. Because, you get an envelope that looks foreign to you, you may not even open it, but you get on with the city logo on it, it may cause you to open it. Mr. Carpenter: We will reach out to them tomorrow.

Deputy Mayor Denning: I did notice there were a lot of RITA forms out there, are those going to disappear soon? Mr. Carpenter: Yes. That is one thing we did talk about. Deputy Mayor Denning: We want to make sure somebody doesn't come in and grab the wrong form. Mr. Carpenter: If we can't get the logo on that tax form, maybe we can get one and make copies and at least put it here in the lobby at a minimum; that is something we did discuss with them. Ms. Lommatzsch: Too bad we didn't put that in the contract, huh?

ITEM 15: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: No one wished to comment on agenda items.

ITEM 16: OLD BUSINESS

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A. ORDINANCES

D) Ordinance No. 19-O-711 making permanent appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period beginning January 1 through December 31, 2020.

Mr. Carpenter: This ordinance is for the 2020 budget. The only changes that were made from the last budget was to accommodate the increase in pay and make the proper adjustments to rebalance the budget.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-O-711. Mr. Teaford seconded the motion. Mr. Lohr read the ordinance by title only.

Ms. Fry: I would just like to report on the service department budget that I have been asking questions about the past several meetings. I had asked the city manager about some discrepancies I had seen where there did not appear that we were channeling all of the new state tax monies towards the service department. We sat down and looked at the budget together and we were comparing notes, and what we discovered or what I learned is that last year we had a lot more in grant dollars than we've had this year or in other years and so that was a factor. Bottom line, what I determined, we are spending more of the general fund. We have less grant money and so I am not satisfied that on paper the service department is getting those monies from the state tax. We are actually spending significantly more out of the general fund toward the roads. I think the residents will be happy to hear that. The other question that I had asked the manager is what is our base line funding for the service department. What are we targeting? When I lay it out in a bar chart, what reveals itself is that there seems to be for most of the years prior to 2020 about \$2.5 million in funding based on general fund, state taxes, and other of those revenues when I take the grant funding and push that to the side. That is depending on what we apply for. That seemed to be the base line. This year, for 2020, it looks like it's almost \$3.5 million so that is a significant increase and that is credited a lot to the state tax monies that we are able to spend on the roads. I am happy with the service department budget based on that analysis. Mayor Flaute: Thank you for saying that, really, I appreciate that very much.

Mr. Curp: I am still where I am because the commitment wasn't to the service department; that is a broad umbrella. The commitment was to residential street paving, which is an element within the service department. I am still in the same position.

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

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to suspend the rules for the amount of time allotted between the first and second reading. Ms. Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Flaute opened the public hearing on the ordinance. No one came forward to comment on the ordinance. Mayor Flaute closed the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 19-O-711. Mr. Teaford seconded the motion. Mr. Lohr read the ordinance by title only.

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

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II) Ordinance No. 19-O-713 making supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2019.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-O-713. Mr. Teaford seconded the motion. Mr. Lohr read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Curp: Question on the salt, in the previous couple of meetings comments were made by staff about having exhausted all the money in the budget in the need for a certain amount of tonnage, which can be one in the same and may not be one in the same. The question is, are we satisfied with the adjustments in the supplemental appropriation that we have enough money to buy the salt we need to get through this winter. Ms. Bartlett: I believe the supplemental is for \$15,000 and that is just to get us to the end of the year. Then, with the new budget, we increased in 2020 for a total of \$80,000 for our salt budget so that we wouldn't end up having to do supplementals at the end of the year. Mr. Curp: The question there is, is the money in the 2020 appropriation for the salt at the end of the year 2020 or is that incorporate salt needs for the first couple months of the year, plus the couple of months at the end of the year because, typically, we bid out our salt needs based on what we need for the whole winter, which spans the old calendar year and the new calendar year. Ms. Bartlett: It is for the whole 12 months. Mr. Carpenter: I think 2019 was a little, we had a little more usage than we normally do as we got hit pretty hard last January, February, and March of 2019. Ms. Bartlett: We bid with a conglomerate, Southwest Ohio something, and our average usage is about 14,000 tons and that is the number we gave them. Cargill got our bid; that will go out in July or something again. We may have another supplier for the fall/winter months, but we try to limit to what we use. It is almost a 50/50 split what we use in the beginning of the year to the end of the year. Mr. Curp: I'm just trying to make sure that if we say we need a certain amount of tonnage that we have exhausted what we have and we need more and we are doing supplementals that we are providing adequate money to get us the salt we need to provide services to our residents and businesses that's all.

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

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to suspend the rules for the amount of time allotted between the first and second reading. Mr. Teaford seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Flaute opened the public hearing. No one came forward to comment on the ordinance. Mayor Flaute closed the public hearing.

Ms. Lommatzsch motioned to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 19-O-713. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

B. RESOLUTIONS

I) Resolution No. 19-R-2543 authorizing the public works director to post an emergency vehicle load limit for the Spinning Road Bridge, MOT-C0115-0140, over streams, SFN 5770718, City of Riverside.

Deputy Mayor Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-R-2543. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

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Deputy Mayor Denning: There has been a study and this needs to be done? Ms. Bartlett: Based on our bridge inspections that ODOT provides for us, this bridge now has some deficits such that the tonnage is limited crossing this bridge. Deputy Mayor Denning: So, we will be putting signs clear out at Airway because, where is this bridge? Ms. Bartlett: It is on Spinning. Deputy Mayor Denning: It is on Spinning, so...Ms. Lommatzsch: It is over Lily Creek. Deputy Mayor Denning: Right, so, I don't want a truck turning off of Airway and getting up there and have to back all the way out. Mayor Flaute: Otherwise they will have to go through the neighborhood. Deputy Mayor Denning: Where are we putting the signs. Ms. Bartlett: It is an emergency vehicle load. Mayor Flaute: I didn't understand that. Deputy Mayor Denning: A fire truck load. Ms. Bartlett: We need to know about it internally. I don't know if there is a procedure that we have to notify surrounding agencies or not. Ms. Lommatzsch: You need to let WPAFB know for sure. Deputy Mayor Denning: Right. I am sure if we have people coming from other municipalities they are going to need to know, too, when we get help. Mayor Flaute: I missed something here, we are putting it up for emergency vehicles only, but semis are allowed to go over it. Ms. Bartlett: Let me check into it and get back. ODOT sends me a statement as to what needs to be posted without any explanation or anything like that. The other postings that we have done like on Renfield and Richland they were different signs; they did not say emergency vehicle. They were strictly tonnage, axels, that sort of thing. Deputy Mayor Denning: Right, that is what I was thinking. Ms. Bartlett: This one is different. This one says emergency vehicle. It has two different tonnages. Deputy Mayor Denning: Do emergency vehicles happen to weigh more than an 18-wheeler? I guess if they carry 5,000 gallons of water. Chief Stitzel: Yeah, ours is 750 gallons, but we do have mutual aid tankers that might carry 2,000 – 3,000 gallons. I don't know; I will get some more information from Ms. Bartlett. Deputy Mayor Denning: My concern is, that if it was 18-wheelers that we have the signs far enough away on the other main thoroughfares so we don't have somebody going across there. Chief Stitzel: I would think that a loaded 18-wheeler is going to weigh more than our fire engines. I don't know what the weight limit is. Deputy Mayor Denning: I would think so, too. That is why I am...Ms. Lommatzsch: I don't know anything about trucks, but would think we could just let this go until the next meeting so we can get it clarified? Mayor Flaute: Either that, or could we go ahead and pass it for this and if you need another sign. Ms. Lommatzsch: I'd rather vote on something I know that I am voting on. Mayor Flaute: Can we wait for two more weeks? Ms. Bartlett: It has to be posted within 30 days of notification so we can wait until January 2, 2020. Mayor Flaute: If that is the pleasure of people who made the motion we will do so; otherwise we will continue on. Deputy Mayor Denning: I think we need to get this taken care of; this is emergency vehicles. Mayor Flaute: We will do this one, and if another one comes up and you find out we need more or another resolution bring it up at the next meeting. Ms. Bartlett: ODOT sends a standard form with the exact sign and it is a standard sign and we actually have the signs in hand right now ready to post. I told the guys to wait until this happens. Why don't I bring an explanation next time to clarify and go ahead with posting. Deputy Mayor Denning: So, go ahead and pass this so you can put it up and then you will bring an explanation to the next meeting. Mr. Curp: I think you leave it on because I think we need to read this the way I think it is intended. It goes back to when we were talking about emergency meetings and emergency legislation and we said two different things. Instead of looking at this as an emergency vehicle, it is an emergency vehicle load limit. When you go down to the text, it says Ohio legal 2-axels is 28 ton; Ohio legal 3-axels is 41 ton, so it is talking about the tonnage of the vehicles. Deputy Mayor Denning: It is an emergency that we put the sign up, not an emergency vehicle. Ms. Bartlett: The sign says emergency vehicles. Mayor Flaute: Ok, so that still leads to the question Deputy Mayor Denning asked, where are we going to put the sign? Right before the bridge then all these vehicles have to go through the neighborhood or are we putting one at Burkhardt and Spinning and one at Airway and Spinning? Deputy Mayor Denning: Well, it has to be on the bridge. She knows where to put it. Mr. Curp: You may need another sign or a different sign because if we are saying a 28 ton 2-axel and a 41 ton 3-axel aren't supposed to go over the bridge, isn't that what this is saying regardless of what the heading. You can't put up a sign that says emergency that is directed at emergency vehicles as the conversation was earlier

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and allow regular semis that are over 28 or 41 ton to go over the thing if ODOT is saying they don't want you to do that.

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

ITEM 17: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Julie Denning of the Riverside Jaycees came forward to introduce Jon Evans, outgoing Jaycees president, and Rick Shaeffer, 2020 Riverside Jaycees president. Mrs. Denning: This weekend we were honored as a chapter, but myself as a chairman, of a project called Jaycees for Kids. We served about 60 children this weekend, spent about \$70/child, most of the children spent more than that because I have a lot of generous volunteers that come and shop. Some go way overboard with their credit cards, and it is just a really great project. This project has been going on now for about 30+ years for our chapter in our community. We are very lucky in that we now have a city manager and his wife that are very dedicated to our community and get involved and live here. I want to say thank you to Mr. Carpenter and his wife, they are always contributors and always come and volunteer. We truly appreciate that. Since the city has been here, we have never had a city manager participate in that manner so thank you very much. Mr. Carpenter: Thank you, we really enjoy it. Mrs. Denning: This project is very near and dear to me because of the smiles we see every year on these children's faces. It is not just for families, for children who are coming from a household that might be struggling financially; this is also a chance for a child who maybe just lost both parents, maybe had one parent overdose with the other in jail. The stories can go on and on, but it is about giving the child some hope that they may not have at this moment right now. When we ask for names from the schools, we say yes, financial need is one, but also give us that child who needs that one-on-one attention that mentor to walk with them for a couple of hours shopping in the store to let them know how special they are and that they have potential. There is hope for that child and more than what is going on right now in their lives. This year something happened that brought me to tears. Our police department has been great the last few years with their no-shave November and turning over that money to allow us to keep adding to this project. We have had a lot of departments from the city over the years participate, but some of that has come and gone, but the police department the last few years has dedicated that fundraiser to our Jaycees for Kids for these kids in our neighborhoods. This year, we thought that it was important and come, and chief if you want to come up; we wanted to let the officers know and we hope you will do that for us, how grateful we are and we wish they weren't so stretched so some of them could have come and shopped because the kids love to see the officers in uniform shopping with them. This year the schedules didn't allow for that. I am going to challenge the chief that next year he comes and sees what his officers help create and be there to shop with us next year. We just have a little token. By the way, the police officers raised, and I came to tears when I got this text from Major Colon, that said, "We will have a check for you on Friday for \$2,142." The first year is was like \$600 - \$800 so just in three years, wow! We really appreciate that, all of our services, our fire, our services department. We love you all, but we want you to please pass on to your department a little token of our appreciation for each member. It is a Riverside Jaycee pen so we know how much we appreciate them. Thank you guys so much!

ITEM 18: COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Deputy Mayor Denning: I would like our sign, the city sign, to say Merry Christmas; it can say Happy Holidays, but it would nice to say Merry Christmas, also. Ms. Lommatzsch: I failed to say this when you were making your report, but whoever has taken care of getting the leaves out of the gutters in the neighborhoods and getting the residents to bag them up that have swept them into the street. If that has been you or your staff, I don't know, but we have had a lot of people just raking them into the gutter and all of a sudden, they are getting into bags so you guys must be doing your job. I say Merry Christmas to everybody. I do want to thank Katie and those on the staff that helped with the reception. Mr. Curp: First of all, I want to thank all of you council members for the assistance and cooperation that you have provided to me while we have been together on the council to help get things done. It is very much appreciated because we are all trying to get things done for the community. It takes all of us; I appreciate all of the

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assistance you have given. Secondly, I want to remind everybody that income tax season is coming up. The income tax assistance for the elderly program will be in place again in 2020; local operations closest to the City of Riverside are the Huber Heights Senior Center and the Kettering Rec Center. They typically don't start providing income tax assistance until February because tax forms are not required to be mailed out any earlier than January 31, so a lot of people don't have their tax forms until maybe the end of the month. You need to have your friends and neighbors who wish to take advantage of that service have them start watching for information coming out from Huber Heights Senior Center and Kettering Rec Center because that will come out in January. They will be taking reservations in January for services they will be providing starting in February. Those places fill up very quickly. It is free; the people who do it enjoy doing it and providing assistance because there are a lot of people who need assistance so it is there for you. Third, I'm on the clock until December 31; I have some things that if I can get them to you, for instance, you can go out of the web and see pictures of storage facilities, but there are some that you should see that just don't lend themselves to good aesthetics at the entry point to the community. I will try and get some stuff to you. Fourth, a couple of years ago, I brought these shoes in because we as a nation learned of the horrific act going on at the borders where immigrant children were being separated from their parents and there was little to no tracking of where those children went in order for them to find their way back to their parents. We have since learned it continues and there are even more than we learned of back then and there are still a lot of children in the thousands that are separated from their parents and nobody knows where they are. I want everybody to keep in mind that we need to continue to support the push to stop that practice and to push the legislators to find a way to get the administration to bring those children back to their parents. I will be taking the shoes with me, but I want you to do what you can; keep it in your hearts and keep in touch with your legislators.

Mr. Carpenter: I wanted to say a couple of words; I was trying to find the right time to say this, but I just want to thank Mr. Curp and Mayor Flaute. Thank you very much for allowing me to serve the residents; I appreciate that very much. What I have witnessed is just a great deal of passion for the city, for the residents; always putting them first. A lot of times residents don't hear or see what goes on behind the scenes, but I can assure you that these two have done a tremendous effort to promote the city and take care of the residents. They remind me quite a bit to make sure to keep that up. Thank you very much.

Mayor Flaute: I did four weddings; I still have about six or eight to do before the end of the year. I went to the 116th anniversary of flight; there was only about five or six of us there because we didn't get the email. The few of us that were there still commemorated the Wright Brothers for the great work they did. Also, I attended the Purple Heart Base designation ceremony. As you know we became a Purple Heart city about a couple of months ago, now we have a Purple Heart Base right next to our city. It was a very nice thing that we did. Welcome, Mayor Pete, we are glad you are here and good luck; we only wish the best for you. April, congrats on your win and we only want what is best for the city.

ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT:

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

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council