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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 Municipal Center located at 1791 Harshman Road, Riverside, Ohio.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL: Council attendance was as follows: Ms. Campbell, present; Mr. Denning, present; Mr. Fullenkamp, present; Mrs. Reynolds, present; Mr. Schock, present; Deputy Mayor Smith, present; and Mayor Flaute, present.

Staff present was as follows: Bryan Chodkowski, City Manager; Mark Reiss, Police Department; Dave Stitzel, Fire Department; Bob Gillian, Finance Department; Bob Murray, Economic Development; and Mitch Miller, 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 meeting moving the Stebbins High School Junior ROTC Presentation of Colors from Item 12, Presentations, to Item 9, Pledge of Allegiance; Item 18 (II) g, Resolution No. 11-R-1556 was added; and Pending Litigation was added to Item 22, Executive Session.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve the agenda as revised. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Schock, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

a. Wesley Community Center – Senior Transportation

Mr. Chodkowski said one of the projects the Multimodal Transportation Commission was working on was to improve transportation opportunities for seniors in our city. He said through that endeavor and discussions with the Health & Safety Commission and in conjunction with Mr. Murray's office, they were able to make contact with the Wesley Community Center. Mr. Murray introduced representatives of the Wesley Community Center, Dr. Robert Walker, Assistant Director, and Mr. Buddy Hall, Manager. Mr. Hall distributed information packets to Council and the audience members.

Dr. Walker said they were delighted to be here this evening and he thanked Mr. Murray for the opportunity to partner with the City of Riverside to provide transportation to the "mature" community. He said the program is the Senior Citizens Transportation Program providing transportation to seniors and disabled residents of Montgomery County. He said they also provide non-emergency transportation to persons who are Medicaid eligible.

Dr. Walker said they have been providing these services since 1995, a service that had been provided by the American Red Cross; we negotiated with them and other agencies for the opportunity to continue the service. He said we believe the service is vital because it responds to the needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens; persons who need transportation for a number of reasons but may not be able to afford it or transport themselves.

Dr. Walker said there is a brochure of our services in your packet that not only outlines our transportation services but other senior citizen services as well. He said there is also information about Wesley that will give you a broad picture of our overall

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work in the community. He said our primary focus has been the western part of Montgomery County but we serve all of the Miami Valley, in particular, Montgomery County.

Dr. Walker said he was the public relations person but Mr. Buddy Hall does the work.

Mr. Hall said his background is in electronics but he has been with Wesley for almost 6 years; starting as a Driver and working his way up to Manager for the past 2 years. He said Wesley started with the transportation program then added on the Community Share program. He said one of their main contracts is with the Area Agency on Aging which started with the Nutrition Program and now provides medical transportation. He reviewed funding sources through Agency contracts, United Way Grants, Community Donations, and Client Donations. He said the service is free but there are people who want to pay something so we charge \$.35 per one way trip. He reviewed their partnering agencies – Area Agency on Aging, Montgomery County Job Family Services, Wesley Community Center Transportation through United Way, and Dayton Public Schools for special needs kids.

Mayor Flaute asked where the \$.35 trip took you. Mr. Hall said we do this for our Nutrition Program which has 20 sites around the county and we take people to the food. He said some of the sites are Lohrey Center, Roosevelt Commons Center, Moraine Center, Fort McKinley Center, Jewish Center, Wesley Center, Hithergreen Center, to name a few. He said it really depends on the requests we have to where we go each day.

Mrs. Reynolds said there is a lunch program for our seniors at Overlook Homes and there have been some concerns that people can't get there. She asked if she could put them in touch with the Wesley Center. Mr. Hall said yes. Mr. Murray said he and Buddy will be attending the senior's next meeting on May 19th and Buddy will be speaking. Mr. Hall said we are a Community Center and we try to help everyone we can; he tries his best to work stuff in. He said we are limited with 8 vans but we try to cover all of Montgomery County and the Area Agency on Aging has asked to open up to Greene and Clark Counties. He said we haven't had any requests there yet but we will try our best to satisfy the needs.

Mr. Hall said through the Area Agency on Aging we provide medical transportation and non-medical trips; things like going to the grocery store, bank, pharmacy, barbershop, etc. He said these personal assistance trips are also contracted through Montgomery County Job Family Service. He said the M.C.J.F.S. also contracts for Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation. He said United Way provides a grant annually for senior transportation. He said the Community Share Program provides transportation for churches, boy scouts, and girl scouts and we try our best to accommodate them.

Mr. Hall said we get most of our vehicles through the 5310 Program which allows you to get a brand new vehicle – they pay 80% and you pay 20%. He said the program is through ODOT and they want you to get the maximum use of the vehicle. He said our vans are used 5 days per week and we put a lot of miles on the vehicles.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if they transported more than one person at a time. Mr. Hall said the vans are ten passengers and for the Nutrition Program it just depends on how many people are on the route. He said medical trips are mostly one person at a time unless two people are in the same area and going to the same place.

Mr. Hall said we have an after school program at the Wesley Center and have kids come in everyday. He said they have activities which include trips – various field trips, overnight camping trips, and connecting trips for bus trips to college campuses.

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Mayor Flaute asked who went on these trips. Mr. Hall said mostly school kids; parents who are worried about their kids after school will have them come to the center. Mayor Flaute asked if there were Riverside kids. Mr. Hall said its Dayton School kids right now who live near the center and we have enough staff to get them involved in structured activities. He said he even took them skiing a couple times.

Mr. Hall said our drivers have to have first aid, CPR, fingerprint and background check, drug testing, defensive driving, driving training, and an industrial physical. He said we also get an abstract through the BMV and if you have any points on your driver's license you are disqualified, we won't even consider you. He said we want people who are clean and can do a good job. He said the vehicles are required to have an oil change every 300 miles, annual inspections of the vehicle, annual lift inspections, annual inspections of the fire extinguishers, and a hazmat kit.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if all the drivers were volunteers. Mr. Hall said all our drivers are paid. He said he didn't mind volunteers but it depends on what kind of volunteer you get; sometimes senior citizens tend to be better volunteers, they want something to do and are more responsible. He said he's not biased, he's just being real; they have contracts to earn and he can't be guessing if someone is going to show up or not, someone on the payroll has to show up.

Mr. Hall reviewed the operations; he is the Transportation Manager, Ms. Bailey is the Transportation Coordinator, and they have 6 drivers. He said Ms. Bailey talks to the guys on the 2-way radio to the drivers. He said sometimes she upsets the schedule but she makes things operate; she is kind of like the heartbeat and keeps things going. He said the medical operation hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 and the Nutrition Program hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He said currently they have 8 vans; 5 10 passenger vans and 3 mini-vans that hold 4 to 6 passengers. He said the larger vans are used for the Nutrition Program and they are limited to 10 passengers because of insurance. He said they have an office with 2-way radio communications, several computers, and their desks and it is their pulse.

Mayor Flaute asked how much the medical transportation cost. Mr. Hall said that is free to the client; everything is free - just some people wanted to pay which is why we established the \$.35 fee; that's how that got started, otherwise everything is free to the client. And billing goes back to the agencies.

Mr. Hall said we do have a driver interview process and we believe everyone can be a driver but not everyone can be a Wesley driver. He said we are proud of our reputation assisting people in need and our drivers are our ambassadors for the center. He said we try to get people who will fit in as a driver because most of our clients are senior citizens and not everyone can deal with seniors; some have dementia, some have eye problems, some have hearing problems, and some are unstable. He said sometimes another senior is the best person to deal with that.

Ms. Campbell asked if they just transported seniors or if they also transported disabled persons. Mr. Hall said Medicaid sends a list everyday for people who need transportation the next day and they send whoever they need to send to us. Ms. Campbell asked if they did transportation for Stillwater. Mr. Hall said they could; we cover Montgomery County and if we have room, we will take you. He said last year we had a program where we went to senior living quarters and took them on group trips. He said if a guy wants a ride, we will try to give them a ride. He said we get calls from all over town and we have the best price in town - free.

Mayor Flaute thanked Mr. Hall and Dr. Walker for coming tonight. Mr. Denning asked if the manager needed any action on the part of Council. Mr. Chodkowski said

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no. Mayor Flaute also thanked the Multimodal Transportation Commission, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Chodkowski.

b. Multimodal Transportation Commission – Adopt-A-Stop Program

Mrs. Luckner, Chair of the Multimodal Transportation Commission, thanked the commission and said they have been working hard on these different projects and this particular program we named “Adopt a Stop”. She said the program establishes public and private partnerships for participation in RTA’s Community Grant Programs. She said RTA funds 80% of a project and we seek the other 20% from the local community. She said we have worked to break areas down into Local Improvement Districts or LIDs and we will be asking those groups for the 20% matching funds as well as the ongoing capital for maintenance and upkeep. She said contributors will receive recognition in the form of a sign and articles in the community newsletter, the Chamber of Commerce paper and hopefully, a mention in the Dayton Daily News for the good work they are doing.

Mrs. Luckner said our goals are to participate in RTA’s program and bring in funds which would have gone to other communities. She said this is our third year for the grants and before that the funds were going to other communities. She said we are working on the bus stops to improve safety and accessibility for our transit riders. She said we also want to develop and standardize the Riverside streetscape that uses street furniture that will define and reflect the community. She said the benefits of defining our streetscape are: it will help define the community, increase traffic safety, increase property values, enhance neighborhood retail and commercial districts (LIDs), and it supports our multimodal initiatives.

Mrs. Luckner said the sources of funding would be the Greater Dayton RTA Community Grant and our Local Improvement Districts. She said there is possible supplemental funding in the Greater Dayton RTA Mobility Funds and in Safe Routes to School. Mrs. Luckner reviewed the 2009 project, a grant of \$12,000 and a local match of \$3,000 for the Airway/Woodman stop which included the concrete pad, solar panel, lights and the sign.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if \$15,000 was cost per stop. Mrs. Luckner said it varies from project to project. She said the 2010 project was a stop at Eastman Drive and further improvement at the Airway stop which included a shelter, lighted sign, solar panel and concrete work on Eastman and additional concrete at the Airway stop. She said the grant was for \$12,680 and Dr. Gupta and the city contributed \$2,095.

Mrs. Luckner said this year our project was the Spin/Kemp area and we have received a grant for \$18,200 and we are working with the LIDs for the additional \$3,800. She said the project will include 2 new shelters with lights and the concrete pads and Kroger is going to provide a grocery cart corral.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked if the LIDs were official entities. Mrs. Luckner said the LIDs are what we worked on; we sat down with a map at our 3 February work sessions and created the areas. Mr. Murray displayed a map showing the areas they identified. Mrs. Luckner said we also went an extra step and took each of the blocks and broke it down to the owners of the buildings as well as who the tenants are so when we are ready to do a bus stop and apply for grants, we can pull that information immediately to see who we will contact to raise the other funds. Mr. Murray reviewed the map which showed existing stops and proposed new stops.

Mrs. Reynolds asked what criteria the commission used working on the proposed stops. Mrs. Luckner said high traffic areas and safety factors. She said for example the stop at Beatrice and Harshman is a very hazardous stop and we are looking at taking

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that stop and the one at Transportation Drive and combining them somewhere in the middle. She said there is a safety issue with traffic coming over the hill when a bus is stopped at Beatrice; combining that stop with the one at Transportation and putting it somewhere in the middle would alleviate that safety hazard. Mrs. Reynolds said the one at Beatrice and Harshman is very, very dangerous and if the road is slick or there's an accident it comes right up on those people. Mrs. Luckner said she talked to RTA about that and they came out and checked the area. She said they are in agreement that it is a major safety hazard and when she explained to them what they were thinking about doing they thought it was a good idea. Mrs. Reynolds asked if they would propose a shelter at Transportation. Mrs. Luckner said they were looking at an area a little more towards Morris Furniture, in the middle of the 2 existing stops. Mr. Chodkowski said the theory is you would also be able to garner grants to extend the sidewalk to Beatrice and down to Transportation so you could centrally locate the bus stop. Mr. Murray said RTA gave us the information that funds for sidewalks could be available and they have reviewed our plan. Mrs. Luckner said we are in good standing with RTA and they are surprised at how much we have worked at this. She said the one suggestion is when we move the one, we put another stop at the top of the hill before you get to Beatrice. Mrs. Reynolds asked if there was a requirement to have 2 stops in that short of a distance. Mrs. Luckner said no; RTA just suggested that if we combine two, add another at the top of the hill because of the apartment complexes there.

Mrs. Luckner displayed photos of various styles of bus stops throughout the city and said the commission is thinking of a uniform look for the city so when people drive into the city they will be able to recognize its Riverside. She said it's not just for safety but also consistency. Mr. Fullenkamp asked if any of the four photos had the look we were going for. Mrs. Luckner said we are still developing that. Mr. Murray said we are looking more at the design that is at Dr. Gupta's. Ms. Campbell said it is a nice design and you can see all around you for safety. Mr. Chodkowski said there are pluses and minuses to all the designs; for instance, the Plexiglas will eventually fade and fog which begins to be a detraction; young adults left unsupervised tend to leave their mark; etc. so they have a nice appearance in the short term but in the long term they become a maintenance nightmare. He said the Multimodal Transportation Commission is examining all the components of the existing stops and it is a work in progress.

Mrs. Luckner said the LIDs will basically own the bus stops and those will become something they have to keep up. Mr. Denning said similar to Adopt-a-Park; the idea is the folks who adopt a stop and put up the matching funds will then continue the upkeep on the bus stop when maintenance is needed.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked what kind of signage was in mind for the sponsors. Mrs. Luckner said RTA won't allow us to do advertising but there will be some sort of plaque the riders can read inside the bus stop.

There was a discussion regarding the photos of the styles of bus stops throughout the city. Mr. Murray said you can look at each one of the pictures and get a different idea; the thought is what we want the people driving through our city to see. He said this will be what we reflect to the other communities and we are trying to establish who we are to other people and what we are about. Mr. Denning said the idea is when you drive into the city, you will know where you are; for example, when you drive into Centerville, you see gazebos. Mrs. Luckner added to make it uniform throughout the city. Mayor Flaute said good goal.

Mrs. Luckner said what the streetscape may include is the shelter, benches, lights, trash receptacle, possible bike racks, balusters, cart collectors such as the one that will be at Kroger, sidewalks, and the concrete bus pads which will help save our roads. She

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said the established plan is to create the Local Improvement Districts which has been completed; identify property owners and tenants which has also been completed; recommend a streetscape ordinance which will be what we want our city to look like; develop a priority list for the construction of the bus stops; and leverage activities for additional funding.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if the proposed stop that would replace the Beatrice stop would be similar in design to the one at Riverside Commons with a pull off. Mrs. Luckner said the pull off would be nice but she didn't know if that could be done in front of Morris Furniture and they would have to look at the cost.

Mayor Flaute said when they redid Linden in Dayton, everywhere there is a bus stop there is a concrete pad. He asked if Riverside did that. Mr. Chodkowski said we have in recent history; Valley Pike, Phase I is a good example. He said it is an option that is available as part of construction and it is recommended but not required.

Mr. Denning said if we get to ordinances for complete streets and streetscapes - that may be part of the ordinance, so as we move forward and redo these streets it will automatically be included. He said hopefully that will get us extra points towards our grants, having a complete streets program.

Mayor Flaute asked about Job Access and Reverse Commute. Mrs. Luckner said it is a possibility for additional funding in conjunction with the base. Mr. Murray added it is possible shuttle service from the Prairies to the base and we are working with RTA and Miller Valentine to have this service.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked how working with the local businesses for funding was coming along. Mrs. Luckner said the VFW has already made a donation and Kroger has committed to help as well. Mr. Denning said we had to find out if we were getting the funding from RTA first; now we can go back to the businesses to see what help we can get.

Mr. Denning said the next step the Multimodal Transportation Commission would like to do is take the information out to public and do some informational meetings. He said we want people in the LIDs to understand what we are doing and that there is a plan, so when we ask for funds, they know what our ideas are. He said it also helps the city to show something is going on and there is a plan being worked. He said we want to have 2 or 3 community meetings so we can get information out to the public as well as get feedback as to whether the committee is heading in the right direction. He said we may also ask for opinions on what the public thinks the best look for the bus stops would be.

Mr. Murray said we are going after money that is left on the table and we are trying to make this expense neutral to the city. He said this has been very well received at Spin/Kemp. He said the structures will define who and what we are and RTA is good for business; from Capital Cleaners to Kroger, they want to see this done. He said as we are an aging population and as gas prices continue to rise, this is something good for everybody. He said this is a very low key, volunteer program.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he would like to see enclosed bus stops as opposed to the ones that are open to the elements because we have all types of weather here. Mr. Denning said the enclosed bus stops have been what the commission has discussed; and we have to live with the open ones we already have for now. He said the idea is that putting up a stop in one area will create interest in other areas to help.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked how many bus stops RTA funded per year. Mr. Murray said the grant program makes available \$200,000 per year and we can only do \$20,000 to

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\$30,000 per year, but because of our involvement they have made another pot of money available to us that is specifically for sidewalks. He said the way we set the priority may depend on who steps up with the matching funds. Mrs. Luckner said safety concerns and who can give us the money to offset the match. Mr. Denning said there may be non-profit organizations that want to step up and Adopt-a-Stop as well.

Mr. Denning asked Council if it was okay for the Multimodal Transportation Commission to move forward with their meetings. Mr. Schock said excellent job and Council members agreed they should move forward. Mr. Denning said the commission members are go getters and they are having extra meetings just to make sure this gets done in a reasonable amount of time.

ITEM 7: RECESS: The Council took a recess at 7:05 p.m.

ITEM 8: RECONVENE: The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Stebbins High School Junior ROTC performed a Flag Presentation and led all those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the April 7, 2011 Council meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve the minutes as written. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

ITEM 11: COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications.

ITEM 12: PRESENTATIONS: There were no presentations.

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: PUBLIC HEARINGS: There were no public hearings.

ITEM 15: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

(1) FYI Items

- a. Council Request Sheets.
- b. Council Agenda Calendar.
- c. Weekly City Manager's Report.

(2) Monthly Reports

- a. Fire Department
- b. Police Department
- c. Service Department
- d. Planning and Economic Development
- e. Finance Department

Mr. Chodkowski said you have my report as well as monthly supplemental reports from staff and we would be happy to answer any questions.

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Deputy Mayor Smith said the Fire Department report shows mileage on the equipment and he was wondering if we were looking at replacing any of the vehicles any time soon. Mr. Chodkowski said the mileage is there just to make you aware of how the equipment is used and continues to be used. He said Acting Chief Turner has indicated all the equipment is working appropriately and we haven't seen any significant increase in maintenance costs as a result of its age. Deputy Mayor Smith said on 2 of the pieces of equipment, OOS is indicated. He asked what that meant. Mr. Chodkowski said out of service.

Mayor Flaute asked if the mileage was monthly miles. Mr. Chodkowski said the top number is monthly followed by the current odometer meeting. Mayor Flaute asked what the Trailblazer with 504 monthly miles was used for. Mr. Chodkowski said he believed that was for transportation to training that was out of the area as well as transporting 9/11 memorabilia. Mayor Flaute asked why there were 2 Trailblazers. Mr. Chodkowski said one car is used at Station 4 for the on-duty Battalion Chief and the other vehicle is utilized by the Fire Chief but since we currently don't have a Fire Chief, both vehicles are here. He said in essence, they are command vehicles.

Mayor Flaute said he saw overtime for the Fire Department was up. He asked if that was related to the Page Manor fire. Battalion Chief Stitzel said correct. Mayor Flaute congratulated Battalion Chief Stitzel and his fellow employees for the work they did on that fire.

Mrs. Reynolds asked Mr. Chodkowski where we were on Regional Dispatch. Mr. Chodkowski said we are waiting on the county to contact us regarding scheduling of a meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee to discuss that matter and we continue to investigate other alternatives. Mr. Reynolds asked how long we expected this process to take. Mr. Chodkowski said he couldn't say.

Mrs. Reynolds said for Item 5, Center of Flight Master Development Plan, have we entered into that agreement. Mr. Chodkowski said yes; the agreement has been executed by both parties. Mrs. Reynolds asked when Council would have a copy of the agreement. Mr. Chodkowski said he would email it tomorrow. Mr. Denning asked how long it would be before they got the final report from Forest City. Mr. Chodkowski said he believed they had 120 days but they are shooting for 90 days which would be around July 1st.

ITEM 16: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Mr. David Cole of Sanford said he read the Police Chief's report regarding the liquor license issue and from his point of view, he found it to be incomplete. He said he hasn't made a judgment yet because he doesn't have all the information but he did read there were 90 arrests last month, 3 per day, and then look at the arrests made for the whole year on the liquor licenses and there is about a dozen. He said he doesn't have any interests in the bars; his concern is with the process and hopefully additional information will come out during the discussion.

Mr. Cole said if Council is going to make their decision on the same information he saw then he's sure there will be a lot of questions and he's hoping to see that.

ITEM 17: UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

ITEM 18: NEW BUSINESS:

I. ORDINANCES

- a. Ordinance No. 11-O-470 to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other**

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expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2011, and declaring an emergency. (FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION)

Mr. Chodkowski said this ordinance is to make supplemental appropriations to the current budget for the year 2011.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to read Ordinance No. 11-O-470 for the first time in its entirety and approve its first reading. Mr. Schock seconded the motion.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 11-O-470 for the first time in its entirety and Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or discussion from members of Council.

Being none, a roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to suspend the rule dictating the number of days between consecutive readings of ordinances. Mrs. Reynolds seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to read Ordinance No. 11-O-470 for the second time by title only and approve its final adoption. Mrs. Reynolds seconded the motion.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 11-O-470 for the second time by title only and Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or discussion.

Being none, a roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

II. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution No. 11-R-1550 authorizing the Riverside Lions Club to place temporary promotional signs in the public right of way under certain terms and conditions.

Mr. Chodkowski said this is a resolution authorizing signage in the right of way on behalf of the Riverside Lions Club.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1550. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he was a member of the Riverside Lions Club and he would be abstaining on this vote.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, abstain; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

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b. Resolution No. 11-R-1551 by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio objecting to the renewal of the liquor permits issued by the Division of Liquor Control to Bruce Investments Inc., 2059 Harshman Road, Riverside, Ohio 45424

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution is to make a formal objection to the renewal of a liquor license to Bruce Investments of Harshman Road, commonly known as DEJA Brew.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1551. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Ms. Campbell asked how much checking out they did on this. Mr. Chodkowski said if it would please the Council for the sake of this resolution and the next four resolutions, he and Chief Reiss will discuss this any Council concerns or questions in a comprehensive way. He said since the next several pieces of legislation relate to liquor license renewal, we will handle all questions now instead of going from resolution to resolution and discussing each. He said in answer to the question of whether we as staff have done the research and evaluation to determine if it's appropriate to object to licenses, both Chief Reiss and Deputy Chief Brown did a significant amount of research and evaluation as well as discussion with their staff.

Ms. Campbell asked if we were voting to shut these places down. Mr. Chodkowski said we are asking Council to adopt legislation to notify the Department of Liquor Control that we as a city are objecting to the renewal of the liquor license. He said this does not automatically remove a liquor license or prohibit its renewal; all this process does is trigger a hearing which we are requesting be held in Montgomery County. He said the city will present evidence and be asked to testify as to why we feel the renewal of these particular licenses will be an additional strain on our resources above and beyond what is appropriate for our community. He said the holders of the licenses will also be asked to appear at the hearing and provide their evidence. He said once everyone has provided their evidence and their comments, the Liquor Control Board will evaluate all the information presented to them and they will make the determination on the license. He said that can be anything from renewal with a warning, partial suspension of the license, or revoking of the license.

Mayor Flaute asked if all the liquor licenses in the city are up for renewal. Mr. Chodkowski said yes. Mayor Flaute said these were chosen not necessarily for the number of calls but the severity of the calls; he asked if they could explain that thought process. Mr. Chodkowski said there was an evaluation done encompassing several different items: the number of calls; the type of calls; the amount of response required; and other factors which are not at liberty to be discussed in an open meeting. He said the culmination of those items was brought forward to Chief Reiss from Deputy Chief Brown which was included in the packet. He said it is not necessarily statistical; just because an establishment had a large number of calls is not the only thing considered to put them on the list.

Mr. Fullenkamp said we spoke about this a little earlier and he's still not certain how the types of calls are weighted; is one assault worth two regular calls? Chief Reiss said we typically look at why we are getting called to an establishment; crimes of violence are the ones that trigger these objections to renewal. He said typically calls of assaults, assaults on female patrons, prostitution, narcotics dealing, those types of things which we can look at and say the bar is demonstrating that they or the owners have disregard for the law, therefore it needs to be brought to the attention of the Liquor Control Division. He said if the types of calls we take demonstrate the owners are engaging in lack of regard for the ordinances of the city and the laws of the state, that is different

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to us than places with false alarms that we go to 20 times. He said there have been a number of fights at these places where it's called "dropping a 99" which means any available unit in the county come and help because we are over-manned. He said there have been a number of those at these particular establishments over the past few years and they involve post-incident investigations because there have been assaults or stabbings. He said in answer to Mr. Cole's earlier question; sadly bar fights typically yield little arrests but they cause a great strain on the Police Department to investigate them anyway.

Mr. Fullenkamp said it was his understanding from this morning's paper that if we produce this legislation there is then a chance for interaction between the establishments and the police force in the city; is there any room for these establishments to become better neighbors and is that part of the process we envision? Mr. Chodkowski said that is at the discretion of Council's direction; to the best of his knowledge there is no requirement under the law that if we pass this legislation, we are required to meet with the establishment operator to address the issue. He said assuming you were to adopt the legislation in favor of the objection; we do have the ability to withdraw our objection up the date of the hearing. Mr. Fullenkamp said he wouldn't expect staff to go to a situation where you know you can't do anything but if they came to us to find out what they can do to a more acceptable establishment in the community, would you work with them to provide guidelines. Mayor Flaute said he assumed we have already done that. Chief Reiss said yes; bars are checked on a regular basis. He said when there is a call the officers go out and interact with the owners and the operators and it's explained to them in great detail that if these types of things continue, eventually we will have to act on that through the Liquor Control Board. He said he has had meetings more than once with 2 of the establishments on tonight's list in an effort to curb the types of behaviors that go on in their bars and there are significant meetings with all of them by staff prior to getting to this point. He said they are warned and told and it is explained to them how to do a better job.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked if this could be a yearly event. Mr. Chodkowski said yes; the only license Council is not subject to review is a temporary liquor license which would be issued for something like the St. Helen's Festival or a fish fry.

Ms. Campbell said one establishment will close at 1:00 a.m. and people get all tanked up and go to the establishment that stays open until 2:00 a.m.; maybe we can suggest they close at the same time. Chief Reiss said a problem we do have with these particular establishments is they serve to already intoxicated people which tends to make the problem worse.

Ms. Campbell said one of the establishments has a lot of pool tournaments and dart games and a community bike run. She said they do a lot of community stuff which is why she was wondering if they were going to receive a warning of some kind. Mr. Chodkowski said even if Council passes this legislation it is not an automatic revocation of the license; this is repeated behavior that has gone on for an extended period of time that has not formally been challenged. He said he believes there could be a misperception from the establishments that have been recommended that you are here tonight to have this discussion and then for us to be able to go and ask these folks for their cooperation. He said they are all well aware of what the requirements are to operate their establishment and be compliant with the terms and conditions of the permit. He said he thought you would be hard pressed to a certain degree to try to garner voluntary change in business practice unless there was some type of more formal policy stance from the city.

Mr. Denning said so we've talked to them, we've told them they have a problem, and now we are going to give them a time out. Ms. Campbell said they haven't talked to them yet. Mayor Flaute said we've talked with them. Mr. Denning said we are taking

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the next step to get their attention and if they are not going to be a good neighbor then they don't need to be in our neighborhood – potentially.

Ms. Campbell said if we pass this and it goes on to the Liquor Control Board, will they talk to them or will they just say the bars are out of here. Mr. Chodkowski said they evaluate all the information we present and all the information the license holder presents then make their determination. He said in an extreme case you can have a liquor license revoked or they could issue a formal written reprimand; there is no way to tell what the board will do.

Ms. Campbell asked if the board would get the same report Council received because she noticed there was no times on the calls. Mr. Chodkowski said to the best of his knowledge there will be more detailed information presented such as the actual crime reports and officer testimony.

Mr. Denning asked how many total liquor licenses we had in the city. Mr. Chodkowski said we have 50 permits for sit and drink establishments. Mr. Denning said so 10% need to be told to straighten up.

Deputy Mayor Smith said to update the audience, he highlighted what he felt was pretty important on the establishments and the report goes back for one year. He said DEJA Brew had 61 calls to the police – 14 requiring multiple police cars; there were 4 assaults, 5 fights, 1 sex offense, 3 intoxicated people, 1 person that was wanted, 1 criminal activity, and 1 “99” where they had to call in additional officers from around the area. He said you can see the substantial activity that warrants a wake up call to the owner. He said we are not just picking these out because of this or that; these are substantial calls. He said along with those offenses at the other establishments there are suspicious persons, suspicious vehicles, thefts, etc. He said that is the real meat of why we are here today. Mayor Flaute said good explanation and he thanked Deputy Mayor Smith.

Mr. Schock said he thought this was a good task what we are performing tonight on these resolutions. He said his Dad was an owner/operator of a couple bars for many years and he knows this will get the owner's attention. He said it will also send a message to the rest of them out there. He said he also saw where there were a few others that had a large number of calls but the types of call weren't as severe as the ones listed tonight. He said it is a good business and if you threaten to take their license away, they might be a little more responsible and keep an eye on what is going on in their establishments.

Mrs. Reynolds said she has a real concern with the list Council received supplemental to the original packet. She said there were 59 calls to the Filling Station, one of the newer restaurants in our area that serves alcohol, and she believed a shot over the bough would be appropriate. She said we don't want to see them get in the same situation as those before us tonight. She said if we are trying to do what's good for our community, she can't justify to anyone in the audience why she's voting yes to the objection for DEJA Brew with 61 calls and letting the Filling Station go with 59 calls. She said we don't have the report so she can only go by what the city manager has told us that the calls were not the hard type calls. She said she didn't want them to get to the hard type calls and there are several establishments along that stretch that are abiding by the laws and they are good citizens to the City of Riverside. She said we can't be arbitrary and we shouldn't let anyone get out of line. She said just as Ms. Campbell mentioned, people go from one establishment to another and we all know drinking and driving or driving impaired kills people and she doesn't want anyone in the city killed over a drunk or impaired driver.

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Ms. Campbell asked what a welfare check was. Mr. Chodkowski said it's where an officer goes in to check on an establishment and the patronage to make sure everything is okay. Ms. Campbell asked what a PHC was. Mr. Chodkowski said that is a permit holder check where you verify a permit is valid. Ms. Campbell said these are counted as a disturbance. Mrs. Reynolds said it's a call. Mr. Chodkowski said if you compared the number of permit holder checks that occur at Clancy's compared to DEJA Brew or Christy Club, it would be significantly greater at the last 2 because we are trying to establish a police presence to preclude assaults and thefts. Ms. Campbell said you are counting those calls as complaints. Mr. Chodkowski said the issue is if the permit holder was compliant, we wouldn't have to do as many permit holder checks.

Chief Reiss said we went through all the liquor establishments and when we got to the ones that were being brought before Council, we went to the extreme of pulling each report to assure ourselves what we were bringing to Council was necessary. He said it goes beyond the number of calls; it's what we were there for, why, what they entailed for us, number of officers, etc; but we also tried put that information into a readable document for Council. Ms. Campbell said the complaints and the checks are on the same report and she would like to know what the actual complaints were and the times. Chief Reiss said we can provide that. Mr. Fullenkamp said he assumed that information would be provided going forward since we have the ability to do this annually. Mr. Chodkowski said yes; the police department has identified the apples in the bunch that are quickest to turn bad so the concerns about the other permit holders which may have a higher call volume but not necessitate the type of response we are currently providing to these five, this is kind of that shot over the Filling Station's bough.

Mayor Flaute said he is not defending the Filling Station but he lives near them and he has asked the police to stop there because of outdoor karaoke in the summer which was very bad and very noisy. He said he made 3 or 4 of those calls and when they aimed the speakers across the highway, the neighbors across Rt. 35 complained as well. Mr. Denning said compliance to the noise ordinance is being a good neighbor too so they either need to turn it down or put it inside the bar. He said if they are answering our requests and doing what we ask then we don't need to beat them up.

Mayor Flaute asked Mr. Cole if he got his questions answered. Mr. Cole said close enough but he still doesn't have the information; as Reagan said – trust but verify, and he hears the management of the city saying this is what they think and they will explain it later. Mayor Flaute said sometimes you have to depend on the experts. Mr. Cole said he's not convinced. Mr. Fullenkamp asked if it helped to know this is just the first step. Mr. Cole said this is Council's last step. Mr. Fullenkamp said we aren't involved with a resolution to the problem; it's the State Liquor Board that looks at the evidence and makes the decision.

Deputy Mayor Smith said it will also involve how the establishment owner responds to what we do here tonight; if they clean their act up and notify the Police Chief of their plan to correct the problems – that's a positive, but if it goes unchecked and the establishments don't respond, that says something about them as well.

Mr. Denning said if we don't do this then we are saying everything is okay but we know there is a problem. He said to him that's a bad thing; we need to take care of the bad kids in the class so the rest of the kids in the class don't get worse. He said we trust our staff to do their job; they give us the correct information so we can move forward and do our job. He said out of 50 establishments, there are 5 in the bad boy category and we need to get their attention. He said this is the first time we've gone through this and it puts the rest of the establishments on notice that we are going to be

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looking at this closer and they need to get in line; we are growing up as a city and we are doing the things we are supposed to do.

Deputy Mayor Smith said as elected officials we are responsible for the safety and welfare of our residents.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked when the establishments would be made aware that we passed this legislation. Mr. Chodkowski said the Liquor Control Commission will notify them once they receive our formal objections.

Mrs. Reynolds asked that they add the Filling Station to Council's formal objection. Mayor Flaute said he would not feel comfortable adding them to the list without seeing the list of violations. Mr. Chodkowski read the list of violations. Mr. Schock said severity of the calls isn't really up there; most were noise related or alarms and he didn't think it warranted a resolution. He said once the liquor establishments in our area read about this in the paper it will be a wake up call for them. Mr. Denning said we could send them a letter from Council that says they are next on our hit list if they don't straighten up. Mr. Schock said he thought it would be self exclamatory and we should see how it goes. Deputy Mayor Smith asked how many assaults and how many DUIs were there at the Filling Station. Mr. Chodkowski said 6 assaults/fights and 1 DUI.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

- c. **Resolution No. 11-R-1552 by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio objecting to the renewal of the liquor permits issued by the Division of Liquor Control to Tamara Simpson, 2623 Valley Pike, Riverside, Ohio 45404.**

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution objects to renewal of the liquor license for Tamara Simpson, 2623 Valley Pike. He said this is known as the Christy Club.

A motion was made by Mr. Schock to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1552. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Schock, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, no; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

- d. **Resolution No. 11-R-1553 by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio objecting to the renewal of the liquor permits issued by the Division of Liquor Control to Redd LLC, 5540 Airway Road, Riverside, Ohio 45431.**

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution objects to renewal of the liquor license for Redd LLC, 5540 Airway Road, commonly known as the Redd Room.

A motion was made by Mr. Schock to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1553. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Ms. Campbell said she didn't know a lot about these places but she would vote yes. Mayor Flaute said we have to trust our staff at this point; he didn't believe any of us knew much about these establishments.

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With no further discussion, a roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Schock, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

- e. **Resolution No. 11-R-1554 by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio objecting to the renewal of the liquor permits issued by the Division of Liquor Control to Airdan, Inc., 4766 Airway Road, Riverside, Ohio 45431.**

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution objects to renewal of the liquor license for Airdan, Inc., 4766 Airway Road, commonly known as the KC Lounge.

A motion was made by Mr. Schock to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1554. Mrs. Reynolds seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Schock, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

- f. **Resolution No. 11-R-1555 by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio objecting to the renewal of the liquor permits issued by the Division of Liquor Control to Diane Hinton, 4216 Linden Avenue, Riverside, Ohio 45432.**

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution objects to renewal of the liquor license for Diane Hinton, 4216 Linden Avenue, commonly known as the Zodiac Lounge.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1555. Mrs. Reynolds seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he would be abstaining from this vote; last December the owner of this establishment came to Council and donated money to Project Share. He said being a member of the Lions Club he accepted the donation towards this year's food baskets.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, abstain; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

- g. **Resolution No. 11-R-1556 authorizing the MetroGroup, Inc. to place temporary promotional signs in the public right of way under certain terms and conditions.**

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution is to authorize temporary signs in the right of way for MetroGroup for the 14th Annual WPAFB Family Fun Fest Carnival.

A motion was made by Mr. Schock to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1556. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Mr. Denning asked where the proceeds from the carnival went. Mr. Chodkowski said he couldn't remember the name of the organization but it is to fund support services to deployed military families at WPAFB.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Schock, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

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ITEM 19: REPORTS: There were no reports.

ITEM 20: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Flaute said many of you might remember a couple months ago, he wanted to do a Honeymooning in Riverside. He said we are still moving forward on that but one of the things brought to his attention is that we have a Bridal Connection in Riverside. He said he had a discussion with the owner who is here tonight. He said he has had 128 weddings since June 10th; we've had the weddings here but this is a very busy room, so he asked Mr. Fritts if the weddings could be held at the little chapel at the Bridal Connection. He asked Mr. Fritts to come forward and tell everyone a little about his business and how the city can tie into that.

Mr. Tim Fritts of Linden Avenue said the Dayton Bridal Connection is no longer at that location and in support of the other tenants in the building, we have established the Dayton Event Connection and under the umbrella of that, one of the marketing tools is the Dayton Wedding Connection. He said we wanted to broaden the base for the other businesses in our building. He said by becoming the Dayton Event Connection, we are working with small businesses in the area to help provide services for all types of events, so caterers who were helping with weddings, can help with all types of events.

Mr. Fritts said he had the pleasure of meeting with the Planning and Economic Development Director Bob Murray and he is assisting me. He said he appreciated the City of Riverside having Mr. Murray there available to use and our intention is to help incubate businesses there. He said we believe the Claypool Building is a central location for the whole Dayton area for us to be able to bring people in to visit with all types of vendors to plan life's important events. He said he was very pleased when he heard the Mayor indicate the number of weddings he is doing and one of our focuses is to provide a location where weddings could be held. He said there are a number of different venue type situations where we could hold a wedding for as many as 200, we are proposing an outdoor garden area with a gazebo, we recently found out there is a helicopter pad located on the property, and we may be looking into hot air balloon weddings. He said we believe the City of Riverside can start a honeymoon with the Mayor there helping us out. He said we appreciate the attitude the Mayor has shown in wanting to help Riverside and the small businesses that are there.

Mr. Fritts said he has been a part of the Dayton Bridal Connection with a company called Party Pleaser Services and when we saw that this other business was failing, we thought it was a great concept and have stepped forward to work with the Eastown office owners to make improvements to make it a proud part of Riverside.

Mr. Schock suggested calling the business the Riverside Event Connection; Mr. Denning said how about Miami Valley Event Connection. Mr. Fritts said he has business operations in Cincinnati and the City of Reading which claims to be the largest bridal market in North America. He said they have business establishments that pull in from Indianapolis, Lexington, Louisville, Columbus, etc. and we believe there are some unique things that can be done at property in Riverside to draw from the tri-state area. He thanked Council for their time.

Mayor Flaute thanked Mr. Fritts for coming in. He said if anyone knows any businesses that want to come in and have a little discussion with us, please invite them in. He said he thought it was great that Council and Staff get to know some of our business owners.

Mr. Doug Anderson of Maughan Drive said he had two things he wanted to bring up, first the negative, then the positive stuff. Mr. Anderson said on 4-18-11 at 1:34 a.m. my property along with several other neighbors got a noxious weed notice. He said it

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would be great if he had a signature so he would know who to address and he understands that spring is here but he is just asking for a little bit of common sense. He said the notice states 8 inches for weeds and 12 inches for grass; since Monday was a nice day he was able to mow but his grass was at the most 6 inches. He provided exhibit "a" which was a photo of his lawn along with a ruler showing the height of the grass and exhibit "b" which was a photo of debris on his neighbor's property. He said he was cited for the debris even though it wasn't on his property.

Mr. Anderson said if he was in violation of anything, it would have been great to know. He said also as a taxpayer, at 1:30 a.m. maybe our police could have been a little more useful, possibly deterring the events of the shooting on Underwood. He said he just asks for a little common sense with all the rain we've had; you get to the first mowing of the year when you can and he didn't feel a citation was justified.

Mr. Anderson said on to the positive stuff; coming up on May 1st he is putting on a car show at RiteAid in Airway Shopping Center. He said it is a great event for Riverside to shine because it is in support of Children's Miracle Network and all proceeds will go to them. Ms. Campbell asked if they notified all the neighbors because there are a lot of them who have old show cars. Mr. Anderson said we don't specifically send out anything but we have information on the website and flyers are passed out at other events and car shows. He said this is a Sunday afternoon, May 1st from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. He said last year Mayor Flaute came out and a monsoon came but every year we have a great turn out as long as the weather cooperates. He said it's a nice event – one of the first car shows of the season in the Miami Valley and all proceeds go to the Children's Miracle Network.

Mrs. Reynolds said this is about the third year Mr. Anderson has done the car show for the Children's Miracle Network and she appreciates that. Mayor Flaute said it's always a great turn out and he thanked Mr. Anderson.

ITEM 21: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Schock thanked the Fire Department for taking care of him with his little problem of chest pains. He said our ambulance may be old but it got him to the hospital when needed. He said he would be attending the MVRPC Annual Spring Dinner in May.

Mrs. Reynolds thanked staff for all they did. She said she was really excited about the Multimodal Transportation Commission's presentation this evening because after our last meeting when we had a conversation with the Tomahawks about our park; she thought a lot about our color scheme. She said we have been working so hard to brand ourselves and create the image; the Multimodal Transportation Commission has picked up on that and they are looking for the best fit for Riverside on the bus shelters. She said she knows the Tomahawks have a color scheme they are very fond of but she thinks at some point in time Council needs to decide what we want our city to look like as far as our parks; do we want to keep the theme going. She said she is partial to the blue and white and she thinks Council needs to have that discussion. She said if the Tomahawks put up a red and gray structure it's not going to say you are in Riverside. She said if they were on school property, it would say they are part of the school system, but in our park she likes the idea of keeping with the blue and white theme. She said we need to set some standards.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said the Tomahawks used to be blue and white and there was some political ram-rodging to change to the high school colors because that's what other pee-wee football programs in the area do. She said the Tomahawks were blue and white when her son played for them. Mayor Flaute thanked her for the information and thanked Mrs. Reynolds for bringing it up.

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Mrs. Reynolds thanked everyone in the audience and said she appreciated them coming to the meeting.

Mr. Fullenkamp said Saturday is our day to help with the Habitat for Humanity home and he invited everyone to come out and watch us work from 8:30 to 12:00. He said it is a good project for the community and he is looking forward to it. He thanked Chief Reiss for all the information he shared tonight and he wished everyone a good evening.

Deputy Mayor Smith said speaking of grass, he finally got his cut today and it was getting high because of all the rain. He said earlier today he attended the memorial service for our retired K-9 Officer Fado who passed away a little over a week ago from stomach cancer. He said the service was well attended; a nice memorial and very well thought out. Mr. Schock said you gave Fado his badge, didn't you? Deputy Mayor Smith said yes; he and his wife bought him his badge.

Deputy Mayor Smith said several months ago we had Habitat for Humanity come in with a presentation of a home they planned to build on Lane Garden. He said the future owners were here as well and he asked if we could help. He said our date is this Saturday from 8:30 until noon; he and Mr. Fullenkamp and several others will be there – all 12 spots were taken and it should be really nice.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he too would be attending the MVRPC dinner in May; it's a big meet and greet and always very nice. Mayor Flaute said that dinner includes Montgomery, Darke, Miami, and Greene Counties so it very regional. He thanked Deputy Mayor Smith for getting everyone together on Saturday for the Habitat for Humanity house.

Mr. Denning said he apologized that he would not be able to make Habitat for Humanity on Saturday; the Easter Egg Hunt is at Beverly Gardens at 10:00 a.m. He said he didn't think his Easter Bunny costume fit anymore but the Jaycees will be having their 30th Annual Easter Egg Hunt and if anyone wants to help hide eggs, we will be starting at 8:00 or 8:30. He said its plastic eggs now but we used to boil 20 dozen eggs and it was fun; now we just stuff them with candy and throw them out there.

Mr. Denning said he also attended Fado's memorial service and it was good to see how many people cared about him.

Mr. Denning said he did a little homework and he would like to revisit the bucket truck. He said those run about \$40,000 used and we have the opportunity to get one for \$5,000. He said those trucks are meant to be outside and he thought we should reevaluate the possibility. He said a truck for \$5,000 is worth it even without the bucket so we need to think about it. He said if we only use it 20 days per year, it will pay for itself and he thinks there are many things we could use it for and would help keep our guys safer in jobs that they do. He said he doesn't know what the rest of Council thinks but he would like to revisit it. He thanked staff for everything they do.

Mayor Flaute thanked the audience for being at the meeting and he thanked staff. He said he attended the Riverside Seniors monthly lunch and if anyone can get away from work they should go; it's good food.

Mayor Flaute said he went to a Scenic River Committee meeting and we were asked to become members again. He said all the Mayors that have cities on the Great Miami were there and they asked why he was attending and he told them Riverside has the Mad River; they all said we need to become a member. He said it is \$500 and he knows we have a tight budget. Mr. Schock said what's in it for us. Mayor Flaute said

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its discussion about what's going on by the rivers and he asked Mr. Murray to give Council more information.

Mr. Murray said it is an organization started by UD and the City of Dayton and they are trying to establish a Great River Corridor which will be a joint effort by all the river cities. He said the idea is to share advertising, share plans, and share legislation to establish the rivers as a tourist attraction.

Mayor Flaute said we could try it for one year; there are projects such as the white water rafting at Eastwood Park which are all very positive from what he is hearing. He said the engineering for the white water rafting is all completed; they just need to find the grants for it. He said he went to one of these parks in Reno a few years ago; it was a horrible river that went right through the middle of the downtown and they made a white water rafting park out of it. He said he found out Dayton was trying to have one of these parks and it was going to cost them \$6.0 Million but it will cost about \$600,000 to do here. He said now we both want a park and we've both received some funding. Mr. Murray said what we actually have is EPA money to take out the low dams; we are trying to establish a park that you can repeat through many times. He said it has been very successful in Springfield and they raised the funds through a foundation. He said we are trying to pick up the gauntlet with the Multimodal Transportation Commission and see what we can do to raise the funds.

Mr. Schock asked if just the Mayor went to these meetings or would we appoint someone like we do for the First Tiers. Mayor Flaute said we can do whatever Council wants but he would like to be the one who attends the meetings.

Mrs. Reynolds asked if the Great River Corridor had done all the things mentioned. Mr. Murray said they are just getting off the ground and are asking for membership. Mr. Schock said it sounds like they have great potential.

Mayor Flaute asked if it was okay with Council to join. Mr. Chodkowski said the issue is where you are going to find the money; he understands the passion for the issue but these are financial times we need to be concerned about. Mr. Schock said this could generate revenue down the line and he thought it was a venture they need to get in to. He said he thought we could find money between the council travel money to do this. Mr. Chodkowski said his thought is, the river is not going anywhere and if Mayor Flaute continued to attend the organizational meetings and the meetings yielded valuable information - that could be an expense we program for the budget next year.

Mayor Flaute said we had a great Chamber dinner last Monday and he thanked Mrs. Lommatzsch who was in the audience.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said the Chamber is ready to challenge the city at the Fisher Nightingale golf fundraiser. She said the Chamber will also be supporting the Relay for Life. She said the fellow in charge of the airport at the base attended their Chamber meeting today and he intends to come to the meetings regularly and get more involved. She said the coupon flyer is almost ready and the participants in the golf outing will all receive the buy one, get one coupon flyer from Riverside Restaurants that will promote our city. She said the Mayor will also get some to give to his newlyweds. She said she also intends to put some at the museum and at the Comfort Suites. She said the Chamber is trying to be very visible for the city.

Mayor Flaute said as many of you saw, he was at the Air Force Museum when we got the terrible announcement about the shuttle but he thanked the Dayton Daily News for the coverage.

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Mayor Flaute said he did stop and talk to another new business owner of Leonard's Barbershop. He said it will be an old time barbershop where you can get not only a haircut but a shave. He said it is opening in May next to the RC Hobby Shop.

Mayor Flaute said he went to the Dayton Convention Center – Leaders Under 40 and they were discussing helping our young people in the Miami Valley, He said it was a very good time. He said on Wednesday, May 11th is the Children's Water Festival which he cannot attend but if the Deputy Mayor or someone on Council would like to attend, it is a great luncheon.

Mayor Flaute said he got a proclamation from the Secretary of the State of Ohio John Husted which states that according to the federal census we have 25,201 residents in our city. Ms. Campbell asked if that was more than we had before. Mayor Flaute said yes; about 9% more.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said our next Chamber dinner will be at Akashi on May 23rd. She said this is Japanese dining at its finest and they give you more than just sushi.

Ms. Campbell asked if the Fiesta Hair Salon that was at Page Manor is going to rebuild. Mr. Murray said no; they couldn't sustain being closed for so long.

Ms. Campbell asked Mr. McKinney who bought DP&L out. Mr. McKinney said AES, American Energy System.

ITEM 22: EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Denning to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate and pending litigation. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. The Council entered into executive session at 9:21 p.m.

ITEM 23: ADJOURNMENT: The Council came out of executive session at 10:30 p.m. and a motion was made by Mr. Schock to adjourn. Mrs. Reynolds seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council