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ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Flaute called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:02 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, absent; and Mayor Flaute, present.

Staff present was as follows: Bob Murray, Acting City Manager; Mike Brown, Police Department; Bob Turner, Fire Department; Bob Gillian, Finance Department; and Mitch Miller, Service Department.

ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: A motion was made by Mr. Schock to excuse absent member Deputy Mayor Smith. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Schock, yes; Mr. Denning, no; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, no; Mrs. Reynolds, no; and Mayor Flaute, no. **Motion failed.**

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: The agenda was revised prior to the meeting as follows: removal of Item 6d – Issue II Discussion; Addition of Items 15 (I) c through f - Resolution Nos. 11-R-1568, 11-R-1569, 11-R-1570, and 11-R-1571; and removal of Item 18 – Executive Session.

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

Deputy Mayor Smith arrived at 6:04 p.m.

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

- a. Joint Work Session: Health & Safety Commission / Parks & Recreation Commission / Multimodal Transportation Commission

Mayor Flaute welcomed all the commission members in attendance. He said we are glad you are here and are so involved with the city. He said we appreciate all your work and everything that you do. He said it was his understanding there was a letter from the Chair of the Health & Safety Commission and he asked the clerk if she had the letter.

Mrs. Brane said she spoke with Mr. Tim Schneider today and he wasn't able to make tonight's meeting because of a conflict at his work but Tim had given her some points of interest to bring to council's attention which she put in a memo. She said a brief recap of the projects are as follows: two successful Bike Rodeos this year – over 160 children fitted with bike helmets at Beverly Gardens and 46 children fitted with helmets at Rohrer Park; the commission successfully closed out an initiative to provide transportation for Riverside's senior population through the efforts of many including Mr. Bob Murray, the members of the Multimodal Transportation Commission, Mr. David Browne of the Health & Safety Commission, and Mr. David Cole of the Parks & Recreation Commission; a future project currently in the works is a Health Fair at Airway Shopping Center tentatively planned for October and presently they are contacting possible vendors as well as planning free blood pressure checks and other types of health screenings. She said Tim asked her to extend his thanks to Council, the City Departments, and the Board and Commission members for all the help they received implementing these projects.

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Mayor Flaute said he saw Ms. Edyth Mitchell from the Health & Safety Commission in the audience and asked if there was anything that could be done to offer more support to the commission. Ms. Mitchell said they always appreciated the support, especially at the bike rodeos. She said Mrs. Reynolds has been at every one and other council members have attended as well. She said the last one at Rohrer Park had a little less attendance than normal but it was still very successful. She said people come out and have something to eat and visit; Mr. Bob Murray was there and she thought it was great to have someone from the city to talk to the citizens and tell them what is going on. Mayor Flaute said at Beverly Gardens the City Manager and Mr. Murray were both there. Ms. Mitchell said the City Manager has attended most of them which we also appreciate because he really makes us feel like the city is behind us and that means a lot.

Ms. Mitchell said we are working on a couple new projects; we are still struggling getting the Health Fair off the ground but she would love to see that become an annual project. She said they are also looking at a bark park for Community Park which would be a big plus for the city. Mayor Flaute said we had health screenings at Overlook in April. Ms. Mitchell said this is a little more than health screenings; we're looking for health organizations from the city such as the doctors and therapists – a little more intense than just a screening. Mayor Flaute said the screenings in April were in depth screenings by Life Line costing \$100 and were done with big machines but it sounds like what you are doing is more of an introduction. Ms. Mitchell said it will be presenting people with options that people just don't know about; taking care of yourself is much more than just going to the doctor. She said perhaps other organizations such as the American Cancer society, the Alzheimer's organization, etc. might be interested in setting up booths just to get information out to the public.

Mrs. Reynolds said she is always very fond of the Bike Rodeos; we service a lot of children and we provide a summer that is possibly safer for them. She said she was glad the Health & Safety Commission was all there and she loves being a part of that. She said the families all support us by coming to the rodeos and by knowing the value of protecting their children; that is something the Health & Safety Commission has established in their minds and in their hearts – they want their children to be safe. She said she appreciated the time spent working with the commission on the bike rodeos. She asked how Ms. Walters was doing following her surgery. Ms. Mitchell said it was her understanding Ms. Walters is recuperating at home. Mrs. Reynolds said on behalf of the council, we all wish her well. She said regarding the Health Fair, she sees it as an opportunity to offer options to our residents for a healthier lifestyle and she thinks that's something we need to be about.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he too enjoyed the bike rodeos this year, attending both. He said there were a lot of people at Beverly Gardens and he was able to be hands on with the kids by pre-fitting them for the helmets. He said you learn a lot about the residents bringing their kids in; since his kids are older now, this kind of grounds you, brings you back down to the small kids and their needs and how they think. He said it was real nice and he appreciated the rodeos. He said he agreed the health fair would be nice; the Lions Club has done that in years past and it is a big task to take on. He said if you plan it and work it right it should be very successful.

Mayor Flaute said he thought we were unique too because he's not sure any other city does the bike rodeos, at least you don't hear about them. He said this is a Riverside thing and he knows the commission is saving lives, which is what this is all about. He thanked all the Health & Safety Commission members.

Mr. Jeff Thompson Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission gave a brief report on the parks. He said the Jaycees have been at Glendean two weekends this year to get a lot of stuff cleaned up and you can actually see the creek line now. He said

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one weekend the Service Department was there which we really appreciate. He said at Memorial Park, Mr. Cole worked with the VFW to get a new flag put up. He said we are also looking to put a flagpole up at Shellabarger Park and the VFW would actually be putting that in with some donations. Mayor Flaute asked if that was in Johnie Doan's memory. Mr. Thompson said that is the goal. Mr. Cole said we have got the price down to \$600 installed.

Mr. Thompson said at Community Park they have already started working on the concession stand and storage. He said hopefully that will be done soon and they can remove their POD and get everything cleaned up over there. He said at Rohrer the sign is missing showing you are in Rohrer Park; the Service Department has been made aware of it and they know what to do.

Mr. Thompson said we have shut down any wish list for Shellabarger Park because with the Lilly Pond project, it didn't make sense to plan anything until we knew where Lilly Pond was going. He said the biggest thing we wanted last year was to get the fence done; it was done and now a car has wrecked into it.

Mr. Thompson said Drennen Park is there but it doesn't get the use it did at one time; the area is older and kids aren't there as much as they were in the past, so it doesn't get as much attention.

Mr. Thompson said one of the things on the original wish list was the proposal of a water park but after seeing everything going on with Huber Heights' water park; they actually had to put a supervisor there because the area became a babysitting drop off point. He said we let that drop off our wish list due to the safety issue.

Mr. Cole said he visited all the parks today in the early morning hours; Drennen was clean and neat but unfortunately someone vandalized two rule signs right by the front gate; it appeared to be in Spanish and it disappointed him to see the signs damaged. He said Shellabarger was clean and neat; people out cutting the grass at 7:30 a.m. and he saw people walking the track that early in the morning. He said at Community Park there was a construction crew for the renovation but he wasn't able to talk with them because they didn't speak English. He said Rohrer Park was clean and neat and just by chance an officer stopped and he was able to ask off the cuff his opinion regarding the safety and security of the parks. He said the officer, being politically correct, stated he couldn't offer comment.

Mr. Cole said he asked the City Manager for some statistics to help him determine if the parks are safer and he was surprised at the results. He said he found calls back to the police department have been relatively flat for the last five years. He said it was a little disappointing because he was hoping to get some good statistics that would foster his promise that the parks are safer and more secure than ever and he can't offer that at this time. He said he wished he could but he did a three page report to share with council that will back up his comments.

Mayor Flaute asked if there was anything going on at Eastwood Park to report and to please keep them in the loop. Mr. Cole said the big event he can't say enough about is Gear Fest; it's an opportunity to camp in town and there's not another chance like that. Mr. Denning said sure there is – at the Relay For Life.

An audience member said he lived next to Shellabarger Park and a group of hundreds of people with a soccer league have decided they can take over the park every Sunday for 10 hours which will go on all summer. He asked if anyone had requested a permit and he didn't believe the city would agree to that. He said there are 16 to 20 teams playing 8 to 10 games every Sunday with uniforms and referees – this is an organized league that has set up shop at Shellabarger Park and there is not a place for you to park

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and walk your dog. Mr. Jim Wellman asked if there was unauthorized drinking going on there too and the audience member said yes; we've had this problem before and it's come back.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked how many weeks this has been going on. The audience member said 3 or 4 weeks. He said the community got fed up before and it was eventually stopped for several years. Mr. Denning said that's when we came up with the regulations for using the parks; he asked if this was an adult league and the audience member said yes. Mr. Denning said they wouldn't have gotten permission to use the fields because that's in the rules. The audience member said they go out and line the fields and do whatever they want with our park and these people don't live in Riverside.

Ms. Campbell said it seems like the police would cruise through there. Mr. Schock said he wondered why the police department hadn't picked up on this. The audience member said the police probably don't feel it's their obligation to throw people out of the park or don't realize these people don't have permission to use the park.

Mr. Murray said we will have the police department look into it. Mr. Cole said he thought they would be able to use the park unless someone else had a reservation. Mr. Denning said no they wouldn't; no adults on the children's fields. Mayor Flaute said we had this problem a couple years ago and were able to stop it so whatever we did then we need to do that again. Mayor Flaute thanked him for bringing this to the city's attention. The audience member said there is also a food vendor there.

Mr. Fullenkamp said he would like to pop in on Sunday and asked the audience member to see him before he leaves tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Reynolds asked Mr. Thompson and Mr. Cole if they had any suggestions for Drennen Park to increase the usage. She said she knew parking was limited but it's such a nice park and it's been beneficial in the past. She asked if there was anything they could do to draw people back. Mr. Cole said they've had some discussions and he thought it could be a skate board park. He said there are some hills that would lend to it and that might get rid of some of the vandalism type attitude. He said other than that, he didn't think any of the sports leagues were interested. Mrs. Reynolds asked if they knew what East Dayton Christian School has in mind. Mr. Cole said they were going to try to make a deal with the city to improve the park so they could use that as their sports facility which seemed like a good idea but the issue was dropped but there might be another private school that would be interested in using it as a sports facility.

Mrs. Reynolds said it is a beautiful park and neighborhoods do get older but it's something we need to look at. She asked if there were ever any figures arrived at for the cost of a skate park. Mr. Cole said we didn't run any numbers on it yet but skate parks in surrounding areas are well used.

Mr. Denning said maybe it's a good place for the bark park. Mr. Thompson said it was an idea they discussed but fencing the park would be cost prohibitive.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said she stopped her car while 10 kids on skate boards crossed the road and it would be great if they had a park to go to.

Mrs. Reynolds said children bring life back to a neighborhood; we need children in the park. She said she appreciated the bark park idea but she's looking at a third generation of people that would say we've got a skate park here and that's something that neighborhood would have to be considered for. Ms. Mitchell said that was a well used park when her kids were small and they had organized activities. Mayor Flaute said he thinks a lot of people forget that it's there. Mrs. Reynolds said it was truly a

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neighborhood park. Mr. Schock said the organized activities were from the Montgomery County Parks & Recreation. Ms. Mitchell said there's no reason why it couldn't be revived.

Mr. Jim Wellman asked if there were liability issues for the city having a BMX park or skate park. Mr. Cole said no; it's stated at the park that you enter at your own risk. Mayor Flaute said that has been considered and talked about in every other city that has them and generally it is not any greater than any other liability.

Mayor Flaute thanked the Parks & Recreation Commission members for coming to the meeting and giving their report.

Mrs. Lori Luckner, Chairman of the Multimodal Transportation Commission, said the commission is still working on the Adopt-A-Stop program and the members have all been assigned a Local Improvement District to work for donations and collections for improving the bus stops. She said for Safe Routes to School, we have been given a grant for \$2,000 and that is moving right along. She said we are still working on options for the Senior Transportation program; the VA and the Wesley Center will work with the community but we are also looking at doing a flyer listing that includes not only those places but other senior related items such as meals on wheels or doctor related items that the seniors might not be aware of. She said we are looking at how well this information is communicated to the seniors in our community.

Mrs. Luckner said we are still working on Complete Streets and hopefully in a few months we will bring a presentation to council. Mayor Flaute asked for a brief explanation. Mrs. Luckner said the complete streets program is for walkability, bike paths, and the landscape of the community's roads; to make it uniform so you know when you are traveling through Riverside. Mr. Murray said its multimodal and takes into account pedestrians and bicyclists when you are building a street. He said up to now all our plans have been auto centric but complete streets takes into consideration other forms of transportation. Mr. Miller added that the complete streets are also designed to connect to the mass transit systems.

Mr. Yount said this also leads into some revitalization of the neighborhoods, allowing us to clean up some areas that have been a little bit raggedy looking with sidewalks and so forth looking pitiful or some places that maybe don't have sidewalks. He said we might get a little more consistency, having a multi use facility that will improve the looks of our neighborhoods. He said it is a real nice goal.

Mrs. Luckner said she was sure council had seen the blue board Mr. Murray has put together for the bike rodeos and the commission plans to take that out to the different community events to let people know the different projects we are working on in the city and to get people's feedback.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked about the bridge document. Mrs. Luckner said that is going to be the bridge on Mad River which will have a bike lane across the river. She said that will be done in 2016. Mr. Murray said they will start in 2015 and it will be completed in 2016; we wanted to include it in your packet because the project will be substantial, it will connect the lake side of Eastwood to the park side of Eastwood without people having to go into traffic. He said crossing that bridge is now very dangerous for bikes and through the pushing of the Multimodal Transportation Commission we started talking to the City of Dayton who got the county involved. He said Montgomery County has approved the project and is putting up 50% of the cost of the bridge and MVRPC granted the remaining 50%. He said he included diagrams of the bridge as well as the road and the City of Dayton is going to try to light the bridge to help bring some civilization to Eastwood Lake. He said future plans are to connect all of

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Riverside to the bike path using complete streets. He said its something the public is going to ask council about so he wanted to give them as much information as possible.

Mrs. Reynolds asked if we were looking at lights on the top of the bridge as well as under the bridge. Mr. Murray said he hoped so; Five Rivers Metro Parks is taking the bike path under the bridge. Mr. Denning said it would be good for the kayakers as well. Mr. Murray said the other thing that is going on is the bike path will be completed before the bridge and you can't interrupt a bike path so there will have to be a detour as they are working on the bridge. He said Five Rivers Metro Parks is going to get Transportation Enhancement Funds to build a bike path up Springfield Street; something we've asked about for a long time. He said this will be outstanding for us and we are keeping our fingers crossed.

Mr. Schock said that will connect to the Dayton bike path. Mr. Murray said exactly, perfect for people working at the base.

Deputy Mayor Smith said looking at the diagram, where is the bike path going to be. Mr. Yount said on the southbound side of the road; it will link one side of the park to the other but will still leave the berm from the lake to the city facilities uncovered and that's what we are hoping to get done with the complete streets so Rt. 4 won't be hazardous to those who are utilizing the bike path.

Mrs. Reynolds said this was the hardest design for her to picture in her head and to understand. Deputy Mayor Smith agreed and said it didn't appear as though the bike path is on the road at all; it looks like it's underneath the bridge. Mr. Murray said the bike path is a part of the bridge. Mr. Yount said part of the path goes across the bridge to connect the two parks and another path will connect the main path to Center of Flight and Greene County. Mr. Denning said its two separate projects.

Ms. Campbell asked if the bike paths were secluded very much and if the paths would be dangerous. Mr. Yount said lighting is what we are looking at to improve the safety.

Mr. Murray reviewed the diagrams for the road and for the bridge. Mrs. Reynolds said it's difficult to envision and to be able to explain to people but its good that it will connect the community.

Mayor Flaute said it's amazing; these three commissions (Multimodal Transportation Commission, Health & Safety Commission, and Parks & Recreation Commission) have worked on their own and it's unbelievable what they have done. He thanked everyone and asked them to pass the thanks along to those who couldn't be present tonight. He said it's awesome what they are doing and we appreciate it.

Mr. Schock said keep up the good work.

b. Discussion: Council Donations

Mayor Flaute said Ms. Campbell brought up the idea a few meetings ago to make a donation to the Valley Worship Center to help with their community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Ms. Campbell said she started this over a year ago because we are all invited to the dinner. She said the dinner is not at the church, it is at the community center behind the church. She said they do a lot of good for the people in the community; it's a nice event and includes gifts for people as well. She said she thought we could help them out; they ran out of food last year.

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Mayor Flaute asked if there was any discussion on how we wanted to deal with that donation. Deputy Mayor Smith said on the agenda it says Council Donations so he thought they were going to discuss donations in general. Mayor Flaute said we could do that. Deputy Mayor Smith said we gave some donations to the Lion's Club and to Stebbins out of last year's budget for this year and he thought it was because we weren't going to do anymore donations.

Mayor Flaute said that was not his understanding; we have a line item budget for donations and the main reason we did that last year was because we didn't know how many weddings we were going to have for the year. He said he just hit the one year mark for weddings and he is up to 140. He said that has brought in considerably more money than what we have budgeted for so we would just have to move the money into our line item. Mr. Gillian said we would have to pass a supplemental appropriation to put the money in the budget.

Mr. Denning said he thought they appropriated some of the money to help with the money given to the Seniors and to the Historical Society. He said even though we thought it would be about \$5,000, part of that was allocated specifically to cover those two groups. He said if we only have \$5,000, we can't spend it twice. Ms. Campbell said this was back in January when we had \$5,500 and there should be a lot more now. Mr. Denning said no; you are betting on what he is going to get, whatever he got last year is gone.

Ms. Campbell said we when we donated to the Lion's Club and to Stebbins, she brought up this donation to Valley Worship Center and she was told to wait until there was a resolution for it. She said we have a resolution so now what. Mr. Denning said he thought the issue was if they were going to continue to make donations to these other things and if we are trying to keep our budget as tight as we can maybe we shouldn't be giving to any of these. He said that's the reason we voted to charge \$50 per wedding so we could still do some of this, but juggling that all around, he's not sure where we are going to go and what we are going to do in the future.

Mr. Gillian said at the beginning of the year certain donations in certain amounts were planned for certain organizations; we appropriated \$2,880 and currently we have donated \$480, leaving available \$2,400. He said he did not recall the list of donations council planned on making. He said if a donation to Valley Worship Center wasn't included in the original appropriation then it would have to be expanded if council wanted to make the donations to the other organizations.

Mrs. Reynolds said we appropriated those dollars because we knew what we were going to support from past experience. She said the \$500 for the congregation on Valley was not in that mix at the time. She said we have to either do a supplemental or not give to somebody else or we could reduce the amount to \$250 for those we have been giving \$500 to, then everyone would get a piece of the pie.

Mrs. Reynolds said she thought Mr. Fullenkamp got some good information regarding the total cost of the dinner and she thought that was information they should get from all the organizations – what is their total cost and what amount of the total cost are we contributing. She said maybe we should start looking at how we are going to do that; if you are going to spend \$500 and serve 300 people or if you are going to spend \$500 and serve 1,000 people – how do we break down the cost. She said we need to look at the value of the dollar vs. the number of people we serve.

Ms. Campbell said we've all been there for Thanksgiving Dinner.

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Mr. Fullenkamp said the reason he called the Pastor was to see what percentage we would be donating towards the total amount spent. He said he would like to do that in the future for all the organizations and thought it was something they should look at.

Mayor Flaute said if they are serving 300 people, maybe we should donate \$1.00 per person. Ms. Campbell said for a meal; it's hard to get a total count because some people come in, eat, and then leave.

Mrs. Reynolds said she wondered what they based their number on each year for the amount people they are going to serve. She said when you plan an event you base it on a number. Mr. Denning said it was in the email; they base it on 250. Mr. Fullenkamp said they were looking forward at maybe 300 this year; expanding a little bit and the cost is about \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year.

Ms. Campbell said if you count how many is at your table and how many tables are in there; they could hold 500 people. Mr. Fullenkamp said this was what he was told; they expect 250 to 300 people. Ms. Campbell said she's sure they spend a lot more than \$1.00 per person. Mr. Fullenkamp agreed and said it sounds like they are spending \$5.00 per person; we can decide at what level to contribute.

Mrs. Reynolds said it's a point of contention every time we do a donation and she thought council should establish that they are going to give the groups the same amount of money so when the letters come in, the City Manager will know how much the group will get. She said we've only made one donation this year so if we establish a pattern now we will know where we are at.

Ms. Campbell asked how many baskets the Lion's Club gives out. Deputy Mayor Smith said about 130. Ms. Campbell asked how many people in Riverside get those. Deputy Mayor Smith said the baskets go to 130 Riverside families. Ms. Campbell said we give more than \$1.00 a basket. Mrs. Reynolds said if we do whatever the dollar amount is then it's over and done with and we don't have to deal with it anymore; every organization that comes will know that if there are dollars remaining, it's no more than \$250.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he agreed with Mrs. Reynolds because the State is cutting the money we receive, foreclosures in the city reduce the property taxes we receive; and layoffs reduce the income taxes we receive. He said we are taking a hit financially on the money we have coming in every year and it's a good idea to go with a maximum of \$200 to \$250 to a charitable organization.

Ms. Campbell said they could do what they wanted; it was on their conscience, not hers.

Mr. Denning said he thought they were discussing that they needed to start a new policy and what is that policy going to be. He said there's two things that have changed; one being that we have the wedding fund. He said before that, he wouldn't be voting for anyone to get anything because he doesn't believe taxpayer's money should be used for that. He said now that we have this stream of revenue coming in that's all that we can do. He said the issue is that if the Mayor decides to stop doing weddings then there's no money to do any of these donations. He said we are also funding some of the other things that aren't necessarily things that the taxpayer's would see their funds going directly to – the Historical Society or the Seniors. He said if we are going to keep funding those we need to figure out how much comes in from the weddings and we'll have a better idea by the end of this year. He said we needed that information to do a check and balance on the budget. He said he didn't think anybody was against putting the money out now that we have a revenue stream to pay

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for that; the question is how much are we going to give out and who are we going to give it to.

Mr. Schock said he has to agree with Mr. Denning on some of this. He said this breaks tradition; we have always used taxpayer's money for donations and there might be a majority out there that firmly disagrees with what the organization uses the taxpayer's money for. He said now we have a Mayor who is marrying a lot of people and raising the funds. He said another point Mr. Denning brought up is we are getting cut off at the Federal and the State level and that's pretty much the same thing we are going to have to do too with the organizations. He said but, there are two organizations he would doubt anyone would ever object to the city helping fund – the Historical Society and the Seniors. He said he thought those two should come out of the general fund. He said the others should come out of the Mayor's fund and if there are fewer weddings next year then that is money we won't have to contribute. He said Ms. Campbell is correct that we need to take some money from the Mayor's fund and contribute to the organization's event that we go to every year. He said we are a part of it and we should kick in some funds. He said he would vote affirmatively to help the Valley Worship Center with the annual Thanksgiving Dinner; it's the only church that ever invites us and we all go. He said we should take all the funds the Mayor has made this year and do the supplemental appropriation so we always know what balance we have available on that line item. He said he felt it should always be done this way – general fund for the Historical Society and the Seniors; Mayor's fund for other organizations.

Mr. Cole said to him, it didn't matter where the funds came from; there's no way a public body like council should give money to a private group's event that has any restriction on people's attendance. He asked if the event was open to everybody. Ms. Campbell said yes.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said every church in this community has events that are open for the community – Easter Egg Hunts, Christmas Dinners, whatever. She said council is opening a floodgate and she will tell her church to come in and ask for money; they have events every weekend. Mr. Schock said that was fine everyone can come in and ask but there is only so much money the Mayor can generate from weddings and that's where the money will come from.

c. Discussion: Condensed Minutes

Mayor Flaute said he would recognize any council member who wanted to comment.

Mr. Schock said he did not like the condensed version.

Mr. Denning said he did like the minutes condensed but he wasn't going to fight about it. He said he would prefer to take less time reading this stuff because he still got everything out of the condensed version.

Ms. Campbell said she didn't like the condensed minutes and wanted to stay with the regular version.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he also didn't like the condensed version and preferred the regular version.

Mr. Fullenkamp said he didn't like the condensed minutes and thought it took too much away.

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Mrs. Reynolds said she has thought long and hard since her last comments about this and after reading the condensed minutes and talking to members of the community, she wants to stay with what we have.

Mayor Flaute said with that he will support the full minutes too.

Mrs. Luckner said Mary Ann does a fantastic job. Mayor Flaute said he agreed she does but he thought the condensed minutes were very appropriate and reflected the meeting very well. He said the will of council is that we stay with the regular minutes and that is the verdict.

ITEM 7: RECESS: The Council took a recess at 7:18 p.m.

ITEM 8: RECONVENE: The meeting was reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Deputy Mayor Smith led all those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the June 2, 2011 Council meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The motion passed.

ITEM 11: PRESENTATIONS: Deputy Mayor Smith presented Mayor Flaute with a plaque from the City of Dayton for Riverside's 16 years of protecting the ground water. Deputy Mayor Smith said they had a nice luncheon and several cities and communities were given the plaques but he believed Riverside had the longest consecutive history at 16 years.

Mayor Flaute thanked Deputy Mayor Smith for attending the luncheon and accepting the plaque. He said we realize how important our community is for the ground water which was originally all in the township and it is important that we continue to be the guardian so our great region can continue to flourish because of our water.

ITEM 12: 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 13: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

(1) FYI Items

- a. Council Request Sheets.
- b. Council Agenda Calendar.
- c. Memo from Robert Gillian, Finance Director, regarding the difference in fund balances.
- d. Minutes of the May 26, 2011 Health and Safety Commission meeting.

(2) Monthly Reports

- a. Fire Department
- b. Police Department
- c. Service Department

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- d. Planning and Economic Development
- e. Finance Department

Mr. Murray said you have a copy of the City Manager's Report in the packet and we will be happy to answer any questions.

Deputy Mayor Smith said under the Police Department report he noticed last month they wrote 365 citations. He asked if there was an influx. Deputy Chief Brown said there probably was a little increase now that the weather has changed and now that school is out. He said they were spending more time in the school zones during the school year. Deputy Mayor Smith asked if we had a car designated to the speed zones such as schools and highways. Deputy Chief Brown said each squad, if they have ample manpower, will designate an officer to go on special assignment for traffic enforcement even if it's just a few hours in the morning in school zones or a few hours in the afternoon on the highway. He said if we are at minimal staffing that may not occur but we certainly do our best everyday to have an officer specifically do traffic enforcement.

Deputy Mayor Smith said we have one police car outfitted with a reader on the back deck lid or fender to pick up license numbers. He asked how successful that had been. Deputy Chief Brown said it actually works very well, besides picking up wanted individuals and stolen cars, it even alerts the officer if it passes a license plate registered to an owner that has a CCW permit. He said we can also enter information into the program if we are looking for a particular plate or want to track a plate; it's a pretty versatile tool to have. Deputy Mayor Smith said so when you pull someone over it will pop up on the screen if they have a CCW permit. Deputy Chief Brown said yes. Deputy Mayor Smith said if you are the person with the permit and you are pulled over, should you remain calm in your car and put both hands on the steering wheel. Deputy Chief Brown said correct; when one goes through the CCW training that is covered by the instructor on how the driver should react if they are pulled over. Deputy Mayor Smith said so you should tell the officer if you do or do not have the gun on you and Deputy Chief Brown said yes.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if we got a new K-9 car. Deputy Chief Brown said no.

Mrs. Reynolds said along the lines of the CCW; she is concerned with a new law that passed regarding permission to carry a weapon into restaurants or bars. She said she knows there are avenues the establishments can take if they do not want carries and she asked if we are providing any information to the local establishments in our community about posting those no carries in their businesses. She asked if we were doing anything in an outreach in case they wanted to be involved. Deputy Chief Brown said he had not participated in any conversations with Chief Reiss or the City Manager so he doesn't know if there had been any discussions. He said a couple years ago when the original law was passed he was working for Dayton and they did not do any sort of informational outreach; it was all over the media like it is now. He said liquor establishments can still put up the notice and make the decision on their own to not allow weapons in their businesses and individuals who have CCW permits are not permitted to carry their weapons in there. Mrs. Reynolds said the car with the reader Deputy Mayor Smith was talking about should drive through some parking lots every now and then. Deputy Chief Brown said they do; it's an amazing piece of equipment and is able to read hundreds of plates in a matter of seconds. He said if there is any kind of alert it beeps to get the attention of the officer and it is never turned off. Mrs. Reynolds said she's not sure she understands why anyone would feel like they need to carry a weapon in to a restaurant and now she's a little leery about going into a restaurant. She said she's sure there were guns in the restaurants before but now the guns are allowed; she hopes for the best in this but if we can pull the sign information off a website, we should have it available in case anyone calls.

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Mayor Flaute said the City Manager should have that discussion with the Chief and this is something where the Chamber might be an avenue to get the information to our restaurants. He said at the minimum offer our restaurants the opportunity to call us if they have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Campbell asked if there was something the city could pass to disallow that. Mayor Flaute said we can't supersede a State law.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if a person with a CCW permit could carry their weapon into a grocery store that sells liquor. Deputy Chief Brown said he believed they could currently do that; the bill addresses establishments for consumption. He said whether one is in favor of the bill or not, to get the CCW permit you can not have been convicted of a crime, felony or misdemeanor, and there are a lot of conditions one must meet to get the permit. He said criminals are not able to get the permit and he is not aware of any incidents of someone with a CCW permit getting involved in any illicit activity or crime.

Mrs. Reynolds said she appreciates that but she goes back to the question she has within herself; you go into a bar for a purpose and most people don't go into a bar to buy a sandwich. Deputy Chief Brown said he understood her concern.

Mayor Flaute said this council does have a responsibility to let our Governor know how we feel.

Ms. Campbell said if they are allowed to walk into a bar with a gun, can they walk into a bank? She said can you imagine all the calls the police would get. Deputy Chief Brown said he did believe those types of businesses had a sign posted that states no guns can be carried in.

Mr. Fullenkamp said with TATTOO coming up has the Air Force come to us to say they want to shut our roads down. Deputy Chief Brown said we are very much involved in that event and we have had multiple meeting with their staff. He said Sergeant Crigler is our contact person in Riverside and he has been in contact multiple times as well. He said we have a plan and have participated in a couple exercises. He said there won't be any roads completely blocked off but there will be some lanes blocked. Mr. Fullenkamp said they won't be shutting down Airway or Spinning like they did last year. Deputy Chief Brown said Spinning may be and we agreed to that last year for safety purposes for the pedestrians. Mr. Fullenkamp said that wasn't his understanding because last year when he brought this up it seemed like the Chief was unaware until after the fact. Deputy Chief Brown said we realized that day that it was blocked off. He said he was at that intersection the whole time and the amount of pedestrian traffic was huge; it was probably a good idea. Mr. Fullenkamp said he was glad they were on top of it this year.

Mrs. Reynolds said she had some concerns over the paperwork received from Mr. Gillian. She said she is at the point where she really doesn't understand all of it so she is now under the assumption, and will stay at that assumption, that the \$8.6 Million is the carryover amount that we saw for January 2011. She said that was the correct dollar amount being brought over; it will remain so from this point forward, and that will be the 2010 fund balance, correct? Mr. Gillian said yes; the January 2011 original opening balance is fixed at \$8.6 Million. Mrs. Reynolds said she is going to accept that figure and from this day forward that will be the fund balance we report on and if anything changes from this point forward, she is going to ask for full documentation of the changes. Mr. Gillian said that is the beginning year balance. Mrs. Reynolds said she understood that; so any changes that are made she will be able to subtract and come out with what the new figure is going to be or add in anything additional. Mr. Gillian said yes; that is the cash balance we had January 1, 2011 and that will never

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change unless there was some sort of horrible error. Mrs. Reynolds said if there is some sort of horrible error, you are going to document a paper trail we can follow. She said when we look at the budget vs. the actual disbursement and she sees words like "cancelled capital project", she goes back and she doesn't know what totals \$2.04 Million in 2007, \$1.852 Million in 2008, \$639,000 in 2009, or \$4.4 Million in 2010. She said whenever we cancel a capital project in any budget year she would like to have a listing of the projects that have been cancelled. Mr. Gillian said mostly it is because we did not receive the grants we applied for on the projects. Mrs. Reynolds said that is fine but if we have a listing of those then every member on this council will know what projects were cancelled, when they were cancelled, and why they were cancelled which she thinks is important for them to know. She said if we have a list then we are all on the same page.

Mrs. Reynolds said in 2009 and 2010 we had dollars remaining in the police fund, the street fund, and the fire fund. She asked if that was due to loss of staff or fringe benefits; what else would have made up those differences. Mr. Gillian said what it boiled down to was every line item had more budgeted than was actually spent but there was a lot of it in the personnel area. Mr. Schock said we lost a person from each department in that too. Mrs. Reynolds said this is \$407,000; she knows we allowed "x" percentage for increases and we allowed for family plan insurance rather than single. She said we are looking at that more closely now doing more actual numbers. Mr. Gillian said he believes the City Manager has changed the budgeting outlook to a less conservative stance.

Mrs. Reynolds said when she was looking at the minutes and how we want to do the minutes; she's bad -- she starts her thought process from what she's read and the audience doesn't always have what she's read. She said her thought process at first on condensed minutes was this is pretty simple just write this down but for the rest of the community they don't have this all in their head. She said it is the same with the finances; she doesn't have all the information Mr. Gillian has in his head when he is doing the books, and we need everything Mr. Gillian has in his head because ultimately we are responsible for those tax dollars.

Mr. Fullenkamp said so after the discussion on Issue II last meeting, the projection was \$8.5 Million in the bank at the end of this year, so are you saying we are essentially going to be flat from here on out. Mr. Gillian said that is the way we are appropriated; perhaps circumstances will be kind to us and we will come out ahead. Mr. Fullenkamp said he would like to sit down sometime and talk about the actual vs. the budgeted; why the big difference and why the confusion on what our balance has been - \$6.0 Million in the bank just six months ago. Mr. Gillian said part of that is his fault more than anyone else's. Mr. Fullenkamp said he's not one for figures but he would like to understand this stuff; why the differences are arising.

Mayor Flaute said the overtimes look good especially the Fire Department. He thanked Acting Chief Turner and said you are doing well there. He said there was also a mention about the St. Helen's Festival; he was there most of the festival and there were zero incidents this year. He said that speaks well of our security and hopefully we will have zero incidents with the TATTOO.

Ms. Campbell asked how often the violations list was printed up. Mr. Murray said every month but it is updated daily. Ms. Campbell asked who did residential now. Mr. Murray said Vaughn Dubose. Ms. Campbell said Vaughn told her she didn't do it anymore. Mr. Murray said she is still doing residential and the Police Department does grass. Ms. Campbell said Vaughn told me she didn't do it anymore so she wanted to get that straight. She said after her surgery, she couldn't cut her grass and Vaughn brought her some paperwork; she asked Vaughn if she was going to write her up for

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the grass and Vaughn said she didn't do residential anymore. Mr. Murray said he would clarify that.

ITEM 14: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: There were no public comments on agenda items.

ITEM 15: NEW BUSINESS:

I. RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Resolution No. 11-R-1566 authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application for funding under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA-SVAA) and authorizing the expenditure of matching funds.**

Mr. Murray said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to submit a VOCA grant application and authorizes the expenditure of matching funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Schock to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1566. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Mayor Flaute asked Ms. Lori Bricker, Riverside's Victim Advocate, to come forward and talk about the program as well as a little about herself.

Ms. Bricker said the funds available for the VOCA-SVAA grant did not change from last year to this year. She said last year the total funding was \$44,100 and the city is going to actually see a savings of almost \$7,000 this year due to only matching 25%; it was closer to 37% last year.

Ms. Bricker said council wanted to know some of the weaknesses and strengths she's found since she's been in the position and she thinks the biggest strength is that there has been a solid foundation built in the Victim Services Program. She said she would attribute that to Shiloh because she doesn't know who preceded her. She said another strength for the program is her accessibility to the police reports and the timeliness in which she can get in touch with the victims to make them aware of our services. She said she thinks that is an advantage we have over other programs such as Artemis or similar programs where they are waiting for the police to get the reports to them.

Ms. Bricker said the biggest weakness is also being in close proximity to the Police Station; people hear if they want to visit me, they have to come here and she thinks that intimidates a lot of our witnesses. She said a lot of our victims are victims today but are perpetrators tomorrow so they are a little put off by that. She said trying to set up a neutral ground at the court or just someplace neutral seems to help a little bit but she didn't think that was anything we could overcome. Mayor Flaute said that was something to think about though; there might be other places in the city we could find for that.

Ms. Bricker said the goal of the VOCA program this year is to increase services to our underserved population; trying to identify the underserved population in Riverside has been a little bit of a challenge for her because she doesn't live in this area and she's new to the position. She said certainly our elderly population has been underserved and she didn't believe we had sought out any services to reach them. She said a lot of times the elderly population doesn't even realize they are being victimized; adult children moving back home and taking advantage financially or selling their prescription drugs, things of that nature; so her goal is to focus on outreach to the elderly population and make them aware before they do become victims.

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Ms. Bricker said the other big underserved population she has personally identified is our adolescents; she didn't know if that was a result of the officer being pulled out of the school or not but the only victims that have initiated contact with her so far have been parents of children in the schools who have either been victims of cyberbullying, sexting, or dating violence; so that is going to be a huge project she is taking on as well. She said she will be getting out in the schools and do presentations to educate not only the teachers, parents, and the students but just the community in general to make them aware. She said she thinks the social media is far ahead of where anybody else in this room is and she didn't think anyone anticipated how quickly that was going to become a runaway train and it is very much victimizing people. She said the anonymity of that makes it difficult for the police to pursue charges as well.

Ms. Bricker said then lastly it would be the LGBTQ Community; she's not sure what that is here in Riverside but she does hope to uncover that and reach out to those people as well.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked for a brief summary of the services offered. Ms. Bricker said for direct services, she makes sure victims are aware of when their court cases are going to pre-trial or if there is an arraignment on their suspect she will accompany any of the victims to court and sit with them before the trial, prepare them to give a victim impact statement, prepare them for trial, or escort them to the domestic relations court to obtain a civil protection order. She said there isn't a lot she won't do but those seem to be the most popular services people take advantage of. She said she also helps them apply for victims of crime compensation or registering with the vine hotline. Deputy Mayor Smith asked what kinds of crime she is dealing with. Ms. Bricker said all violent crimes; domestic violence is well over 60% but she is seeing some stalking, assaults, and other crimes.

With no further discussion: All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

- b. Resolution No. 11-R-1567 recognizing the Valley Worship Center's Thanksgiving Dinner as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the Citizens of the City of Riverside.**

Mr. Murray said this resolution recognizes the Valley Worship Center's Thanksgiving Dinner as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the Citizens of the City of Riverside.

A motion was made by Mr. Schock to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1567. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

Ms. Campbell thanked Pastor Woodie for being here tonight.

Mr. Schock said there is a dollar amount on the resolution. Mayor Flaute said it says not to exceed \$500 so we should decide on a number.

Mrs. Reynolds said she was going to go back to her earlier conversation with council on us looking at what we are going to do for the remainder of this year. She said she is going to ask that we change the amount to \$250; we have \$2,280 in the account right now which has been cut in half from last year. She asked Pastor Woodie if \$250 would help their organization. Pastor Woodie said any amount is helpful; we are dependant on donations and help from businesses. Mrs. Reynolds asked what the dinner costs. Pastor Woodie said our costs are generally around \$1,500 to put the event on and the giving varies from year to year; sometimes we borrow from ourselves. Mrs. Reynolds said so \$250 would be a help to you. Pastor Woodie said sure, any amount is helpful and he wouldn't want to appear ungrateful for the generosity of council. Mrs.

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Reynolds said she knows Ms. Campbell feels, as we all feel, it's a very worthy organization and you do good work there but she looks at all the other organizations and we have such limited funds this year. She said as it stands right now, she would suggest \$250 and if we should get more money, there is nothing to say we can't do more later on.

Ms. Campbell said it's down as \$500 and she would rather go with that.

Mr. Schock said we should have left it blank. He said if the majority of council agrees with Mrs. Reynolds then he thought that's what we should go to because he didn't want it to fail due to the \$500. Mr. Schock said he thought he should withdraw his motion and council should vote on an amount.

Mrs. Reynolds said the legislation is written with a "not to exceed" amount so any amount between zero and \$500 is what we can approve. Mr. Schock said but the amount was not in his motion.

Mr. Schock withdrew his motion.

Mr. Schock said Mrs. Reynolds' recommendation is to donate \$250 and he would like to call a vote on that. Mrs. Reynolds said her recommendation would be to limit all donations to that amount. Mr. Schock suggested they do this one step at a time.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he would vote for \$250; Mr. Denning agreed to \$250; and Mr. Fullenkamp agreed to \$250

Mr. Schock made a motion to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1567 with a \$250 donation. Mrs. Reynolds seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

Mayor Flaute thanked Pastor Woodie and said we really do appreciate the work they do in the community and it is a small token for that. Mr. Schock told Pastor Woodie that this money actually comes from the Mayor's fund for marrying people. Mayor Flaute said it's the most enjoyable thing he does as Mayor.

- c. **Resolution No. 11-R-1568 by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio authorizing the City Manager to negotiate an agreement regarding Public-Safety Dispatch.**

Mr. Murray said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to negotiate an agreement regarding Public-Safety Dispatching.

A motion was made by Mr. Schock to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1568. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Mrs. Reynolds asked if we expected the agreement to be finalized by July 7th. Mr. Murray said yes.

Ms. Campbell said she attended the meeting the other night and the agreement sounded pretty good.

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

- d. **Resolution No. 11-R-1569 authorizing the City Manager to submit an amended application to Montgomery County for a Community Development**

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**Block Grant for the City of Riverside's
Neighborhood Stabilization Program.**

Mr. Murray said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to submit an amended application to Montgomery County for the Community Development Block Grant for the city's Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Schock to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1569. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Ms. Campbell asked what this was for. Mr. Murray said this is to tear down more dilapidated structures in Riverside. He said we submitted an application and the county suggested we submit for more money.

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

- e. **Resolution No. 11-R-1570 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a supplemental agreement with the Board of Montgomery County Commissioners for the Laws Mobile Home Clearance Project.**

Mr. Murray said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a supplemental agreement with the Board of Montgomery County Commissioners for the Laws Mobile Home Clearance Project. He said this extends the contract.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1570. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Ms. Campbell said the \$76,000 is to help them clean up Law's Mobile Home Park. Mr. Murray said it's to take away the trailers. Ms. Campbell said she thought somebody purchased the park to do that and asked why we were paying for it. Mr. Murray said this was part of the agreement to entice them to purchase the park. Ms. Campbell said we could have had all that cleared out. Mr. Murray said we tried to get it condemned and the county wouldn't do that. Ms. Campbell said when the commissioners were here they said they were shutting everything down. Mr. Murray said it didn't happen. Ms. Campbell said right, because the guy that bought it knew he was going to get \$76,000 to buy the thing.

Mr. Fullenkamp said so this is just to extend the time we have to get the job done. Mr. Murray said yes.

Ms. Campbell said she asked about this before and we are not getting the straight story on this stuff.

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

- f. **Resolution No. 11-R-1571 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a supplemental agreement with the Board of Montgomery County Commissioners for the Neighborhood Stabilization Project.**

Mr. Murray said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a supplemental agreement with the Board of Montgomery County Commissioners for the Neighborhood Stabilization Project.

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A motion was made by Mr. Schock to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1571. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. Motion passed.

ITEM 16: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mr. Curtis Haddix of Richland Avenue said this concerns a house on Byesville which he spoke to Deputy Chief Brown about starting around 3 months ago. He said his wife stays at a house located on Byesville several days a week and kids from another house were playing ball with a portable hoop they moved out in the road. He said they were bouncing the ball off his wife's car every so often and she told them they shouldn't be playing in the street. He said the kids' grandmother and her daughter came out and jumped all over my wife. He said they told her they owned the road and called her some bad names. He said he called the police who came out and told them to move the hoop back into the yard which they did for two days. He said then they moved it back out in the road at which point he came over and talked with Deputy Chief Brown.

Mr. Haddix said he didn't think there was a uniform policy on this because one officer told them they couldn't play in the street and then one officer said they could. He said it's getting out of hand and he thinks the kids are putting one up to bouncing the ball off the car. He said it's been going on three months now. He said he also thinks there is drug dealing going on and the other day they egged his house; nobody else on the street would egg his house but he can't prove it.

Mr. Haddix said they also have pit bulls at the house and he would like to know if they have to have insurance on the dogs. Mr. Schock said he thought that was a State of Ohio rule. Mr. Haddix said they have my wife scared and her blood pressure is up; things have gotten worse and they are agitating it.

Mr. Haddix said we're also required to have gravel down to park our cars on and these people have four cars beside their house parked on grass. He said they also accused his wife of aiming a rifle at them and we don't even own a rifle. He said they've teed him off and he's trying to let the police handle it but they are ignoring what the police tell them.

Mayor Flaute thanked Mr. Haddix for coming in and said we do sympathize with you; he asked Mr. Haddix to see the City Manager after the meeting to get some code enforcement out there. Mr. Schock suggested he speak with the City Manager and Deputy Chief Brown because he can educate them on the hoops which we can have the service department remove.

ITEM 17: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Deputy Mayor Smith said he wanted to wish everyone a Happy Fourth of July and next week is TATTOO.

Mrs. Reynolds thanked the audience for being here this evening and said she appreciated Mr. Haddix taking his time to come to council and make them aware of what's going on in our city – it takes a lot for someone to come to council with problems like that. She said she wanted to thank all the commissions they met with this evening; they are doing such good jobs and she appreciates it.

Mrs. Reynolds congratulated the graduating class from Stebbins and Carroll High School this year. She said to look in the paper at all those children who are going out in the world on their own now; going on to school, going into the military, or going on to jobs – it's exciting to see.

Mrs. Reynolds said Happy Forth to everybody; please be safe and remember what the day is -- Independence Day; there are certain people that have served long and hard to make sure we have that independence.

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Mrs. Reynolds said we also have a new barbershop in town, The Valley Barbershop, and she has coupons, during June he is offering a special - \$5.00 haircuts. She said she is going to see if he cuts women's hair, she has been there a couple times and he is busy. She said he has been a resident of our community for many years, his name is Billy Cole, and if you get a chance, stop in and see him.

Mrs. Reynolds said in the next week or so council has a homework assignment to get to the City Manager for the service department and one of the things she is looking at is the Fair Park, Ohio website. She said there is something very neat going on there with storm water and she asked the council members to look at the website.

Mrs. Reynolds thanked staff, council, and the clerk.

Ms. Campbell said she would like Mr. Murray to check on a curfew; we used to have a curfew, they just don't enforce it anymore. She said at 2:00 a.m. Monday she caught some kids grabbing people's trash and throwing it on vehicles; she called the police twice and nobody came out to talk to the kids. She said she was curious where they were.

Mayor Flaute said he went to the Mayors & Managers meeting on Wednesday and we had a PR guy from Governor Kasich's office speak to us; that poor guy had a tough time but he got through it.

Mayor Flaute said he would be attending the Mayor's Association meeting in Lancaster, Ohio and he will bring back a report on what he learns. He said his attendance will give the city a free membership in the organization for next year. He also reviewed a copy of Forest Murmurs and the music series schedule.

Mayor Flaute said one of the favorite things he does as Mayor is marry people but he also has had the opportunity to read to a lot of school children and one of the favorite books of his own kids was Yurtle the Turtle. He said he read the book to some kindergartners and they wanted to hear it again. He said he got a very nice thank you from the head start folks at Stevenson School and it was very fun.

Mayor Flaute said lastly, yesterday he became the grandfather of three children. He said his daughter has been fostering the three children for the last two years and we made everything official yesterday. He said we had a big party and we have some grandkids in the family now.

ITEM 18: EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no executive session.

ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Schock to adjourn. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council