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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; Katie Knisley, Assistant City Manager; Mike Brown, Police Department; Bob Turner, 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: Mrs. Reynolds asked that Item 22, Executive Session, be added to discuss personnel.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. 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, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:

a. Code Enforcement Presentation

Mr. Chodkowski said previously Council asked to be briefed on our code enforcement process and in addition to that, he has invited Judge Piergies, who has handled a fair piece of our case load, and Ray Dundes, our Prosecutor, for the presentation and discussion. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on the city's code enforcement process, reviewing history, photos, and some specific cases.

Mr. Chodkowski said in 2007, he was asked to evaluate code enforcement as part of the Community Appearance Plan. He said at that time the Planning and Zoning Administrator devoted roughly 20 hours per week to the code enforcement process and there was a Code Enforcement Officer that devoted anywhere from 20 to 35 hours per week to the process. He said there are 9,500 parcels in the city with the majority being residential and for the kind of task we wanted to accomplish; this was not going to get the job done. He said we also looked at past practices and statistics; 2005 – 417 total violations logged and 2006 – 951 total violations logged.

Mr. Chodkowski said we made significant changes in the spring of 2007 to bring about a more expedient process; we amended the Exterior Property Maintenance Code, we established active and passive code enforcement periods, and included the Police Department personnel during the active period. He said at the end of 2007 the city logged 2,246 violations. He said the complaints logged didn't really impact our serious issues; a lot of motion but not much progress. He said during the passive period we evaluated the process again and during the next three years, there was a considerable increase in what are the most offensive and most noticeable violations. He reviewed the statistics for 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked what violations would be included in the other category. Mr. Chodkowski said peeling paint and activities in Law's Trailer Park is where the majority of the "other" violations came from.

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Mr. Chodkowski said every Police Officer that has road patrol duty is assigned a series of streets within the community to patrol and look for these three types of violations: grass, weeds, and vehicles - easily identifiable when in the course of performing community patrol service. He displayed some photos and explained the tagging process.

Mayor Flaute asked why the officer wouldn't just tell the Code Enforcement Officer where the violation is at. Mr. Chodkowski said we are trying to address as many violations as we can with maximum efficiency and the officers are required to provide a presence. Mayor Flaute said when the officer pulls out the green stickers then he becomes confrontational. Mr. Chodkowski said at some point in time when you are addressing code violations, someone is going to have to be confrontational whether it is passive or active aggression.

Mr. Chodkowski said everyone is given 10 days to correct the violation or appeal the violation. He said if no contact is received from the person in violation, then the Code Enforcement Officer is given a list of properties that are due to be compliant and it is her job to verify if the property owner did what they were told to do. He said if the property is compliant the case is closed; if the property is not compliant then the Planning and Zoning Administrator will begin to make arrangements to establish abatement of the nuisance. He said in most instances we are either towing vehicles or we are cutting grass. He said any bills to the property owners that are not paid by August are then assessed to the tax role.

Mayor Flaute asked if on properties that are foreclosed, do we work with the contractor that works for the foreclosure company and tell them we are going to be doing this. Mr. Chodkowski said yes, if we have the information to contact them. Mayor Flaute said he would give Mr. Chodkowski the name of a person he got in Washington D.C. that can access a system that will give all that information and tell us who the contractor is. Mr. Chodkowski said we also have absentee landlords who give us information on who we can contact to cut grass when it is not being done. He said most the time we try to make arrangements with those who are willing.

Mr. Chodkowski said as far as outside storage, debris, signage, drainage problems, and etc; we communicate with the property owner via letter with a photograph attached to demonstrate what the violation is. He displayed an example and said the letter gives the property owner 10 days to become compliant. He said these violations are identified by the Code Enforcement Officer. He said if the property is not compliant in 10 days we send a follow up letter and then if it is not done we send an order of compliance that specifically directs the violation be corrected or have the matter referred to Montgomery County Municipal Court. He said anything that is found not to be compliant at this stage is forwarded on to the Prosecutor to be taken to the eastern division court for criminal proceedings.

Mrs. Reynolds said at this point, how many days from the initial violation notice have passed. Mr. Chodkowski said if everything goes as scheduled, 30 days, but because of mailings and inspection dates, it's probably more like 35 to 40 days.

Mr. Chodkowski said for 2011; Council has recently amended the Exterior Property Maintenance Code regarding some of our notification processes to residents who are in violation of the code; tonight there is legislation asking Council to consider amendments to the Nuisance Abatement Code; and much to the chagrin of all his staff, there is a very detailed update to policy and procedure so we can increase accountability in commitment to this effort to all parties involved. He said additionally, we are going to trim our notification process by sending one 10 day compliance notification and then limit our order of compliance by 5 days which will eliminate 20 days of waiting on uncooperative owners. He said we are also going to

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provide additional notations on the photographs attached to the letters so the property owner has a better understanding of what is out of compliance. He said we are also evaluating the use of civil fines as another means to compel compliance; several other communities do utilize civil fines as part of the process.

Mayor Flaute asked for an explanation of civil fines vs. what is being done now. Mr. Chodkowski said what is happening now is we are asking the court to find someone guilty of a criminal misdemeanor crime for not keeping their property in a certain condition which is a lengthy and cumbersome process. He said the civil fine process gives a monetary fine to someone in violation which is payable to the city. He said a citizen would not be charged with a criminal act for a civil offense. He said the fine can be reduced if the violation is taken care of within the 10 days and the point is to compel someone to become compliant to the code. He said the revenues earned will help cover our expense to enforce the code and additionally we can recoup a good portion of the fines by selling debt to a collection agency. He said the consequence would not be criminal but it could eventually affect your personal credit.

Mayor Flaute asked if 5 days would be enough time. Mr. Chodkowski said we have already given 10 days to comply before a letter goes out giving 5 additional days.

Ms. Campbell said some people go to Florida for the winter and they turn their lawn furniture up on top of each other to keep stray animals off it; it looks like everything is just piled up. She asked what would be done if the people aren't home. Mr. Chodkowski said typically we don't look at outdoor furniture as a violation of the code; we look at the couch that was in a living room one day and ends up out on the porch the next day. He said we are looking for the recliner that has been chucked to the curb that can sit there for weeks on end. He said we work with those who work with us.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked about exterior paint; 10 days is not enough time to get that done. Mr. Chodkowski said last year we dismissed about 30 of those; we really don't have a way to compel compliance – someone might not have the means or they might not care, we don't have the ability to hire contractors and send them on a property to paint someone's house. He said we do have the ability to tow a vehicle or cut grass and weeds, which is just as unsightly as peeling paint. He said we are trying to get the biggest bang for our buck based on our resources.

Mrs. Reynolds said we are looking at reducing our time frame by half and we are looking at civil ticketing for these to compel people to meet the code. She asked if Mr. Chodkowski had looked at anything that says civil ticketing has been progressive with citizens to make them more aware of their surroundings. Mr. Chodkowski said in some brief conversations we've had with the City of Springfield that uses civil infractions and the City of Dayton it all depends, they have a dual system like we would propose; you can either go criminally or you can go civilly but you can't do both and they tend to be cognizant of those particular items. He cited an example of a local gas station that puts out a sign until papers are served to the court and then the sign goes away for 2 or 3 weeks; the criminal issue doesn't matter to him but what does matter to him is the money. He said in this instance we would increase the fine daily because money matters to him. He said to the vacant property or to the property owner that can't afford the component; we would go, remove the component, and move through the abatement process that way.

Mayor Flaute said there has been a business owner a couple members of Council have been very upset about; he asked how this will change the process for that business owner. Mr. Chodkowski said he didn't know any other term for that business owner than professional. He said in his particular instance we would use the civil fine process and the business owner would probably not respond to the initial notices of violation

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but when we turn around and sell that debt and it becomes a credit issue for him personally or his business, then it would be a different ball game. He said in this instance you would probably not see any greater desire to comply than under the civil method but once the process began, he thought you would see a more willing compliance from him in the future.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked how long we would wait to sell the debt. Mr. Chodkowski said we would initiate that right after a billing cycle is over provided the legislation established a time period of 30 to 45 days. He said we would drop it in a file and when we accumulated enough past due debt to sell, that's when we would turn it over.

Mayor Flaute asked if that would increase the likelihood of getting it done or the speed in which it's done. Mr. Chodkowski said it might help getting things started; you're talking about issuing a citation every day the violation exists, so it would all compound through a 30 to 45 day process and maybe the business owner would get wise and realize if we are citing him every day, it's time to make a phone call to see how it can be fixed. He said the business owner might not care and if he doesn't then you will have to go through the 30 to 45 days it takes to accumulate enough violations to sell the debt off.

Mayor Flaute asked if this was the legislation Council had tonight. Mr. Chodkowski said no; the legislation tonight is in relation to our property maintenance codes where we will go and correct a problem for the property owner if the property owner refuses to comply or is incapable of complying.

Mr. Denning asked if the civil fine would be a second step; for example if someone doesn't cut their grass, first you would send a letter giving them 10 days, then if they didn't comply, you would impose a fine. Mr. Chodkowski said if the property was vacant, we would post it for abatement; if the property is occupied, we would probably issue a civil infraction. Mr. Denning said the first time out. Mr. Chodkowski said probably yes; but the process can be worked out in all types of ways and we haven't determined how all that would work yet. Mr. Denning said he would like to see a warning ticket first.

Mrs. Reynolds said she thought Council would need to have a public awareness campaign going on to make sure the public knows of all of the changes we are going to make and to know the structure of the fines they might be required to pay. She asked when the City Manager anticipated having the civil ticketing piece in place. Mr. Chodkowski said the legislation is drafted and ready to go with a couple minor modifications; what we need to work on is the process. He said he would very much like to have this ready to bring forth at the tail end of the season; he didn't know if it would be beneficial to change course half way through the season. Mrs. Reynolds said she thought with the legislation, they would also need to see the process at the same time as well as the fine structure and the public awareness campaign. She said people might see this as a revenue stream and it's not; it's cleaning up the community and making it better.

Mayor Flaute asked what about properties such as the one at 667 Wagon Wheel that has been out of compliance for 6 years now. He said it's getting much worse and it's in a beautiful neighborhood. Mr. Chodkowski said he wasn't familiar with it. Mayor Flaute said there are numerous violations; the house is falling down and now there are branches all over the place due to the ice storm. Mr. Chodkowski asked if the property was vacant. Mayor Flaute said yes; it's owned by some construction company. Mr. Chodkowski said we will continue an effort to abate the property. Mayor Flaute asked if we could start the process of civil fines now so it won't take another 6 years. Mr. Chodkowski said he would have to evaluate that particular situation to see if that would be in the best interest; based on what he remembers about the property, that

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particular owner is not going to give much cause to the civil infraction system and we will need to continue to have to abate the property. Mayor Flaute said he hoped all this work we are doing will help that situation. Mr. Chodkowski said honestly there are crafty folks that continually find ways to work around the system and find loop holes; he cited some examples. He said we are hoping that a financial impact will help with compliance.

Mayor Flaute welcomed Judge Piergies and Mr. Dundes and asked if they had anything to add to the conversation.

Judge Piergies said he had this meeting 15 years ago with the Western Montgomery County City Managers Association on similar issues and it seems to him that Riverside has really started covering the ground we were talking about 15 years ago that needed to be covered. He said these are very tough cases because you have a mix of people; some can do it and don't want to, there are the evaders, there are those that aren't able, and you have to deal with the aging, the poor, and every other thing that goes on. He said what you are proposing seems to make a lot of sense. He said he and Mr. Dundes now have more of an idea of what is going on behind it because when he took the bench, he didn't realize that Riverside had been messing with some of these people for more than a year trying to get them to comply before coming to him. He said he thought he was seeing first time offenders because they seemed surprised when he told them what they were charged with. He said someone took him aside and told him Riverside had been chasing these people for a year – sent letters, notices, pictures, personal visits, and then it began to dawn on him that this is just a game for many people just to try to evade compliance. He said the process you are talking about, especially the civil penalties, gives you a leg up on focusing the attention. He wished the city good luck.

Judge Piergies said he spoke with Mr. Chodkowski and Riverside is still applying misdemeanors which carry up to \$150 fine for a violation. He said many people come to court, plead out, and they are fined. He said they don't pay the fine nor do they fix the property. He said we discussed elevating the minor misdemeanor on a second violation to an M-4 so the court can put time over their head to get them to do what we want them to do. He said the local court of appeals has told us we are not allowed to put people in jail for fines or costs, so if we fine them and they don't pay, we are not allowed to put them in jail. He said it's a misconception a lot of people have is that if you don't do what the court tells you to do, we can arrest you; we can in certain circumstances but failure to pay fines or court costs is not one of those. He said when you have someone who is not compliant and maybe doesn't have the money or maybe does have the money but is just avoiding; if you fine them costs and they just ignore it, you feed into the attitude that they don't have to do anything about it. He said whereas if you have subsequent offenders and you give Mr. Dundes the opportunity to suggest jail time, that usually gets their attention. He said he read that Union County even has M-1 on some of their violations so the hammer of jail time over their heads seems to help. He said when we did the senior Mr. Opperman a year or so ago, we cited him everyday for a couple weeks and he finally did something. He said incarceration sometimes will work; he thinks it does, nobody wants to go to jail especially for a code violation.

Ms. Campbell asked if we couldn't just send someone out to clean it up and attach it to their taxes. Judge Piergies said he didn't know why you couldn't. He said so you know how the process is working now - he receives very few violations in court, and it's rare when one comes through. He said he sees more cases where people call him, say the problem has been fixed and the case can be dismissed. He said he thinks it's getting to the point where you are starting to see that you are making some inroads.

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Mr. Chodkowski said last year we filed 27 cases and only 22 of them went; 5 or 6 were abated before they went to court. Mayor Flaute said probably part of that is Mr. Chodkowski's involvement as well as Mr. Williams and Ms. Dubose; we congratulate all of you on doing that.

Mayor Flaute said we are very happy Judge Piergies and Mr. Dundes could make it to our meeting; we appreciate it very much and ask them back anytime.

Mr. Schock said during our trip to Washington D.C. there was a discussion on the City of Beaverton, Oregon and they used a neighbor complaint system for code violations – one neighbor tattles on another and they never disclose who tattled on them. He said they don't use their Police Department or anything like that. Mayor Flaute said the big push they had was rewarding the neighbors that helped with things such as Good Citizen Awards. He said they also had online reporting. Mr. Chodkowski said we had a generic zoning email account that allowed citizens to report but it was rarely used. He said we do get a lot of neighbor complaints; we find someone in violation and they tell us their neighbor also has a violation.

Mayor Flaute said the example of Beaverton was the neighborhood associations would get together and help the neighbors that weren't able to do the work. He said if someone was out of compliance, they would go and talk to the group. He said they gained a lot of compliance through this group. He said he thought our Health & Safety Commission could be instrumental in helping.

Mr. Schock said we did talk about the way our code is enforced and they thought that was an abrupt way to enforce the code. He said there was also a comparison of our population of 27,000 to their population of 90,000. Mayor Flaute said they have about the same amount of employees as we do for their 90,000 people. Mr. Chodkowski said he would be interested in knowing what the socio/economic demographics are of Beaverton compared to our demographics; he thought that could be one of the components. He said it is not his intent to have the Police Department committed to code enforcement to eternity; the issue we have is that no serious consideration was given to code enforcement until 2007. He said you have 10 years as a city and many years before that as a township where people were left to their own devices. He said this is a matter of being able to bring the situation to a level that is manageable for a person and a half. He said he thought it could be maintained with a person and a half but he didn't think compliance could be established on 2,200 properties out of 9,500 without the Police Department being involved. He said there are some neighborhoods right now where you can't go a block without seeing 4 or 5 inoperable vehicles or outdoor storage or debris issues. He said please don't think it is his intent that the Police Department will forever be involved in code enforcement.

Mr. Schock said just for the record the township started out with Sgt. Wilcox doing the code enforcement and when we found out that didn't work we hired a part time code enforcement person for a population of 1,497. He said we had code enforcement and we didn't let it go.

Mayor Flaute said a lot of the folks at the conference did like the idea of getting the Police Department involved even though they thought it was abrupt.

Mr. Fullenkamp said what the City Manager is saying is that we need to build the culture. Mr. Chodkowski said correct.

Mr. Schock said this was just an example of what we discussed at First Tiers and what may work for one community might not work for another.

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Mr. Denning said he thought this is what we were before 2007, neighbors were calling and we would send somebody out. He said if you look at the numbers that was all we were getting; so he thought the manager was right – we need to get it under control first then maintain from there.

Mayor Flaute said the thing that impressed him was the citizen involvement and maybe we can get to that. Mr. Denning said sometimes that can be a negative thing.

b. Board Interview: Personnel Appeals Board

Mayor Flaute asked Ms. Francesca Hary to come to the podium and tell Council a little about herself.

Ms. Hary said she has been a life long resident of Mad River Township, now the City of Riverside and she lives in Seville which she loves. She said she is also the Branch Manager of the Burkhardt Branch of the Dayton Metro Library System and she hopes to retire from OPERS in a few years. She said she has been sitting on this committee for a number of years; this would be her second reappointment and she asks graciously that Council allow her to stay on the committee.

Mayor Flaute asked if there was any way she could help them get a library in Riverside. He said they have heard rumors that the Burkhardt Library could be in trouble. Ms. Hary said we have 21 libraries and Burkhardt is on the second tier. She said they are ranked by the number of people who visit and circulation and Burkhardt is number one on the second tier of libraries. Mayor Flaute said there's not any concern they are going to close it. Ms. Hary said she has been assured Burkhardt is not on any type of list; she said we can't merge because we are land locked. She said ideally she would like to be in Airway Shopping Center but there is no way to do that; she will be very lucky to get funds for much needed maintenance on the current building. She said if the economy picks up and they consolidate branches, there might be a chance of moving to a bigger location.

Mr. Schock said he was concerned about today's technology with e-books; he asked if Ms. Hary saw that taking over the libraries in the next 10 years. Ms. Hary said no, the printed book is here to stay; it goes back to the Egyptians with papyrus and the Library of Alexandria. She said there are limited amounts of product available on the e-readers and it's also money; people are coming to the libraries because they don't want to put out the money for the latest novel when they can wait for the library copy. She said so many of us have grown up with picture books, the Hardy Boys, etc. and we are not going to get rid of paper any time soon. Mr. Schock said they are talking about a program now for the e-readers for share files. Ms. Hary said Random House has a program called Overdrive where most libraries their electronic books and they will sell you the rights to the latest best seller but after a few checkouts, the copy is deleted from the computer. She said you can't snuggle up with an e-reader and an electronic copy of a book will eventually time out.

Ms. Hary said people do use the libraries; even during the wind storm of 2008, people came in and charged their phones; people want their laptops; but there is still a digital divide. She said there is e-government and more people are getting there tax forms online so we are necessary to help some people get that connection but books are our bread and butter; books are not going to go away. Mayor Flaute asked if they had a wireless connection. Ms. Hary said yes; but it's not 24/7 – it's limited to the hours the library is open which is a lot.

Mayor Flaute asked if he could find the library some computers to put into some space at Airway Shopping Center, would the library be interested in something like that. He also asked what the usage was of the computers presently available at the library. Ms.

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Hary said at the Burkhardt Branch we have 9 computers and those are used more often than any other branch; they are used all the time. She said there is definitely a need for more but we do not physically have the space and again, we are limited by funding.

Ms. Hary invited Council to come any time for a branch tour and said she would show them what could be done in very little space.

Mayor Flaute said he heard that the goal of the library is that every resident is within 15 minutes of a library and he believes the only places that doesn't happen is Airway Shopping Center and Stebbins High School. Ms. Hary said you do have Huber up the street and they are the largest and busiest branch in the system. She said MVRPC had it so from any where in the county you are within 15 minutes of a public library. Mayor Flaute said so all of Riverside can get to a library within 15 minutes. Ms. Hary said yes.

Mayor Flaute said he's sorry they asked her all the library questions. He asked Council if there was consensus to bring forward the legislation to reappoint Ms. Hary. There was consensus and Ms. Hary said she would be glad to serve.

c. Discussion: Major Intersections Cameras

Ms. Campbell asked if there was a way to get a list of the intersections that had the most accidents, such as Valley/Harshman, Woodman/Linden, Airway/Harshman, etc. Mr. Chodkowski said yes, MVRPC keeps those types of statistics and we might be able to pull some information from our police reports depending on how they are categorized. Ms. Campbell asked he check on what it might cost to put cameras up. Mr. Chodkowski asked if she was referring to red-light cameras. Ms. Campbell said something to go back to in case there is an accident. Mr. Denning asked if she wanted a visual camera or one that writes tickets. Ms. Campbell said both.

Mr. Chodkowski said that was an item he and Chief Reiss discussed last year and we decided on the civil infraction enforcement instead. He said he has done some preliminary research which he will dust off and bring out. He said the major intersections that would most likely receive those devices would be Valley/Harshman, Woodman/Linden, Airway/Harshman, and Burkhardt/Woodman. He said that wouldn't be just because of accidents, it would be because of traffic volume. He said typically there is no cost to establish those cameras because then the systems are set with civil fines. He said we would agree with a contractor to establish the system and the contractor would take a proportionate share of the fines until the costs were paid.

Deputy Mayor Smith said we have had that discussion at Council in the past and the majority of the money generated goes back to the contractor. Mayor Flaute said he thought that got better as time goes on. Mr. Chodkowski said he wasn't sure; all they had was a preliminary discussion. Deputy Mayor Smith said we did look at it and he thought Council decided they were better off to leave it alone.

Mayor Flaute agreed and said there wasn't significant interest in the past; he asked if that had changed. Mrs. Reynolds said she wasn't interested. Deputy Mayor Smith said if you review the police reports, they wrote 231 tickets last month; he asked if speed was a big issue in Riverside. Mr. Chodkowski said it's all relevant.

Mr. Schock said the way he understood it is a contractor comes in and puts up the equipment then once the equipment pays for itself, the city receives 80%. He said he wouldn't mind having them – they are a deterrent.

Mr. Chodkowski said every situation is different; some communities contract with the camera company to do everything from installation to review to appeals – that takes a

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big chunk; some just contract for installation and maintenance. He said he didn't know all the terms and conditions but there are some jurisdictions in the area that rely on these types of devices to maintain fluidity at intersections. He said one of the biggest problems we have, and he saw it this morning at Valley/Harshman, is when a left turn lane has a green light, then both lanes of traffic get the green light, everyone that was turning left just keeps turning left because they don't want to wait on the next cycle. He said they serve a purpose more than just the financial benefit.

Mr. Fullenkamp said that could be a timing issue with the lights. Mr. Chodkowski said not necessarily; he would say when the intersections were constructed, they weren't constructed to handle the volume of traffic there is now. Mayor Flaute said Valley is going to be straightened out though. Mr. Chodkowski said Valley would be repaved but it can't be widened because of the restaurants.

Mayor Flaute said he didn't think it was the money in the past and he didn't want to put words in mouths of past Councils but it was more of big brother watching over us type issue.

Ms. Campbell said you see on the news where a store or a bank has been robbed and a camera catches it; would these cameras pick up anything like that? She said maybe some of the businesses would put up their own cameras to help the city out. Mr. Chodkowski said Englewood has live feed cameras on all their major intersections; those are on a taped delay and they can watch what is going on in real time. Mayor Flaute asked if they issued citations and Mr. Chodkowski said no. Mr. Chodkowski said other communities have motion activated cameras.

Ms. Campbell asked if the cameras worked at night time. Mr. Chodkowski said yes. Ms. Campbell said in some of the plats the cameras are square and you could put one at the end of a street and see all the way down if something were to happen. Mr. Schock said you're talking about in the plats but we were talking about just major intersections. Ms. Campbell said maybe for later, something to stop all the thieving and break-ins as well as people running stop signs. Mr. Denning asked if she wanted security cameras or traffic control cameras. Ms. Campbell said it depends on the situation of where the camera is at.

Mr. Wellman said he made a right on red at the Valley/Stanley intersection and got a citation. He said he had no choice but to pay the citation and then he was supposed to have the opportunity to have his day in court but he was never notified. He said it was a contractor from Arizona working for the City of Dayton. Deputy Chief Brown said the contractor City of Dayton uses installed the cameras, maintains them, and they send out the citations. He said the fines are \$100 and are split 65/35. He said for the appeal process, there is a Dayton Officer assigned to hold the hearings. He said to activate the cameras in Dayton you had to maintain a speed of 15 MPH; less than 15 MPH would not activate the camera.

An audience member said if you put up cameras there could be a percentage of people that will just by-pass Riverside to avoid them.

Mayor Flaute polled the Council and found there was not enough interest to bring further information forward.

d. Discussion: Council Membership on Commissions

Mayor Flaute said there were many emails going back and forth – some people wanted this, some didn't and there are good reasons for both sides. He said the benefit would be that everyone on Council would know what the commissions are thinking because the Council ex-officio would be responsible for reporting on what's going on. He said

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the way it is now, there is a staff person and we don't ask for anything and they don't give us anything. Mr. Schock said we get the minutes. Mayor Flaute said we do, maybe a month later. He said if we had people on commissions they could report to Council maybe during Council Member Comments.

Mayor Flaute said the fear he has heard and agrees with is that sometimes Council Members can be a little intimidating or suggest Council, as a whole, might not go along with something. He said the commissions might stop discussing something that needs further discussion and he doesn't want to see ideas and discussion stifled.

Mr. Schock said the reason we have the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager sit on these committees is because they are more aware of the day to day activities and exactly what's going on. Mayor Flaute said that's true but he would like to give an example: Council was working on the budget and during that time in the fall he attended a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting and at the meeting he heard that the budget had gotten rid of all the port-a-johns in all the parks. He said he wasn't aware of that which he then came back to Council and had the item addressed. He said that would have never happened had he not just accidentally gone to the Parks meeting.

Mrs. Reynolds said the Mayor has used this point before and that is a concern she has; why would the Parks & Recreation Commission know about that before the Council knew. She said did staff share that with the committee before it was shared with Council. Mr. Chodkowski said there was specific email traffic between council and staff before that commission meeting where the removal of the port-a-johns was clearly discussed. Mayor Flaute said it was a mistake but the only reason he brings it up is because it was an advantage that made a significant difference in our community.

Mr. Denning said the budget wasn't done yet so we brought it back up and put the port-a-johns back in. He said he thought that was going to happen whether or not the Parks & Recreation Commission knew about the situation or not. He said the commission was getting upset about something that wasn't final yet.

Mr. Chodkowski said the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was after the first reading of the budget ordinance and there was a discussion about the use of the restrooms at the concession stands. He said a comment was made that it wasn't a big deal because the port-a-johns were there. He said at that point he and Ms. Knisley realized that wasn't the case because based on the next budget those had been removed. He said it was between the first and second readings that we had a chance to add those back.

Mayor Flaute said it was just one of the advantages he saw because we don't see the minutes of those meetings for a month or until they are approved.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he thought council should give staff the direction to report on what was discussed at the commission meetings.

Mrs. Reynolds said even though Mayor Flaute attended that meeting, there wasn't anything he could do that night. She said the only thing a council member can say or do at a commission meeting is offer our thoughts or ideas; we can't speak with any authority other than the one vote authority we have.

Mr. Denning said to him, they either have council members on each committee as a liaison or we don't have anybody on any of the committees – one or the other. He said he thought the committees that had an ex-officio member of council had an advantage because they had a champion for that particular committee when it comes to information and bringing things forward to council. He said he sees an advantage with

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the Multimodal Transportation Commission having an extra person, a council member, there. He said he sat on the Parks & Recreation Commission and saw a definite disadvantage because a lot of times they have questions for Council before the every six month joint session system we have. He said he thought the commissions a lot of times felt they are being left out in the field and some of them are.

Ms. Campbell said she attended a Planning Commission meeting one night, she thought Mrs. Reynolds was there too, and the commission was discussing a piece of property. She said they kept from saying where the location was like they didn't want us to hear it. Mayor Flaute said do you think they were stifled by your presence. Ms. Campbell said yes; that was the way she felt.

Mr. Schock said the problem is one council member at a commission meeting is one opinion; they can't speak for the whole council.

Mr. Denning said he understood that but we talk to each other and we have a feel for the way something should go. He said the answer should be; I don't know, I'll ask council but at least the commission will have information on how council feels within 30 days.

Mrs. Reynolds said she received a communication from a committee chair this afternoon. She read the email from Ms. Lori Luckner, Chair of the Multimodal Transportation Commission, stating Ms. Luckner's opinion which supported the continuation of council representation on their committee. Ms. Luckner further stated she thought it had been very beneficial and she felt all committees should be working committees and not just advisory. Ms. Luckner suggested checking with each committee to see if they wanted council representation. A full copy of Ms. Luckner's letter is attached.

Mr. Schock said if you listen to the letter very carefully, they want a council member to sit on their board and speak for the whole council. Mayor Flaute said that's what he is worried about; Ms. Luckner stated the committee can move faster but democracies do not move quickly, democracies are designed to move slowly so we are not a dictatorship.

Mayor Flaute said he sits on Planning Commission and when he first got on there, he gave his opinions often but then he realized, especially on the code book rewrite, that he should shut up. He said it is going to come back to council and council will have the discussion again.

Mayor Flaute said we could solve the problem of not knowing what went on until we get the minutes by putting something on the agenda where staff updates us about the meetings they attended. Mr. Schock said that's a good idea; it can be a very brief summary.

Mrs. Reynolds asked of the staff that sits on the committees, how often are they faced with legal questions or council's desire types of questions. Mr. Chodkowski said he doesn't want to speak for Ms. Knisley but when he represented council's interest on the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Health & Safety Commission, the majority of their discussion and questions were not related to their business; it was they heard something was going on or is this road going to be rebuilt or they heard something about someone. He said that was the majority of the discussion that went on in both those organizations and the questions he was asked were not related to the topic. He said often there was nothing to report back.

Mayor Flaute said his gut feeling is to leave the council representatives on the committees that have them and see if the other commissions want one of us there.

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Mrs. Reynolds asked Mr. Denning if he saw any problems with being on the Multimodal Transportation Commission and Mr. Denning said no.

Mr. Chodkowski said he doesn't lobby for the commission's items; his and Ms. Knisley's job is to hold council's interest, we do speak for council at those meetings and if the commissions have a suggestion that is not in line with the direction council has provided, it dies on the vine. He said Mr. Denning can come back and say he knows council gave the city manager this direction but the Multimodal Transportation Commission had this great idea; that is the only difference he would see.

Mrs. Reynolds said Mr. Denning used the term champion an idea and any of us can do that, the committee members just need to call us and give their suggestion. She said I want the boards and commissions to interact just as Ms. Luckner did today. She said she sees this as staff's job to do; they are to work with those committees and they are to stop discussion when it needs to be stopped, continue discussion when it needs to continue, and alert council of any problems.

Mr. Denning said there's nothing to stop any of us from going to those meetings and maybe we need to rotate that among us just so we get a feel of what's going on. He said those committees may or may not be working well together; if one council member goes one month and sees an issue, and another council member goes another month and sees the same thing, then maybe the entire council needs to discuss it.

Mr. Chodkowski asked if he could include meeting summary information on his report. Deputy Mayor Smith asked if council has questions would the manager be able to get answers before the next meeting and Mr. Chodkowski said yes.

Mr. Schock said they can have a representative from their board or commission come to our meeting and lobby for their ideas; he would like to see more interaction too. He said there is not a brick wall here. Mrs. Reynolds said we have two committee members in the audience tonight and both would come to us if they needed something or wanted us to know something. She said she loves it when people send her emails and talk to her.

e. Discussion: Follow up on Laptops for Council

Ms. Campbell said she just wanted to check on this with Mr. Fullenkamp; he brought it up before. Mr. Fullenkamp said she knows his view and is the discussion on how we can provide that. Mr. Schock said we have a pretty lean budget. Mr. Fullenkamp asked if there was any prerogative for someone who doesn't travel; would council allow them to use some of their travel money to buy a city owned computer.

Ms. Campbell said the funds would just have to be moved to another account. Mayor Flaute said we did that when we bought equipment for the clerk so he thought that could be done. Deputy Mayor Smith said we did that at the last meeting for Mr. Schock so he could use part of his travel money to support a golf game.

Mr. Fullenkamp said he thought we had an avenue to support this; \$500 buys a really nice laptop these days. Mr. Denning said just because we can doesn't mean we should.

Ms. Campbell said some of you may already have a laptop and you may not want to. Mr. Denning said is it really a worthwhile situation to have a laptop one way or another. He said if you really think you need a laptop, you get a paycheck from the city every month, go buy one.

Deputy Mayor Smith said the issue is who does the laptop belong to – the council member or the city. He said some of us go to these conferences to gather information

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and that stays with our person, it becomes our property; whereas, if you take the same money and buy a laptop; it becomes city property. Mr. Chodkowski said anything on the computer belongs to the city. Mayor Flaute said if you accidentally send a personal email on that computer it belongs to the city.

Ms. Campbell said she was for this because she didn't have online at home to get her emails. Mayor Flaute said buying a laptop won't help that; you will still need wireless internet. Ms. Campbell said she has internet at home now and it doesn't matter to her; she was just curious to see where we were at on the subject. Mayor Flaute said the idea just kind of died; there really wasn't a decision to stop or move forward.

Mr. Denning said there is a company in Cincinnati that refurbishes equipment from companies that upgrade their IT systems every few years. He said another idea is if the police are getting new laptops for their cruisers and we were getting the old ones where there wasn't any cost to the taxpayers, he would be more interested in that. He said we would be using taxpayer money to buy equipment that is just used by this council. Ms. Campbell said well you take trips on the taxpayers' money when you can get on a laptop and go anywhere in the world you want to go.

Mr. Fullenkamp said he believed that people should have the tools they need and the city should support that. He said as long as we are reasonable about it; he doesn't have a problem with it. He said there are a lot of ways to do this and we'd just have to look.

Mayor Flaute asked if it was council's will to allow the expenditure of travel money for equipment. Mr. Schock said it is more than that; you have to have the software. He said we also need to consider if the clerk is ready to send out the packet on flash drives. Mr. Fullenkamp said as of this week the packet is available online.

Mrs. Reynolds said Mr. Denning brought up a good point about the group in Cincinnati; she is familiar with them and suggested he hook Ms. Campbell up so she could get some pricing. She said she didn't know that they wanted to arbitrarily say its okay to transfer just any amount. She asked if Ms. Campbell was the only one that wanted a computer. Ms. Campbell said you are the one that originally brought it up. Mrs. Reynolds said she knows; but we first talked about setting up stations on the council desk and all being on the same page, working from the network. Mr. Fullenkamp said that's a different situation. Mrs. Reynolds said she doesn't need a laptop but Ms. Campbell has to determine what she needs. She said what she wanted to see was us all set up and be able to hook in with everybody at the city building and go into files when we needed to do those kinds of things. She said just having a laptop won't give her that capability.

Mr. Fullenkamp said that's a different application and a different topic but as we creep towards paperless, it's going to be important.

Mrs. Reynolds said she didn't have any problem with Ms. Campbell using her travel money for a laptop just as Mr. Schock used his money for a golf outing.

A majority of Council agreed the funds could be used for a laptop.

ITEM 7: RECESS: The Council took a recess 8:08 p.m.

ITEM 8: RECONVENE: The meeting was reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Brane, Clerk of Council, led all those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

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ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2011 and the March 7, 2011 Special Council meetings and the minutes of the March 3, 2011 Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, 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 supplemental reports from staff and we would be happy to answer any questions.

Mrs. Reynolds said on the March 11th weekly report, item 3; has that been settled. Mr. Chodkowski said he had a discussion with the Assistant County Administrator yesterday and reiterated what he thought were valid concerns on behalf of the city: the fixed cost responsibilities needed to be outlined in the contract and not associated with the per-dispatch cost or if the county was going to tie both costs together, we needed the availability to exit the contract without paying the balance of the fixed cost they are attempting to assign. He said the way the contract is currently proposed is that all costs associated with the dispatch center are divided on a per call basis which includes anything from the electric bill and the heating bill; there is an intergovernmental loan which has a partial repayment of a fixed cost, etc. He said last year our estimate for fixed costs was 4.9% which has gone up this year to 5.6%. He said his argument is that we signed on with one set of expectations and those are the expectations we should have to pay off in the event we should want to leave. He said if they are not going to define what our fixed asset responsibility is going to be and we decide on January 1st that we are leaving on June 1st, once we pay the June 1st bill we are done regardless of what they might think we owe towards fixed costs. He said we are continuing to try to find a way to define those two issues. Mrs. Reynolds said there

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could be several thousand dollars in between those two options. Mr. Chodkowski said the original number was about \$425,000 in fixed costs for our responsibility to pay over a 20 year time period and the new number is \$497,000.

Mayor Flaute said Dick Church from Miamisburg came up to him at the Mayors and Managers meeting and suggested they get together a meeting regarding county dispatch. He said if anyone wants to come to that meeting, we are members and you are welcome to come; it is getting out of hand.

Mrs. Reynolds said she pulled numbers today on the 2010 local government funds and she wanted to make sure she was looking at the numbers right, there is an anticipated 25% decrease. Mr. Chodkowski said that is correct; we anticipate that affecting us to the tune of approximately \$60,000 this year and in 2012 it would be another \$180,000 decrease. Mrs. Reynolds asked if he would verify those figures when he had an opportunity. She also asked if he could provide a breakdown of the budget for the next year with those decreases.

Mayor Flaute said the only question he had on the manager's report was item 5; he wondered if there was any additional information from labor relations regarding the 12 hour shifts. Mr. Chodkowski said at this point we sent 4 separate dates in April to the arbitrator and we haven't heard anything back yet.

Mayor Flaute said he was glad to see the After the Fire Walk was successful and he thanked the Fire Department for continuing that. He said all the rest of the numbers look good; we're trying to keep the overtime down. He said especially in the Service Department the numbers are not following last year's and thank Mother Nature for that. He thanked the departments for watching the overtime and said the numbers look good in the Police Department too.

Mr. Schock said since the item about the flooding on Bower Avenue was brought up in general session, would the City Manager be prepared to discuss the email. Mr. Chodkowski said we are working to address the localized flooding issue and he would follow up with Mr. Schock at a later time and share the information with council.

Mayor Flaute said on the noise wall analysis they were doing; that is not in our city? Mr. Chodkowski said correct.

ITEM 16: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: There were no public comments on agenda items.

ITEM 17: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Ordinance No. 11-O-468 amending Riverside Codified Ordinance Section 1153.01 "A" Agricultural District to make cemeteries a permitted use therein. (SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION)

Mr. Chodkowski said pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the request of council, this ordinance is to permit cemeteries in an Agricultural District. He said this is the second reading and final adoption.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to read Ordinance No. 11-O-468 for the second time by title only and approve its final adoption. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

Mr. Denning asked if we had anything on the books that protects us when someone opens a cemetery so we don't get stuck with it in 10 years; such as, they would have to have a certain amount of money set aside. Mr. Chodkowski said we don't have

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anything within our code but the Ohio Revised Code does require them to make a deposit of \$50,000 prior to them being issued a license to operate a cemetery. He said the deposit is for a perpetual maintenance fund and in addition to that, they are required to submit their business transactions annually to verify how that fund is being maintained. Mr. Denning said so there are rules on the books, hoops that have to be jumped through, before it can be opened up as a cemetery. Mr. Chodkowski said yes; it is in the 4700 Chapter. Mr. Denning said he was just making sure we are covered so we don't end up with the situation we have in Old Riverside.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 11-O-468 for the second time by title only and Mayor Flaute asked if there was any further discussion.

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

ITEM 18: NEW BUSINESS:

I. ORDINANCES

- a. Ordinance No. 11-O-469 enacting a new Chapter 1343 Nuisance Abatement Code Sections 1343.01 through 1343.99, repealing existing Chapter 1343 Sections 1343.01 through 1343.99, and declaring an emergency. (FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION)**

Mr. Chodkowski said this ordinance is brought forth to make certain amendments to Chapter 1343, the Nuisance Abatement Code and staff would ask council to consider this legislation as an emergency to be effective April 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reynolds to read Ordinance No. 11-O-469 for the first time in its entirety and approve its first reading. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 11-O-469 for the first time in its entirety and Mayor Flaute asked if there was any discussion.

Being none, 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, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

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

A motion was made by Mr. Schock to read Ordinance No. 11-O-469 for the second time by title only and approve its final adoption. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 11-O-469 for the second time by title only and Mayor Flaute asked if there was any discussion.

Being none, 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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II. RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Resolution No. 11-R-1539 setting forth appointment of Chuck Childers to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four year term beginning April 7, 2011 through April 6, 2015.**
- b. **Resolution No. 11-R-1540 setting forth appointment of Linda Gray to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four year term beginning April 7, 2011 through April 6, 2015.**
- c. **Resolution No. 11-R-1541 setting forth appointment of Gary Hendricks to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four year term beginning April 7, 2011 through April 6, 2015.**
- d. **Resolution No. 11-R-1542 setting forth appointment of George Lynch to the Planning Commission for a four year term beginning April 7, 2011 through April 6, 2015.**
- e. **Resolution No. 11-R-1543 setting forth appointment of Sara Lommatzsch to the Planning Commission for a four year term beginning April 7, 2011 through April 6, 2015.**
- f. **Resolution No. 11-R-1544 setting forth appointment of Anthony Rodgers to the Planning Commission for a four year term beginning April 7, 2011 through April 6, 2015.**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to group Resolution Numbers 11-R-1539 through 11-R-1544 and vote on those as a group. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to approve Resolution Numbers 11-R-1539 through 11-R-1544. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **The motion passed.**

- g. **Resolution No. 11-R-1545 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Ohio for a Master Development Plan for areas within the City of Riverside adjacent to Wright Patterson Air Force Base.**

Mr. Chodkowski said pursuant to the request of council, staff, and several other parties, this resolution is to authorize the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Riverside and Montgomery County for the Center of Flight Master Development Plan.

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A motion was made by Mr. Schock to approve Resolution No. 11-R-1545. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. 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.**

ITEM 19: REPORTS: Deputy Mayor Smith said he spoke to Habitat for Humanity and our date to work on the Lane Garden property is April 23rd at 8:30 a.m. He said we need a minimum of 8 people and no more than 12. He said you must sign up online so whoever is interested, send him an email and he will email back the address to sign up. He said we will be working 4 hours, 8:30 to 12:30.

Mayor Flaute thanked Deputy Mayor Smith for doing that and he encouraged everyone to sign up. He said it is a positive thing for this community to get involved in that venture. Mrs. Reynolds asked the clerk to send a reminder.

ITEM 20: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

ITEM 21: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Schock said this past week he was in Washington D.C. attending his First Tier Suburbs meeting. He distributed the 2011 agenda for the group. He said he was also able to speak to Mike Turner's staff on various issues, one being the CDBG funds which are to be cut by 62%. He said there is a disagreement between the freshmen that were just elected into office and the older group that wants to put more money back into it. He said if anyone wants to know why a discussion like that is going on, it's because of the Tea Party people; they are good people but very few of the freshmen have grass roots like the older ones that have been on capital hill for a long time, so they understand the importance of the CDBG money more so than the other groups. He said that's what they are going to have to iron out; that is the big argument on capital hill as he sees it. He said he also tried to make sure we are going to get a shuttle at the Air Force Museum and we also discussed our little project at Center of Flight.

Mayor Flaute thanked Mr. Schock for his hard work in Washington D.C. and said if we can just land one of those three things, the city will benefit by leaps and bounds.

Mrs. Reynolds wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and said May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, may your troubles be avoided wherever you go. She thanked staff and said you all do a wonderful job. She said in the City Manager's absence last week, she extended her thanks to Ms. Knisley, Deputy Chief Brown, and Chief Reiss for handling a situation quickly. She thanked Chief Turner and the City Manager for the information regarding the EMS statistics by age and gender. She said it was very interesting and asked if the information was duplicated such as the same person going to the hospital many times or is it an unduplicated count. Chief Turner said it was a count for the entire year; every patient we came in contact with.

Mrs. Reynolds said Mr. Murray is having an exciting meeting tomorrow. Mr. Murray said yes; first thing. Mrs. Reynolds said the City Manager is also having an exciting meeting tomorrow and she looked forward to a complete run through of all that was said and done.

Mr. Fullenkamp said he also thought the report from Chief Turner showed very interesting numbers. He said he imagined the distribution would show more older people rather than middle age people. He thanked staff and said he too was very interested in the kick off meeting tomorrow and what comes out of it. He said as Mrs. Reynolds stated, please keep us up to date. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's

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Day and said he is not Irish - except for today. He thanked the audience for coming tonight and he hoped they felt we were doing the business of the city and residents.

Ms. Campbell said me too and she will pass to Deputy Mayor Smith.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he had the opportunity to attend the Mayors and Managers meeting last week and he found it to be very informative. He said we met with Senator Beagle who discussed SB 5 and expressed his thoughts as well as how that process was working; it passed the senate and was in the house now for them to work through. He said there were also some people there to talk to us about income tax collection and possible upcoming changes. He said he forwarded information to Finance Director Gillian regarding a meeting on that. He thanked Mayor Flaute for inviting him to the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Smith said he knows this is St. Patrick's Day but he thought this was the day they were supposed to wear pink shirts in reference to Mrs. Reynold's granddaughter's project. He said he goofed. Mrs. Reynolds said it is March 31st and Deputy Mayor Smith did very well. She thanked him.

Mr. Denning said he wanted to commend Deputy Mayor Smith because we won't be here on March 31st so he did the correct thing in wearing pink today. He thanked the City Manager for having the Service Department work on the Harshman Road area in front of the cemetery. He said it looks much, much better and he thinks when it's finished it will look even better. He thanked the Service Department and everyone that participated. He said as time is available, we need to do more of that; there are other places that need to be done and he could provide a list if they wanted. He said the Harshman/Springfield area is the center of our city and he thought we needed to make it look as nice as we can. He said it is our crossroads and we are the home of the Air Force Museum. He said Forest City might come up with a new slogan for the city and he thought that would be a good one for us to have.

Mayor Flaute said he went to two informal conversations about SB 5 and we also got a dose of it at Mayor and Managers so if anyone wants to know about SB 5, he can tell people all about it. He said he would reserve his thoughts on it at this point.

Mayor Flaute said he also went to Washington D.C. and we worked hard putting Riverside in the forefront. He said it was an interesting time for all of us.

Mayor Flaute said he did three weddings this time but it was because most of his time was spent in Washington; when he got home his answering machine was full of requests.

Mayor Flaute said the only other thing he can add is his youngest son is graduating from college on Saturday. He said all five got through college and they say it takes a village to raise a kid - you have all been part of that and this town has been a very important part of that as well. He thanked everyone for their help and concern for the family.

ITEM 22: EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Denning to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Schock, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mrs. Reynolds, yes; Deputy Mayor Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. The Council entered into executive session at 8:53 p.m.

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ITEM 23: ADJOURNMENT: The Council came out of executive session at 9:52 p.m. and a motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

William R. Flaute, Mayor

Clerk of Council