

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

ROLL CALL: Council attendance was as follows: Mr. Brown, present; Mr. Denning, present; Ms. Fry, present (arrived at 6:01 p.m.); Mr. Joseph, present; Ms. Lommatzsch, present; Mr. Maxfield, present; and Mayor Williams, present.

Staff present were as follows: Josh Rauch, City Manager; Nia Holt, Community Development Director; Kim Baker, Finance Director; Scott Liberman, Law Director; and Katie Lewallen, Communications Manager/Clerk of Council.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to excuse Ms. Fry. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Rauch stated that the developer/applicant who is part of Ordinance 24-O-846 has asked that it be tabled for the time being, so he is pulling that from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maxfield, to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Fry arrived at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve the January 11, 2024, work session minutes, and the January 18, 2024, council business meeting minutes. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS: Mayor Williams stated that anyone wishing to speak should fill out a form located in the back of the room, and hand it to the clerk.

LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW: Mr. Rauch stated that staff had no objections to the liquor license for EZ Fuel Inc., DBA EZ Fuel Shell, 4700 Linden Avenue, Riverside, OH, 45432. City council did not request a hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: One petition to speak was turned in. The mayor asked the resident since the item is no longer on the agenda, would he wish to speak during non-agenda items. The speaker agreed that was fine.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

- I) **Ordinance No. 23-O-847 – An ordinance repealing Section 125.01 Investment Policy of the City of Riverside Codified Ordinances. (1st reading)**

Mr. Rausch stated this is the ordinance that was improperly codified several years ago having to do with the investment policy. They will abide by the state law on investments and revisit the policy question in the coming months.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maxfield, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-O-847. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mr. Brown, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

B. RESOLUTIONS

- I) **Resolution No. 24-R-2913 – A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a five-year agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for the Riverside Police Department.**

Chief Robinson stated they have the contract for Flock Cameras and this resolution locks in the rate for the next five years. There is anticipation that the rate will increase a certain percentage, but they will be locked in at the same rate for five years. Mayor Williams asked him to share how the Flock Cameras are used. Chief Robinson stated that they use the cameras every night. They use them in homicides, traffic crashes, and many other events. It is invaluable, and they needed it years ago. It is an amazing piece of equipment.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maxfield, to approve Resolution No. 24-R-2913.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- II) **Resolution No. 24-R-2914 – A resolution appointing a representative from a legislative authority in Montgomery County to the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 128.06(A)(5).**

Mr. Rauch stated this is a housekeeping resolution that allows the council to make an appointee to the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee. The nominee is Mayor Duncan from Oakwood with Mayor Compton from Centerville as the alternate.

Deputy Mayor Maxfield moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve Resolution No. 24-R-2914.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

III) Resolution No. 24-R-2915 – A resolution amending Resolution No. 23-R-2896 passed by the council of the City of Riverside, Montgomery County, Ohio, declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation.

Mr. Rauch stated it is a technical correction for the ballot language regarding the police property tax replacement levy. This was requested by the county; it is a typographical tweak to what will appear on the ballot.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maxfield, to approve Resolution No. 24-R-2915.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Williams invited Mr. Ziegler to come forward and state his name and address for the record. He asked him to limit his comments to three minutes. Mr. John Ziegler, 4238 Blue Rock Road, Riverside, OH, 45432, stated he had a question about the land use plan as he thought there were two studies that were done. He stated there were citizens and non-citizens in that. He asked if the number of those two studies is equal to or greater than petition by the Forest Ridge residents to stop the development from moving into the neighborhood. He stated he considers himself a local historian as he wrote a booklet on the first settlers of Mad River Township. He stated that in Riverside they have that beautiful farm and different people tried to buy it, but it had never been put up for sale so it could not be bought. He stated it could be the most beautiful barn in Montgomery County and even Ohio. There is a resident there trying to sell it to developers and they talked about developers' rights and his rights. He does not know how many owners there are. He went on to say that it will be hard for the CRA to have the money to move the lines around the area of the farm as there is a lot of limestone around there. He thinks that is why Forest Ridge never built there.

Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Ziegler for his comments. He stated that public comments are for citizens to bring questions or comments to the council and is a part of the record. Typically, council will hand it off to the city manager to find an answer and get it back to council. They enjoy hearing from people and telling them what is on their mind. Mr. Rauch stated they would do the homework and contact him on his question.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Mr. Rauch stated he is hoping to have United Way come and present at the work session; he is still awaiting confirmation. He stated they will also discuss delinquent tax collections and TIF Districts in general. Staff have thoughts on areas in town where TIFs may prove valuable for development. He thanked all of the staff when they had ice and snow; it was a great training opportunity with the new hires they have brought on in the public service department. They have all done a fantastic job getting used to the plows and now are potholing.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Mayor Williams stated that on Saturday, February 3, Mad River Schools will be hosting the Family Community Summit from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Mad River Middle School. There will be a number of resource partners in attendance that serve families. Deputy Mayor Maxfield stated there are a number of youth sports programs open for sign-ups, Riverside amateur baseball league and Mad River flag football and tackle football. Ms. Fry stated they had the First Suburbs meeting last week and covered the topic of ransomware attacks. They gave a great presentation on how Huber Heights went through that and brought in experts. They provided good advice on how to fortify the city's own IT network. There is a new executive board on at First Suburbs and they are looking to bring more of the councils into the topics so watch for invitations in their emails. She stated that the February blood drive is on Monday, February 5, 2024, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the City of Riverside parking lot. Registration can be made by visiting donortime.com and search for City of Riverside. Mr. Denning welcomed his great-grandson into the world, he was born two weeks ago and was a month early. He is at Miami Valley Hospital, and they are taking turns in the NICU and getting him fed. He is doing fine and gaining weight. Things are moving in a positive direction. He thanked the service department for their hard work along with the fire department and police department for everything they do. They are the ones that make everything happen and doing a great job and being a positive face for Riverside. Mr. Brown stated that a new business opened in Riverside this past week, El Taco Veloz opened in Airway Shopping Center on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maxfield, to enter into executive session for the following: 103.01 (1) - Unless the City employee or official requests a public hearing; to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a city employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a City employee or official. Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mr. Brown, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.** Council entered into executive session at 6:16 p.m.

RECONVENE: Council reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, council adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Pete Williams, Mayor



Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council