

**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; Mr. Joseph, present; Ms. Lommatzsch, absent; Mr. Maxfield, absent; and Mayor Williams, present.

Staff present were as follows: Josh Rauch, City Manager; Kim Baker, Finance Director; Jim Miller, Legal Counsel; and Katie Lewallen, Communications Manager/Clerk of Council.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:** Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, to excuse Ms. Lommatzsch and Mr. Maxfield. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:** No additions or corrections were made.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

**SWEAR IN:** Mayor Williams swore in three new full-time firefighters/paramedics: Brennan Arrell, Gavin McGriff, and Mason Waite. Mayor Williams swore in three firefighters promoted to lieutenants: Tyler Bever, Derek Fourman, and Isaac Hivner.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mr. Denning, to approve the March 7, 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.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Williams recognized March 21, 2024, as World Down Syndrome Awareness Day and presented Councilman and Mrs. Denning with a proclamation as they have recently had a great-grandson born with Down Syndrome. Mr. Denning stated this has just become something that has touched their family. He stated society needs to get away from talking like it is a bad thing. Often his granddaughter was told by doctor's that they were sorry for the diagnosis. She had been pressed both directly and indirectly to consider termination of the pregnancy. He stated children born with this extra chromosome are a blessing and not that it is something terrible that has happened to someone. He spoke about URS being in the city and helping those with disabilities find jobs and contribute to society. They all need to be more aware.

Mrs. Denning thanked the mayor and council for issuing the proclamation. She stated that 3/21 is used as it indicates the extra chromosome (3) on the (21<sup>st</sup>) chromosome. It has been an eye opening experience for them. It was amazing how many people told her granddaughter they were sorry. When she was told about a grandbaby, all she told her was how exciting it would be. Her granddaughter told her that she was the only one to respond that way as everyone was sorry for the news with Down Syndrome. Mrs. Denning stated it is a child; it is a disability that may take them a bit longer to reach a milestone or do something. She stated that he has already rolled over being only two months old even though doctors told her granddaughter it would be almost six months. She stated Down Syndrome is a diagnosis, and they need to make sure they are treated like any other person. She added that no parent should have to be advised to terminate because of a diagnosis.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No one wished to speak on an agenda item.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. ORDINANCES**

- I) Ordinance No. 24-O-848 – An ordinance to establish the Unclaimed Money Fund, and declaring an emergency. (2<sup>nd</sup> reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Mr. Rauch stated this ordinance establishes an unclaimed money fund pursuant to state code.

Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 24-O-848. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. No one came forward to comment. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

No further discussion was held. Roll call went as follows: Mr. Joseph, yes; Mr. Brown, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. ORDINANCES**

- II) Ordinance No. 24-O-849 – An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2024. (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

Mr. Rauch stated this is a housekeeping supplemental ordinance that will use additional appropriations in several fund balances; these are available reserves as described in the packet.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 24-O-849. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

No further discussion was held. Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Mr. Brown, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. Motion carried.

**III) Ordinance No. 24-O-850 – An ordinance declaring improvements to certain real property located in the City of Riverside, Montgomery County, Ohio, to be a public purpose; declaring such property to be exempt from real property taxation; designating specific public infrastructure improvements that directly benefit the parcels for which improvements are declared to be a public purpose; establishing a Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund; and providing related authorizations pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40(B), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832, and 5709.85. (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

Mr. Rauch stated this ordinance is to establish a TIF District on Springfield Street on the map shown in the packet.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 24-O-850. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Denning asked if it was just for 10 years. Mr. Rauch stated it was for 10 years at 75 percent.

No further discussion was held. Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Mr. Brown, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. Motion carried.

## **B. RESOLUTIONS**

**I) Resolution No. 24-R-2925 – A resolution declaring certain police department vehicles owned by the City to be surplus and no longer needed for city purposes and authorizing its disposition.**

Mr. Rauch stated this resolution is for police vehicles no longer being used.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 24-R-2925.

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

**II) Resolution No. 24-R-2926 – A resolution adopting a popular budget book for the City of Riverside, Ohio, for Fiscal Year 2024.**

Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mr. Denning, to approve Resolution No. 24-R-2926.

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

**III) Resolution No. 24-R-2923 – A resolution approving the countywide 911 Service final plan as approved by the Countywide 911 Program Review Committee.**

Mr. Rauch stated this is to approve the countywide 911 plan approved by the program review committee. This does not impact the dispatch services with Huber Heights.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 24-R-2927.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Mayor Williams stated that one form had been received for comment on non-agenda items. He invited Ms. Fletcher to the podium and asked her to state her name and address for the minutes and to keep her comments to three minutes. Ms. Ellen Fletcher, 5201 Huberville Avenue, Riverside, Ohio, stated she was there last fall and had a chance to do a tour with others regarding the Brightview clinic. They went to four schools: Merry-time, Spin-Kemp pre-school, St. Helens, and East Dayton Christian, to speak with the principals/superintendents and got their concerns on Brightview Clinic opening at Burkhardt and Spinning. She stated on May 2, 2024, Brightview would like to come speak to council. On Monday, they are going to have their outreach manager hired. She stated they will come to the council meeting to give an update. Mayor Williams stated that many of them were at the Brightview ribbon cutting and open house. He was thrilled with how welcoming they were and how much of a community partner they wish to be. He has found them to be a neighbor to the community. Mr. Joseph asked if there had been an increase of crime, vandalism, or any of those types of concerns. Mr. Rauch stated he has not been informed of any. Mr. Joseph stated there were murmurs that they would not be good in the community; he is excited they are here and a place to go for people needing help. They provide a service needed for the area.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** Mr. Rauch stated they had a good staff meeting today for the eclipse planning, and they will be in front of everyone with a communications plan. He stated there will be a number of gates open around the USAF museum. People should expect heavy traffic, and some lanes will be closed along Airway, Harshman, and Springfield Street. Traffic patterns will change during the day to facilitate getting people into the base in the morning and out of the base once the eclipse has passed. He asked people to be patient, be aware, and be safe. More information will be forthcoming on the City's website and Facebook page. Temporary signs will be out to divert traffic from Woodman at the bridge and others indicating lane closures.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:** Mr. Brown stated regarding World Down Syndrome Awareness Day there is an important individual in his life, Bo Begley, who he has seen grown up from a four-year-old to a fine young man. He is proud of him and the things he accomplishes in his life. He wanted to shout him out and tell him he loves him.



Mayor Williams shared Mr. Brown's sentiment and the Dennings for sharing the value of life on World Down Syndrome Day. It is a wonderful story to hear a story of a young mother getting through and getting advice that is not something that everyone can get through. He wished God's blessings on the Dennings' grandchild and their family that is bravely soldiering thought this. It is a blessing to hear how quickly their grandchild rolled over. He thanked the Dennings and families that support all of these kids. He congratulated the fire staff and the growing public safety staff.

Ms. Fry stated she saw a recent awareness campaign where the crux of the message is if you expect down syndrome kids cannot do things, then they do not get the resources to do the things; it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. When you expect they will do well, you give them the tools to do well. They may need a little extra, but give them the tools, and they can succeed. The message resonates with her as an advocate for autism. That is something this generation needs to learn over and over again. Give people the tools to succeed in life and support them and they can. They do not have to expect the worst of a situation. She stated that upcoming blood drive is scheduled for April 3, 2024. The incentive is an umbrella, but an extra incentive is eclipse glasses. Those wishing to help reach the goal and donate can go to [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com) and search for the City of Riverside to sign up.

Mr. Denning thanked everyone for listening to their story.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, 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. Joseph, yes; Mr. Brown, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.** Council entered into executive session at 6:39 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** Council reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

  
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Pete Williams, Mayor

  
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Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council