

ORDINANCE NO. 104-2021 (PSH)

By Council Member Cobb

An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council (CVD), a regional Council of Governments, pursuant to Ohio law, to join CVD's joint Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services communications system for the dispatch of Police, Fire and EMS services in and for multiple communities, and authorizing the City to approve the dissolution of the Heights Hillcrest Communications Center (HHCC).

WHEREAS, the cities of Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights, South Euclid and University Heights (the "Original Cities") entered into an Agreement effective on June 28, 2016, to form a Regional Council of Governments ("COG"), pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code, to be called the "Heights-Hillcrest Communications Center" ("HHCC"); and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2017, the Original Cities entered into an amended COG Agreement with the City of Richmond Heights to add said City to the HHCC as an Original Member (together referred to as the Cities); and

WHEREAS, the HHCC was formed to establish and operate a joint Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") communications system for the dispatch of Police, Fire and EMS services in and for the Cities; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2016, HHCC entered into an Agreement with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council (CVD), for CVD to provide the services of a Project Manager to perform the duties of the planning, construction and outfitting of the dispatch center, and to perform the ongoing services as Dispatch Center Manager for day to day operations services, including IT management and financial services, and that services agreement expires on November 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the HHCC, which is comprised of by the Mayors or City Manager of each member of HHCC, or their representatives, has, by consensus, agreed to consider a proposal to dissolve HHCC and individually join the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council (CVD), while continuing to operate as a separate Cleveland Heights Center within CVD; and

WHEREAS, the authorization for each member to dissolve the HHCC and join CVD, is subject to the approval of each city's Council; and

WHEREAS, CVD serves 28 communities, and a merger of HHCC into CVD would provide cost savings, particularly for employee health care, due to the purchasing power and ability to negotiate of a larger COG, utility expense savings (IT network), and in contractual services, and CVD has an enterprise fund with revenue from CVD assistance to entities outside of CVD, and the fund benefits all of CVD for future, significant purchases; and

WHEREAS, CVD currently qualifies for funding from the State of Ohio Wireless 9-1-1 fund, while HHCC does not; and

WHEREAS, Fire dispatching efficiencies would be enhanced with a larger dispatch operation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal, State and County governments have a common policy and practice of encouraging communities to consolidate dispatch operations; and

WHEREAS, this Council agrees that it is in the best interests of the City and its citizens that the City should agree to dissolve HHCC and enter into an agreement to join the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council (CVD).

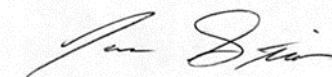
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby authorizes the City to vote as a member of the Heights Hillcrest Communications Center (HHCC) to dissolve the HHCC as a Council of Governments, to assign all of the assets of the HHCC to the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council (CVD), and to take such other actions as are necessary in order to terminate the operations of HHCC, and to permit the continued operations of the Cleveland Heights Dispatch Center within CVD without interruption.

SECTION 2. This Council hereby authorizes the City to enter into an agreement to join the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council (CVD), and to take such other actions and enter into such other agreements as are necessary to permit the continued operations of the Cleveland Heights Dispatch Center within CVD without interruption. The agreement between the City and CVD shall be in the form substantially as set forth in the agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



JASON S. STEIN

President of the Council



AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: August 2, 2021