

**MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO
MARCH 21, 2016**

Mayor Infeld called the regular meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Susan Pardee
Mr. Mark Wiseman
Mrs. Pamela Cameron
Mr. Phillip Ertel
Mrs. Michele Weiss

Absent: Mr. Steven Sims
Mr. John Rach

Also Present: Law Director Luke F. McConville
Finance Director Larry Heiser
Clerk of Council Kelly M. Thomas
Police Chief Steven Hammett
Fire Chief Douglas Zook
Community Development Coordinator Patrick Grogan

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to excuse the absence of Mr. Sims and Mr. Rach. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item:

- A. Resolution 2016-11 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cities of Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, and South Euclid to Apply Jointly for funding through the State of Ohio Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program for necessary equipment to form a Joint Dispatch Center (on emergency).**

Mayor Infeld explained that this is to form a joint dispatch center for police and fire between the cities of University Heights, South Euclid, Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights. The project started with the EDGE Cities (the cities that are already joined for SWAT services). The reasoning behind forming a joint dispatch center is because the cities are under a mandate and in order to receive 911 funding to pay for the operation of a dispatch center the State has informed all counties that there are only some many dispatch centers allowed in each county. With Cuyahoga County being so large, there are a lot of dispatch centers within it.

Police Chief Hammett reported that the State modified the Ohio Revised Code Section 5507.55 which stipulated that by January 1, 2016 every County in the State can't have more than four (4) dispatch centers unless the community has more than 75,000 residents.

Mrs. Pardee asked if the dispatch center will be housed in South Euclid. And if so, will South Euclid then retain the tax income from the jobs that will be created.

Mayor Infeld replied that nothing is not signed and sealed but it is headed that way.

Mr. Heiser replied that if the Joint Dispatch is housed in South Euclid the generated tax income will be divided amongst the original four (4) cities.

Mr. Wiseman referred to a letter of commitment from South Euclid to the Heights Hillcrest Communication Center which mentioned that the participating cities would be responsible for costs in excess of one million dollars and asked Mayor Infeld if that was true.

Mayor Infeld replied yes, the statement is true but that it is not believed that the University Heights will have cost in excess of one million dollars and the County grant is one million dollars. The County grant for one million dollars will pay for the equipment necessary to establish the center, separately the grant applied for by the City of Cleveland Heights will be a supplemental \$400,000.

Mr. Heiser added that between the two there will be enough funds to more than cover the cost. The University Heights cost will be operating once it gets going.

Mr. McConville stated that the cities are in the process of developing a COG (Council of Government) for this and noted that the agreement has not been finalized yet.

Mrs. Pardee asked Mayor Infeld when did she think the Joint Dispatch Center would be operational.

Mayor Infeld replied maybe in about a year's time we will be in the process of transferring equipment and data, it still to be determined.

Mr. Wiseman questioned since it is a Cleveland Heights grant the equipment will be portable to wherever the dispatch center is.

Mayor Infeld replied that the Cleveland Heights grant is specifically for this Joint Dispatch Center and the State is aware of that.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL approving Resolution 2016-11 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cities of Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, and South Euclid to Apply Jointly for funding through the State of Ohio Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program for necessary equipment to form a Joint Dispatch Center. On roll call of suspension of the rules, all voted "aye." Roll call on passage, all voted "aye."

- B. Resolution 2016-12 Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for and receive grant money from Cuyahoga County, Ohio for the Purpose of forming a Joint Police-Fire Dispatch Center with the Cities of Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, and South Euclid (on emergency).**

There was no discussion regarding this item.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON approving Resolution 2016-12 Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for and receive grant money from Cuyahoga County, Ohio for the Purpose of forming a Joint Police-Fire Dispatch Center with the Cities of Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, and South Euclid. On roll call of suspension of the rules, all voted "aye." Roll call on passage, all voted "aye."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.

MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN to adjourn the meeting. On roll call, all voted "aye."

Susan K. Infeld, Mayor

Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council