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**CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO**  
**COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**August 22, 2022**

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The Council Committee of the Whole met on August 22, 2022 at the Richmond Heights, Ohio Police station. The following were present:

Phil Atkin, University Heights Resident  
Ari Jaffe, University Heights Board of Zoning Appeals Member  
University Heights Councilman Brian King  
Lieutenant Denise DeBiase Richmond Heights Police Department  
Bill Eberhard, University Heights Resident  
University Heights Police Chief Dustin Rogers  
University Heights Councilwoman Sheri Sax  
Jeremy Steiger  
University Heights Vice Mayor Michele Weiss

Lt. DeBiase gave the group a tour of the police station and answered questions along the way. Regrets were expressed that the station does not have a workout room, range, more storage and more outside parking spaces.

The jail has been closed and the City of Cleveland is utilized. Richmond Heights does, however, still have two holding cells still in use on site.

It was noted that there is no carpet in the facility, and the rooms are used for multiple purposes. Mr. Jaffee also mentioned the following points.

1. Richmond Heights has 22 full time staff, 3 part time staff and 5 vehicles. University Heights has 30 staff and 18 vehicles.
2. There are three separate buildings for police, fire and city hall.
3. Police building has jail cells that are no longer used. There are mutual agreements with local facilities.
4. Police building needs to be reorganized for storage of property, documents, and equipment.

5. Exercise facilities are not optimal, though some are shared with fire department.
6. Building was originally designed to include a gun range though construction on the rock foundation was not possible. Accordingly, neighboring facilities are used.
7. Maintenance is key.
8. Purchasing state of the art new technology is recommended, and staying current is important.
9. There are advantages to competitive pricing equipment purchases.
10. Important to provide good storage, locker facilities, and quiet space for police officers.
11. Important to provide public spaces for citizens and press.
12. Wish list for facility includes archive storage, gym, and gun range.
13. Clean quality facility reflects professionalism and also attracts and retains staff.
14. Mayfield Village is strongly recommended as a modern comparable facility to visit.

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Submitted by,  
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Michele Weiss, Vice Mayor/Chair  
Council Committee of the Whole