

CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO

COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE

September 15, 2022

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The Council of the Whole met on September 15, 2022 at the Brecksville, Ohio Police station. The following were present:

University Heights Vice Mayor Michele Weiss
University Heights Councilwoman Sheri Sax
University Heights Councilman John Rach
Phil Atkin, University Heights Resident
University Heights Police Chief Dustin Rogers
Brecksville Police Chief Stanton Korinek

The City of Brecksville has about 13,000 residents with 20 square miles, 1/3rd of which are parks.

The building is about 27,000 square feet, but has a 12-hour jail and a dispatch center. There are 29 full-time and 2 part-time officers and 2 clerks. The cost was about \$10 million, including \$2 million which was over budget. There are 13 cruisers in an uncovered lot and 7 support vehicles.

You walk into an oversized lobby which the Chief acknowledged. The clerks' offices are straight ahead. There are 2 safe rooms and a restroom. The safe rooms are a good idea for people coming in off the street that need to get away.

Other features:

- The building is split into defined sections; the top portion is for offices and the lower level is the jail and entrance for the officers' day-to-day entrance.
- Offices for detectives, including a prosecutor office and a room to hold juveniles; a patrol room with 5 cubes, and 3 sergeant offices with a community outreach office as well; 3 interview rooms, an administrative section with 3 offices and a training room. There also is a small mail room.
- The interview rooms all have cameras and microphones with the ability to be turned off for attorney-client meetings.
- There is also a conference room for small meetings and a fingerprint room in the interview section.
- The sally port has room for a vehicle and also includes a caged large evidence area which is large enough for a car and an attached large evidence room.

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JAIL

Currently, there is a 12-hour jail with 4 cells; an interview room and an area for an officer to work. However, Chief Korinek stated that this is only used for 6-hour holdings. It was noted that you only need 2 cells at about 400 square feet.

Additional features:

- The bottom floor has a secure large evidence room with an area for paperwork, an exercise room that doubles as a hands-on training room and various storage areas for armory and gun cleaning.
- They have a shooting range.
- There is a small cafeteria set up for the break room with a kitchenette and seating with a television.
- The women's locker room has 2 toilets and 1 shower and 6 lockers.
- The men's locker room has 2 toilets, 2 urinals, 3 showers and 50 lockers that have electricity in them for charging things.

Chief Korinek stated that if he had to do something over again, he would not have a jail. He does like the range, the patrol room and lockers.

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