

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2019

Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Dublin for the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center to Provide Public Safety Dispatching Communication Services.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2019 City staff presented a recommendation to City Council that the City of Worthington join the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC) for the provision of 911 call answering and public safety dispatching services; and,

WHEREAS, the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC), operated by the City of Dublin, currently serves the communities of Dublin, Hillard and Upper Arlington, and is governed by an executive committee and two operational committees which allow for each of the jurisdictions served by the Center to have input on how the Center operates and interacts with the community, police, firefighters and paramedics; and,

WHEREAS, some of the benefits of joining NRECC include quicker response times for Worthington paramedics, firefighters and police when a person calls 911 from a cell phone due to elimination of the transfer that now occurs with 911 cell phone calls, more focused attention for the 911 caller via a dedicated call taker, while separate personnel are tasked with dispatching the first responders, and greater capacity to handle large-scale emergency events; and,

WHEREAS, City staff is recommending that the City enter into a three year agreement with Dublin commencing January 1, 2020 in which Dublin would furnish the facilities, personnel and equipment for the purpose of providing dispatching communication services and the City would pay Dublin its proportionate share of the annual joint dispatch budget calculated based upon the number and types of calls for service from the prior year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That City Council has determined that contracting with the City of Dublin for the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center to provide public safety dispatching communication services is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Dublin for the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center to provide public safety dispatching communication services, subject to approval to form by the Law Director.

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SECTION 3. That the City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Finance Director, and the Law Director are hereby authorized to take all actions, including the execution of all documents or amendments, necessary to implement the transfer of the City's 911 call answering and public safety dispatching services to the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center, and that are not substantially inconsistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted May 20, 2019

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
President of Council

Attest

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council