

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2014 – 179

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS IN REQUESTING VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) GRANT AWARDED TO THE FALLS IN CONNECTION WITH A CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SEEK CERTAIN REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER THE GRANT FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENSES AS A SUB-GRANTEE FROM FEMA THROUGH OLMSTED FALLS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on or about May 14, 2013, the City of Olmsted Falls adopted its Ordinance No. 39-2013, which includes authorizing its Mayor to seek grant funding of some \$900,000.00, subject to a twenty percent (20%) local match, from DHS through FEMA for purposes of establishing a consolidated regional dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, since then, the City of Olmsted Falls has determined not to proceed on its own with establishing a regional dispatch center, and instead has been considering joining and participating in a regional public safety dispatch center located within the City of Strongsville and operated by the latter; and

WHEREAS, during the period of approximately November 13, 2013 until March 18, 2014, while the City of Strongsville was recognized as a member of the project, and the Strongsville site was designated as the project location, efforts to build out the site to accommodate other communities were being undertaken by the City of Strongsville, and expenditures considered by Strongsville as eligible for reimbursement were being made in an approximate value exceeding some \$27,000.00. These included acquiring backend storage and processing upgrades, installing rack systems and server room parts, installing hardware and electronics in the workstations, acquiring additional work stations, and migration to an enterprise multi-agency CAD upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Olmsted Falls and Strongsville have agreed to enter into a separate agreement for Strongsville's providing of public safety dispatch services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Strongsville having established a consolidated dispatch center operating with the City of North Royalton, now wishes to mutually cooperate with the City of Olmsted Falls in seeking a modification of the site location of the FEMA grant to Strongsville, obtaining recognition of the City of Strongsville as a participant and sub-grantee in the project, and to apply for reimbursement through Olmsted Falls,

of certain funds already advanced by Strongsville from November 13, 2013 through March 18, 2014, and also of ongoing and immediately necessary dispatch center and other communications equipment expenses and/or improvements necessary to complete the dispatch center build out to accommodate additional communities, estimated to total in excess of some \$300,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby ratifies, approves and authorizes the City to participate with the City of Olmsted Falls, in requesting a modification to a U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant awarded to the Falls, for the purpose of relocating the location of the proposed site of the Consolidated Public Safety Dispatch project named in the grant, to the Strongsville Communication & Technology Center at 13213 Pearl Road, in Strongsville, Ohio; recognizing the City of Strongsville as a participant in the project, and as a sub-grantee, eligible to receive reimbursement from FEMA through the City of Olmsted Falls (as grantee) for certain eligible expenditures made pursuant to the terms of the grant on file with the City's Director of Public Safety; and authorizing the City of Strongsville to seek certain past, immediate and future reimbursements from FEMA through Olmsted Falls.

Section 2. That this Council further authorizes and directs the Mayor, Director of Public Safety, Director of Finance, Director of Communication & Technology, and other City officials, to provide, execute and deliver certifications, assurances and such other information as may be required in connection therewith.

Section 3. That the City's portion of costs for any required matching funds will be paid from the General Fund and General Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to seek and participate through a dispatch center participating community in available grant funding for certain expenses incurred in establishing a consolidated dispatch center, to meet applicable grant deadlines, and to conserve public funds. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Michael J. Daymut
President of Council

Approved: Thomas R. Brewer
Mayor

Date Passed: September 15, 2014

Date Approved: September 16, 2014

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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Attest: Aimee Piontka
Clerk of Council

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