

TO: Gahanna City Council

Clerk of Council

FROM: Tim Becker, Director of Public Safety

Jeffrey Spence, Chief of Police

Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin

Cc: Raymond J. Mularski, Esq., City Attorney

Joann Bury, Director of Finance

**DATE:** March 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Dept. of Public Safety Request for Council Action (March 27, 2023 COTW Meeting)

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

# ACTION ITEM #1: CONTRACT REQUEST WITH MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP FOR COST-SHARING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN POSITION

The 2023 Budget and 2023 Unclassified Ordinance authorized by Council provided funding for the position of Mental Health Clinician within the Department of Public Safety. Once hired, the clinician will work collaboratively with Gahanna Division of Police Community Liaison Officer (CLO) and other division resources along with the Mifflin Township Fire Department's Community Paramedic to provide mental health services and coordination with external resources to residents in need.

The proposed contract with Mifflin Township will require Mifflin Township to pay the City \$40,000 annually toward the costs of the clinician's salary and benefits (an approximate 60/40 initial cost-share based on starting salary and fringe expenses). The agreement will commence on July 1, 2023, concluding on June 30, 2026. The Mayor's Office and the Division have been advised by a representative of Mifflin Township that the proposed agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Township Trustee. A copy of the proposed agreement is attached.

The Department of Public Safety respectfully requests an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Mifflin Township for a period of three years for the purposes of cost-sharing the mental health clinician.

### Requested Legislation and Funding

Legislation Needed: Ordinance

Emergency/Waiver: N/A

Vendor Name: Mifflin Township

Vendor Address: 400 W. Johnstown Road; Gahanna, OH 43230

Already Appropriated: YES Supplemental/Transfer: N/A

#### Attachments:

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## **Contract Approvals**

- o This item has been approved by the Mayor
- o This item has been approved by the Director of Finance
- o This item has been approved by the Sr. Director of Administrative Services
- o This item has been approved by the City Attorney