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TO: The Honorable Mayor Manier and Washington City Council  
FROM: Chief Michael D. McCoy and Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens  
RE: Start Up of Tazewell County Consolidated Communications (TC3)  
DATE: May 31, 2018

Mayor and Aldermen,

As you will see in your review of proposed ordinances, Tazewell County Consolidated Communications (TC3) expects to take on line-level employees and start operations on July 1, 2018. The City has notified all current City Dispatchers and their collective bargaining agent, the Fraternal Order of Police, of the closure of our PSAP as a City operation. All of our Dispatchers who tested for positions with TC3 are eligible for and have been offered positions at TC3. Those positions will initially pay a wage equal to what those employees earn with the City.

Although TC3 will take over operations July 1, there will be no movement of PSAP operations on that day. Movement before the July 4 holiday, especially any movement affecting the East Peoria PSAP, would be a major disruption to operations and a significant threat to provision of public safety services. Instead, PSAP movement is scheduled for July 8, when Morton operations will combine with East Peoria. The initial plans for TazComm and Washington do not call for immediate moves. Avoiding adding a call load to TazComm will, among other things, allow for required facility updates and a potential training area for new TC3 procedures. Equipment limitations also prevent initially adding Washington or Morton operations to TazComm. Those limitations and space issues prevent moving both Morton and Washington operations to East Peoria simultaneously. As Morton must vacate to build the new PSAP, Washington operations through TC3 will take place in our facility.

Aside from the agreement for TC3 to provide dispatch operations to the City of Washington, we will seek separate agreements for TC3 to rent the current PSAP space to provide those operations and to provide the records and walk-in services we otherwise expected to provide internally upon consolidation. It would be impractical from a space standpoint to provide those services using City employees collocated in the dispatch center. Additionally, sharing the resources during this transition period can provide savings to both TC3 and the City. We expect TC3 to operate from the Washington location at least until November, 2018, but such operation could continue until the Morton location is operational about spring or summer, 2019.

The Department has prepared a position description for a Police Administrative Specialist, a position that would provide those records and walk-in services after TC3 vacates the building. That position is designed to provide improved police service overall by supporting data-driven policing and keeping police officers in roles where they can be most effective and efficient.

We are prepared to bring that description to the Finance and Personnel Committee and seek full Council approval on June 18.