

RESOLUTION NO. 18-18

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF COMMON PURPOSE EMPHASIZING GOVERNMENT INNOVATION AND COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING.

WHEREAS, communities today face increasing pressures to deliver quality services that meet and exceed citizen expectations with limited, finite resources; and,

WHEREAS, communities place high importance on the public they serve and the staff they depend upon, striving to support both the public and their teams using “best in class” technology, principles and practices; and,

WHEREAS, today’s challenges often transcend municipal boundaries and include common pain points, including an increasing decline in the funding sources that have traditionally supported strong municipal services delivery; and,

WHEREAS, collaborative initiatives in the greater metropolitan region, such as the Regional 911 System, have historically resulted in optimal solutions that have enhanced service delivery through innovation and technology and have provided cost efficiencies through shared resources; and,

WHEREAS, the cities of Independence, Blue Springs and Lee’s Summit, Missouri, all agencies located in eastern Jackson County, Missouri, and sharing common borders, are participants in these collaborations, and have an established, ongoing cooperative relationship between their individual jurisdictions – both with their professional staff and governing bodies - that has proven beneficial in addressing common, relevant topics; and,

WHEREAS, the leadership of these agencies, with assistance by Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), desire to initiate a partnership with the objective of expanding and leveraging increased government innovation to actively explore collaborative strategies and solutions for the benefit of employees, residents and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, initial activities of this initiative will include identifying critical and current service needs that lend themselves to a collaborative approach, and MARC facilitating discussions of key staff and stakeholders to explore and evaluate which issues are most viable to come forward for further Governing Body consideration; and,

WHEREAS, other local jurisdictions may be interested in participating in the exploration and implementation of various collaborative solutions, which would broaden the positive impact of these programs and further promote strategic government innovation in our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE’S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby adopts this Statement of Common Purpose emphasizing Government Innovation and Collaborative Problem Solving for the purpose of exploring various cooperative initiatives between the cities of Independence, Blue Springs and Lee’s Summit, Missouri with support by the Mid-America Regional Council, and does commit to supporting staff in these activities.

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SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption, and approval by the Mayor.


PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and approved by the Mayor of said City this 9th day of November, 2018.

ATTEST:


City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*


Mayor *William A. Baird*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney *Brian W. Head*

Statement of Purpose

The cities of Independence, Lee's Summit and Blue Springs, Missouri, are working with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to explore and advance collaborative strategies aimed to benefit all three communities by expanding local government innovation that enhances public service, benefits employees, and optimizes customer service.

Background

Today, cities face increasing pressures to deliver quality services that meet growing citizen expectations with limited, finite resources. They value the public they serve and place great importance upon their staff, striving to support the public and their teams using "best in class" technology and principles. Funding mechanisms that have traditionally supported municipal services delivery continue to decline, yet cities' challenges often transcend municipal boundaries. Common pain points include workforce and recruitment issues, public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and modernization of legacy systems and policies. Now more than ever, city leaders are focused upon good government. Out of necessity, they must look to ingenuity for imaginative, yet feasible solutions and must pursue strategic partnerships to fulfill fundamental needs and deliver best practices that drive innovation, employee excellence, and fiscal sustainability.

By sharing ideas and common systems, collaborative initiatives in the region have historically resulted in efficient solutions with positive impacts. Examples include the Regional 911 System, which has harnessed innovation and technology to benefit local communities and public safety.

The cities of Independence, Blue Springs and Lee's Summit (all located in eastern Jackson County, Missouri, sharing common borders) have well-established, cooperative relationships among both professional staff and their governing bodies. These jurisdictions also work closely with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) as members of its Board of Directors, standing policy committees and participants in regional stakeholder initiatives.

Recently, deliberate conversations have occurred among these three local governments to identify and explore collaborative strategies and solutions aimed to improve excellence and innovation, for the benefit of employees, residents and visitors. The cities have requested assistance from MARC to facilitate discussion of potential initiatives and advancement steps.

Proposed Action Steps

With assistance from MARC, the three jurisdictions seek to:

- Cooperatively identify and explore innovative, high-capacity solutions, strategies and practices.
- Develop initial organizing principles for definition, evaluation, and advancement of desired initiatives.
- Advance solutions for proposal, including cooperative agreements and shared services, that streamline business functions and help deliver robust, high-quality citizen services.
 - Complete the Nationwide Cyber Security Review self-assessment on or before December 15, 2018; then discuss individual results and explore joint solutions to address identified deficiencies.
 - Work with the Government Training Institute (GTI) to assess training and safety programming needs and determine feasibility of a customized solution to serve all three communities.
- Expand the reach and influence of new and developing technologies.

The governing bodies of the three cities will be briefed on this initiative and asked to offer their insights on opportunities for joint exploration. Initial work facilitated by MARC would commence in fall 2018.

Ideas for exploration & potential collaboration:

Some initial ideas proposed by city staff include:

- Radio equipment maintenance/management
- Back-office operations (such as human resources and information technology, including cybersecurity management and electronic data storage solutions)
- Risk management, training and safety programming
- Recycling initiatives