

RESOLUTION NO. ____

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Texas Legislature amended Chapter 142 of the Texas Local Government Code to allow the City of Austin to negotiate and enter into written agreements with EMS uniformed employees regarding wages, salaries, rates of pay, hours of work, and other terms and conditions of employment or other personnel issues; and

WHEREAS, the Austin/Travis County EMS Employees Association (ATCEMSEA - hereafter “Association”) was properly designated and recognized as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all EMS uniformed employees covered by the Meet and Confer statute; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, negotiation teams for the City of Austin and the Association engaged in negotiations and reached an agreement and submitted it to the Association membership and City Council for ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Association membership ratified the Agreement by a majority vote and the Austin City Council ratified the Agreement by a majority vote of the Council on September 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement became effective on October 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Association and the City of Austin agreed to negotiate for an amendment to the current Agreement in light of the current economic conditions faced by the City of Austin and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Association and the City of Austin engaged in negotiations to amend the existing Agreement and agreed upon amendments to the Agreement that were submitted to the membership of the Association and the Austin City Council for approval; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council ratifies the Amendments to the Meet and Confer Agreement with the Austin/Travis County EMS Employees Association in the form of attached Exhibit "A," said Amendments to the Agreement to be effective on July _____, 2009, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the Amendments to the Agreement.

ADOPTED: July, 2009

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk