

AGENDA

**Recommendation for Council Action****AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL****Regular Meeting: November 2, 2017**Item Number: **002**

Management Services

Approve an ordinance waiving City Code Chapter 14-11 (Use of Right of Way) and Section 10-2-60 of Chapter 10-2 (Medical Transfer Services); and authorizing negotiation and execution of a license agreement with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. for a limited term; and declaring an emergency.

Lead Department	Emergency Medical Services
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Additional Backup Information:

Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. (Acadian) has held a non-emergency medical transfer franchise with the City since October, 2007. On March 1, 2017, in accordance with the terms of the franchise in place at the time, the City received an application from Acadian requesting a renewal of the franchise for another five-year term. Acadian fully complied with the requirements for submitting the application and paid the required fee.

On August 24, 2017, as required by the City Code, the Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board recommended renewal of the franchise for a five year term. On October 19, 2017, city council held a public hearing and approved an ordinance on first reading (as required by the City Charter) granting a renewal of the non-emergency medical franchise for a five year term. Thus, by October 19, the required process for renewing the franchise was well underway. However, the franchise under which Acadian operated for five years expired on October 31, 2017. The City Charter requires that an ordinance granting or renewing a franchise be read at three regular meetings of city council, and the final action cannot occur until at least 30 days after the first reading of and action on the ordinance.

On November 9, 2017, it is anticipated that city council will approve the second reading of the

ordinance renewing the medical transfer franchise, and on December 7, 2017, it is anticipated that city council will approve the third reading of the ordinance. The City Charter also stipulates that no ordinance granting a franchise shall become effective until the expiration of 60 days following the date of council's last action on the ordinance. Thus, the term of the franchise renewal will begin on February 6, 2018. Acadian transports approximately 700 patients each month. Thus, a public convenience will be served by granting Acadian a short term license agreement to operate a non-emergency medical transfer service within the City limits until the term of the franchise renewal becomes effective on February 6, 2018.