



Recommending Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS ANTHONY, FIORE, and KNUDSEN

ALSO PRESENT: CHIEF OPERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TOM PERRIGO, ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK, CITY CLERK LUANN D. HOLMES, and DEPUTY CITY CLERK ASHLEY FOSTER

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations in accordance with the State of Nevada Executive Department Declaration of Emergency Directive 006: The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov and The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov.

3. Bill No. 2020-40 - For possible action - Updates various provisions of LVMC Chapter 6.08 regarding the operational and franchise requirements for ambulance services, including the addition of provisions to permit the City Council to select one or more contract ambulance service providers through a competitive or other process. Proposed by: Jeff Buchanan, Acting Chief of Fire and Rescue

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing open.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK said the Bill updates Las Vegas Municipal Code Chapter 6.08, which deals with ambulance services, franchise agreements, and operational requirements. Under the current City of Las Vegas code, ambulance services within the city are provided by Las Vegas Fire and Rescue (Fire Department) or through franchise agreements with third-party ambulance service providers. This bill changes that by allowing an additional option by which the City Council can retain ambulance services by contracting through competitive or other processes such as a Request for Proposal. This is to provide flexibility and potential cost savings for the City and additional revenue generation. This bill also has new provisions that match a proposed three-year extension for a franchise agreement with AMR (American Medical Response, Inc.), which will be eligible for approval on the December 16, 2020 City Council Meeting. These provisions came out of extensive negotiations and dialogue between the Office of the City Manager, Office of the City Attorney, the Franchise Officer, AMR, and the Fire Department, and was done at the direction of the City Council who requested staff to do what it could with current ambulance service franchisees. To that extent, this bill will also update provisions concerning ambulance response times, authorizing franchisees to provide additional services, and will change the fee amounts a franchisee can charge to correspond to previous Consumer Price Index-related increases. Although the contract with AMR was not up for discussion, MR. DOROCAK noted it is reflected in the provisions part of this bill.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY DIMITRI DALACAS added that the proposed ordinance would add language to allow franchisees to perform emergency triage, treatment, and transport (ET3). Under the ET3 model, urgent care facilities serve as the main alternative destination for patients, but EMS (emergency medical services) crews can also transport patients to any approved qualified healthcare destination covered under the regulations including primary care clinics or other mental health facilities. The proposed ordinance will also re-designate current priority calls and properly identify protocols for each new priority designation. It will also add an Intermediate Life Support (ILS) level of care for specific 9-1-1 dispatched ambulance service responses. Lastly, it will update all maximum response times for each new priority designation.

ACTING FIRE CHIEF JEFF BUCHANAN, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, added that all of the changes in the proposed ordinance are reflective of healthy and robust negotiations with AMR. He recognized that MR. DALACAS' details were correct.

ATTORNEY JAY BROWN called the Committee's attention to Page 22, Line 2 of the Bill, which he read from and believed should be included in the contract with AMR. He understood that the contract with AMR is Item 13 of the Agenda of the December 16, 2020 City Council Meeting, will be pulled from the Consent portion of the Agenda, and heard after Item 73. MR. DOROCAL confirmed this was correct and that the information was relayed to MR. BROWN out of his concern about the provision of the proposed ordinance not being a part of the contract. He understood MR. BROWN'S concerns but was unsure if that portion of the Bill could be added to the contract so late in the process. COUNCILMAN ANTHONY thought MR. BROWN had a valid point; however, he asserted the City Council has the right to form other contracts with other services, and any way that staff could make this clear would be good. MR. BROWN respectfully asked that if the contract with AMR cannot be changed, an item be placed on the Agenda of the first City Council meeting in January to pass the AMR extension with the revision mentioned. The Councilman informed MR. BROWN that his point will be taken into consideration.

Subsequent to the vote, COUNCILMAN ANTHONY announced that the Bill would be eligible for adoption at the December 16, 2020 City Council Meeting.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Michele Fiore, Stavros Anthony, Brian Knudsen;

4. Citizens Participation: Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee. No subject may be acted upon by the Committee unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come to the podium and give your name and correct spelling for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:
None.

5. Adjournment

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, Deputy City Clerk

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006
The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov
and
The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov