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## **MINUTES**

### **PRESENT:**

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor  
Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman  
Marissa Ortega-Gerlach, Councilwoman  
Alberto Vela, Councilman  
Victor A. Flores, City Attorney  
Randy Perez, City Manager  
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

### **ABSENT:**

Ruben D. Plata, Mayor Pro-Tem

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

David de los Santos  
Veronica Ontiveros  
Mike Silva  
Leopoldo Garza  
Guillermo Delgadillo  
Dr. Ivan Melendez  
Rene Lopez  
Kassie High  
Victor Fonseca

Becky Baugh  
Nikki Mattick  
Robin Fancy  
Matt Wilson

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

David Flores, Asst. City Manager  
Juan Pablo Terrazas, Asst. City Manager  
Andy Garcia, Asst. City Manager  
Adrian Garcia, Fire Chief  
Susie De Luna, Planning Director  
Alex Hernandez, Assistant Planning Director  
Amy Tijerina, Community Events Director

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norie Garza Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

### **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

### **CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION**

Mike Silva, President of the Mission Fire Fighters Association addressed item #2 of the agenda. He said the council would have a choice which was to terminate the contract with MedCare EMS spoke of how it will allow the city to have more local control of its emergency medical services. He stated the department had invested years into cross-training firefighters into becoming EMTs and paramedics and that they are ready to take on the task. Mr. Silva thanked MedCare for the 23 years of service to the city of Mission.

Leopoldo Garza, Civil Service Commission member spoke about the Mission Fire Department EMS department who are trained to render the best quality of care to the community and are ready to serve the citizens of Mission.

David de los Santos, 1707 Solar Drive Med-Care's business development manager urged the council to rethink severing the company's contract. He stated Med-Care EMS, currently responds to 75% of the calls in Mission. Mission Fire Department is handling 25% of 9-1-1 calls. The concern was that Med-Care EMS would not be responding to the 75% local calls

since the council was considering terminating the contract. He cited nationwide shortages in healthcare workers, as well as the added financial costs and liability concerns that come with the city taking on sole responsibility for ambulance service.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PLANNING & ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Conditional Use Permit: Texas Citrus Fiesta Carnival & Fun Fair, All of Lots 4 & 5, out of Shops at 495 Phase I & the North 11.87 acres out of Lot 25-6, West Addition to Sharyland, C-3 & R-3, January 26, 2024 through January 29, 2024, Texas Citrus Fiesta (c/o Amy Tijerina), and Adoption of Ordinance # \_\_\_\_ - De Luna**

No action was taken on this item.

The site location was moved to the Leo Pena Placita Park due to the condition of the grounds being saturated with the recent rains. The city would be issuing a Special Use Permit for the use of the Leo Pena Placita Park.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

**2. Discussion and action, if any, related to the MedCare EMS contract with the City of Mission, including but not limited to authority to negotiate termination of said contract - A. Garcia**

Fire Chief Adrian Garcia stated the Mission Fire Department was ready to move forward to be the primary in house ambulance service for the City of Mission. The city currently has four ambulances and four mutual aid agreements in place to assist.

Councilwoman Marissa Gerlach asked if there would be a paramedic in each ambulance to provide a MICU level of care.

Dr. Ivan Melendez, Medical Director stated there was no difference in certification, charges, level of training and cost to the community if the MedCare contract would be terminated. He said the city was ready to move forward to provide the service.

Councilman Alberto Vela moved to terminate contract with MedCare EMS with a 75-day written notice as stated in the contract to be sent on January 25, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gerlach and approved unanimously 4-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:12 p.m., Councilman Vela moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gerlach and approved unanimously 4-0.

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Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary