



City Council Report

AGENDA 36
ITEM
DATE 12-17-09

Date: December 16, 2009
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Debbie Spinner, City Attorney
Subject: Resolution in support of Regional Emergency Medical Transportation Services

**Strategic
Initiatives**



Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to reaffirm Council's support of a regional emergency medical transportation service. The regional partners, Mesa, Gilbert, Queen Creek, and Apache Junction Fire District, have completed negotiations with Southwest Ambulance. The draft agreement will be submitted to the Arizona Department of Health Services for review, comment, and approval.

Background

Mesa issued Request for Proposal #2009145 for regional emergency medical transportation services for Mesa, Gilbert, Queen Creek and Apache Junction Fire District. The purpose of the RFP was to ensure consistent and top quality emergency medical transportation service for Mesa residents and the residents of our regional partners. On August 3, 2009, SW General, dba Southwest Ambulance ("Southwest") submitted its response to the RFP and on September 21, 2009, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations and formalize an agreement with Southwest.

Discussion

The parties have reached a tentative agreement, subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Health Services ("DHS"). The agreement will soon be sent to DHS for its review and comment. This resolution will also be sent to DHS, reaffirming Council's support for a regional emergency medical transportation service.

Alternatives

Council may choose not to adopt the Resolution. The proposed agreement will then be sent to DHS without this additional support from the governing body.

Fiscal Impact

Adoption of this Resolution has no fiscal impact on the City of Mesa.

Coordinated With

This regional emergency transportation service concept was prepared in coordination with the Fire Department and the City Manager's Office.



Debbie Spinner, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, REAFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2009145)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That on or about August 3, 2009, pursuant to Request for Proposal #2009145, a proposal was submitted by SW General, Inc. dba Southwest Ambulance ("Southwest") to provide regional emergency (ground ambulance) transportation services to a Region comprised of the City of Mesa ("Mesa"), Town of Gilbert ("Gilbert"), Town of Queen Creek ("Queen Creek"), and the Apache Junction Fire District ("Fire District").

Section 2: That on September 21, 2009, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Mesa City Council (the "Council"), the Council authorized the Mesa City Manager or his designated representative to enter into negotiations to formalize and execute an Agreement with Southwest to provide regional emergency transportation services to the Region pursuant to the Request for Proposal.

Section 3: That the Regional partners and Southwest have completed negotiations and the draft agreement will be sent to the Arizona Department of Health Services for review, comment, and approval, as may be required or provided by applicable statute, regulation, or otherwise under Arizona law.

Section 4: The Council hereby reaffirms its support for regional emergency medical transportation services. The Council finds, as a matter of local legislative policy, that entering into an agreement for coordinated provision of emergency transportation services by one ground ambulance service provider to the multi-jurisdictional Region serves the public health, safety and welfare, and is in the best interests of the public and the citizens of Mesa.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona this ____ day of _____, 2009.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk