

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/10/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0482

LOG NAME: 03NON-D TRANSFER FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Appropriation Ordinances Transferring Non-Departmental Budget from the General Fund to the Emergency Medical Services Fund and to the Human Resources Department within the General Fund, for the Initial Funding Period of July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025, for Emergency Medical Services in the City of Fort Worth and Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting appropriations in the General Fund for the Non-Departmental budget by decreasing appropriations in the General Operating and Maintenance category in the amount of \$5,342,000.00 and increasing appropriations in the Transfers and Other category by the same amount, for the purpose of transferring funds to the Emergency Medical Services Fund and the Emergency Medical Services Capital Fund;
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Emergency Medical Services Fund in the amount of \$4,937,230.00, transferred from the General Fund, for the purpose of funding the implementation of Emergency Medical Services in the City of Fort Worth;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Emergency Medical Services Capital Fund in the amount of \$404,770.00, transferred from the General Fund, for the purpose of purchasing 10 oxygen refill stations;
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Human Resources General Fund budget in the amount of \$158,000.00, transferred from the General Fund Non-Departmental budget, for the purpose of funding the implementation of Emergency Medical Services in the City of Fort Worth; and
5. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to provide initial funding for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund as part of the transition of the Area Metropolitan Ambulance Authority d/b/a MedStar from July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025. This initial funding will be utilized to purchase critical supply and equipment necessary to ensure a seamless transition and to provide funding for anticipated gaps in personnel expenses. An additional M&C request(s) will be brought for council consideration to provide the remaining operational funding of the Emergency Medical Services Fund for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025 once the City assumes MedStar's assets.

Specially, this M&C provides funding for the following items:

- \$2,342,978.00 for personnel expenses, including salary and benefits for staff members. This funding will be used to cover costs associated with salary increases that are not part of MedStar's 2025 adopted budget.
- \$1,162,000.00 for the purchase of uniforms for EMS staff.
- \$726,193.00 to maintain IT software and tools from July – September 2025.
- \$404,770.00 for the purchase of 10 oxygen refill systems to be stationed at various fire stations for ambulances to quickly refill their oxygen tanks.
- \$158,000.00 for civil service testing, Work Shield, and FMLA/Source costs.
- \$706,059.00 for operational expenses related to providing emergency medical services.

Funding is available in the General Fund within the Non-Departmental Department for the purpose of transferring to the Emergency Medical Services Fund for the transition of EMS to the City of Fort Worth.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the General Fund, and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the Emergency Medical Services Fund, as appropriated, and the General Fund for the Human Resources Department as appropriated. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds

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