



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

6:00 PM

100 East Main Street, Suite 500

Special Meeting

1. Call to Order

Mayor Victor Gonzales called the special meeting to order at 6:00pm. Mayor Pro Tem Doug Weiss, and Councilmembers Ceasar Ruiz, David Rogers, Kimberly Holiday, and Jim McDonald were in attendance. Councilmember Rudy Metayer joined the meeting at 6:33pm.

City staff in attendance: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; James Hartshorn, Deputy City Manager; Emily Barron, Assistant City Manager; Brian McDougal, Interim Assistant Manager; Trista Evans, City Secretary; Charles Zech, City Attorney; Maggie Holman, Public Information Officer; Breanna Higgins, Assistant to the City Manager; Jennifer Coffey Griswold, Library Director; Jason Smith, Assistant Police Chief; Christin Lindsey, Budget Analyst.

Travis County ESD2 Board of Commissioners present: Michael Bessner, President; Rico Reyes, Vice President, Robert Turner, Secretary; Mike Howe, Treasurer; and April Griffin, Assistant Treasurer.

2. Public Comment

There was no one present wishing to speak under public comment.

3. Discuss Only

3A. [2022-0568](#)

Conduct a special joint meeting with the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 Board of Commissioners to discuss and consider action regarding emergency medical services operations, a cooperative future agreement, and expectations and vision for the future of emergency medical services in the City of Pflugerville and the Pflugerville ETJ.

Mayor Gonzales opened the item for discussion. The Travis County ESD2 Board of Commissioners and City Council provided opening statements. Mr. Bessner stated that the ESD2 financial report is posted online. Mr. McDonald asked about budget projections. Nick Perkins, Fire Chief, provided information and answered following questions from council.

Mr. Perkins gave a presentation regarding the ESD2 proposal. Discussion followed regarding the methodology for calculations. Mr. Perkins answered questions about costs. Mr. Rogers asked about method for cost allocation. Mr. Howe provided information. Mr. Metayer provided comment regarding projecting towards the future to be sustainable for everyone. Discussion

followed regarding meetings with Travis County.

Mr. Rogers asked if ESD2 would be willing to help the City set up a municipal based EMS service. Discussion followed. Mayor Gonzales provided comment about looking to the long term to provide a single solution within the City of Pflugerville. Mayor Pro Tem Weiss asked the board what they think the City looks like 20 years in the future. Discussion followed, Mr. Howe stated there is a strategic planning meeting in the summer that council is invited to. Discussion followed regarding areas serviced by ESD2, revenues, and expenditures. Mr. Howe provided information about how the program started.

Mr. Perkins provided information about cost offset options and answered questions from council regarding inter facility transport. Mr. Rogers asked about insurance accepted by ESD2. Mr. Perkins stated that ESD2 works with all insurances and discussed how insurance companies handle ambulance costs. Mr. Perkins answered questions from council about pay structures and fees. Discussion followed regarding costs of stations and operating expenses.

Mayor Gonzales asked about range of costs and fees. Mr. Perkins provided information and answered additional questions from council about how the numbers were calculated. Mr. McDonald asked if the city was expected to take over billing. Mr. Bessner stated it was part of the discussion. John Carlton, Attorney for Travis County ESD2, provided information about billing requirements. Discussion followed regarding fees. Mr. Ruiz asked about collections. Discussion followed regarding billing options. Mr. Metayer provided comment about long term planning. Mr. McDonald provided comment about ESD2 budget. Discussion followed regarding the cost options.

Discussion continued regarding the models and costs. Mayor Pro Tem Weiss asked if ESD2 would provide subsidized service through September to get through planning sessions and get to long term agreement. Discussion followed regarding terms. Ms. Breland provided information about ESD2 financials.

Mr. McDonald provided a suggestion for ESD2 to provide service for 3 months while working towards a long term solution. Discussion followed regarding what the solution would entail.

Mr. McDonald moved to supplement EMS services through interim franchise agreement with ESD2 July 1 through September 31 to include interfacility services. Mr. Metayer seconded. The vote was as follows: Mr. McDonald - yes, Mayor Gonzales - yes, Mr. Metayer - yes, Mayor Pro Tem Weiss - no, Mr. Ruiz - yes, Ms. Holiday - no, Mr. Rogers - no. The motion carried.

Mayor Gonzales called a recess at 9:12pm.

3B. [2022-0564](#)

Discussion regarding FY23 budget preparations and budget assumptions.

Mayor Gonzales called the meeting back to order at 9:27pm. Mayor Gonzales opened the item for discussion. Ms. Moore gave a presentation about budget development and economic indicators including employment growth and housing permits. Ms. Moore provided additional information regarding general fund revenue and answered questions from council. Ms. Moore continued the presentation covering property tax, and property tax exemptions, sales tax,

and user fees. Ms. Moore answered questions from council and discussed the budget timeline.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 10:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Evans, City Secretary

Approved as _____ on June 14, 2022.