



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final

City Council

Saturday, October 30, 2021

12:00 PM

100 East Main Street, Suite 500

Special Meeting

1. Call to Order

Mayor Victor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Mayor Pro Tem Omar Peña, Councilmembers Ceasar Ruiz, Doug Weiss, and Mike Heath were in attendance. Councilmember David Rogers joined at 12:07pm. Councilmember Rudy Metayer joined at 1:09pm.

City staff in attendance: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Trey Fletcher, Deputy City Manager; Charles Zech, City Attorney; Trista Evans, City Secretary; Terri Toledo, Communications Director; Jason O'Malley, Police Chief.

2. Public Comment

There was no one wishing to speak under public comment.

3. Discuss and Consider Action

3A. [2021-1132](#)

Discuss and consider action approving a contract with Acadian Ambulance Services for EMS services in the City and extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Charlie Torres stated he would like City Council to wait on this action until after the election. He stated he has opinions about the contract and is not happy with it, but would like council to wait on the vote.

Israel Anderson stated this is the first time he has spoken to city council as this is a matter of great concern for him. He stated he did not understand why they are voting on the item before people have spoken on the election. He stated he is opposed to seeing a contractor take over EMS services and they are served very well by the current provider.

Jim McDonald stating that while he heard from council that the intent was no to stifle the vote, the optics are that it is. He stated that there was a Facebook post that stated there would be ambulance services regardless of the outcome but the city is already engaging with a private service but is not talking with ESD17 is that is the outcome. He asked council to table the item until after the election.

Trevor Stokes read an email sent by Commissioner Travillion and Commissioner Shea stating they strongly supported the ESD17 propositions on the ballot which ensured service. Mr. Stokes continued reading from the letter

which stated that all eight ambulances operated daily during the winter storm and ESD2 provides exceptional service. He stated that council is denying citizens a vote as they plan to move and approve the contract. Mr. Stokes stated that voting for ESD 17 means saying no to private ambulance services.

Lorrie Schutt stated that all people should be able to vote and asked council why they are suppressing the vote. She stated she sees both sides and sees it as a battle for control that city council wants to win. She stated she is disappointed in Pflugerville and asked council to please hear peoples voices and delay vote another few days.

Carol Teitelman stated with the election just days away it does not seem like a good time to deal with this issue and she does not see why it could not be done next week. She stated people are confused about the issue on both sides and she is not arguing for or against it but saying with people going to the polls to vote on this very issue it is not the time for city council to take a final vote.

Denee Barsalou stated that 3,950 people have already voted in this election and if the votes count then action should not be taken to decide the outcome of how the city is going to handle this issue ahead of the vote on Tuesday. She stated the city is going to hear what the citizens say in just a few days and it has the appearance of trying to ignore what the will of the voters are saying. She urged council to wait and delay the vote until after hearing what the people have said.

Jackie Sartor urged city council to table this until after the vote. Whether it is the intent or not the perception is the reality. She stated it seems like the votes do not matter if council is going to take up the decision now.

Kimberly Holiday stated she hears one question as she is out canvassing which is why is the city rushing this. She asked council to only delay the decision until the voices of the citizens have been heard.

Mr. Weiss requested to go into executive session for legal counsel. Mayor Gonzales announced that council was retiring to executive session at 12:18pm. Mayor Gonzales reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:18pm.

Mr. Weiss stated based on the questions and concerns that still need to be addressed he moved to postpone the item to a future meeting. Mr. Metayer seconded the motion. Mr. Heath stated that he appreciated all of the effort from Acadian and the community's concern. Mayor Pro Tem Peña stated that there were several comments made about suppressing the vote and that is not the case and they are taking any action necessary to protect the citizens. He stated council has heard from many union members but the board has not accepted council's invitation to meet. Mayor Pro Tem Peña stated council is charged with protecting the citizens and that is what council will continue to do.

Mayor Gonzales called the vote. All voted in favor. The item was postponed to a future meeting.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 1:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Evans, City Secretary

Approved as submitted on November 9, 2021.