

RESOLUTION NO. 14-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO TAKE ACTIONS TOWARD PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; GRANTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP PLANS AND BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR APPROPRIATE STAFFING, EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION, OPERATING PROCEDURES AND RELATED COMPONENTS OF AMBULANCE SERVICE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE KEY WEST FIRE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A DIVISION CHIEF OF EMS AND PROVIDING FOR NECESSARY BUDGET TRANSFERS; AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL TWELVE MONTH EXTENSION TO THE CURRENT PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENT IN THE EVENT OF UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, at its meeting of June 3, 2014, the City Commission heard testimony and accepted reports in support of transferring the operation of ambulance/EMS services from a private contractor to the City of Key West Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 14-090, the City Commission approved a month-to-month extension, commencing on April 1, 2014, of the City's contract with Care/American Ambulance (previously known as Lifestar Response of Alabama), for up to 12 months; and

WHEREAS, at the June 3 Commission meeting, City staff requested authority to develop plans and processes for allocating and hiring administrative, supervisory and

operational staff, developing standard operating procedures, acquiring equipment, training, billing, collections, mutual aid arrangements and related operations; and

WHEREAS, in light of the complicated process of bringing ambulance services into the Key West Fire Department, City staff further recommends that the Commission authorize staff to negotiate an extension for service with Care/American Ambulance in excess of the already-approved 12 month extension in order to adequately address any unforeseen circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That City staff is authorized to commence necessary planning and development toward providing ambulance/EMS services through the Key West Fire Department.

Section 2: That in order to devote the resources necessary to transition EMS to the KWFD, the City Manager is authorized to add the additional position of Division Chief of EMS pursuant to City policies. The City Manager shall identify

the funding to add this position and the City's budget shall be amended to reflect the source and transfer of funds.

Section 3: That the City Manager is directed to immediately develop strategic and financial plans for staffing, equipment and supplies acquisition, standard operating procedures, billing and collection policies and related bid packages for billing vendors under the supervision of the Key West Fire Department.

Section 4: That the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract extension at the same monthly amount or less with the current ambulance provider for a period of up to twelve additional months beyond the term of the current agreement.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held  
this 17 day of June, 2014.


Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the  
Commission on 18 day of June, 2014.

Filed with the Clerk on June 18, 2014.

Mayor Craig Cates	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Mark Rossi	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Teri Johnston	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Tony Yaniz	<u>Yes</u>

  
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CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK