

November 20, 2017

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **SUBJECT**

Ordinance amending the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget adopted on December 5, 2016, as previously amended, to increase the appropriation by \$356,000 and authorizing administrative officials to receive, and expend said funds to staff a part-time Medic One paramedic unit within the City of Sammamish for a six-month period, between August 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City of Bellevue is one of five regional providers of Medic One/Advanced Life Support (ALS) services in King County. County-wide, the ALS program is supported by the King County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy. Bellevue receives revenue on a reimbursement basis for actual costs incurred for our ALS program. King County has approved the addition and funding for the part-time, temporary unit. An amendment has been processed to the City ALS contract for 2017-2018, however the anticipated revenue and expenditures associated with the part-time unit were not included in the adopted 2017-2018 General Fund Budget.

### **STAFF CONTACTS**

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### **POLICY CONSIDERATION**

City Financial Policy: Pursuant to RCW35A.34.200(d), the expenditures in the final budget shall constitute the City's appropriations for the fiscal biennium. Under provisions of State law and the City's operating procedures, the operating budget may be amended by an ordinance that amends the original budget and states the sources of funding for incremental appropriations.

City Council Vision Priorities 2016/2017: Regional Leadership and Influence - Bellevue will lead, catalyze, and partner with our neighbors throughout the region.

### **BACKGROUND**

Since 1979, King County Public Health has administrated a county-wide ALS service (Medic One) funded by a County-wide EMS Levy (RCW 84.52.069). The most recent six-year levy for 2014-2019 was approved in November of 2013.

King County's "Medic One" program (ALS service) is delivered by five agencies: Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, and Shoreline Fire Departments, with King County Public Health providing this service to South King County. The program is recognized as one of the best emergency medical programs in the country and its response model has garnered an international reputation for innovation and excellence in out-of-hospital emergency care. The program currently serves over two million people. The Bellevue Fire Department administers four of the 26 Medic One (paramedic) units strategically located across the

county; 100 percent of the operational costs for those four units are funded by the EMS Levy. The Bellevue City Council approved the 2014-2019 ALS contract with King County on December 9, 2013 (Resolution Number 8669).

As part of the overall management of the program, King County annually reviews the calls for service, utilization and response times for paramedic units, and all geographic areas of the county. When there are permanent or temporary issues affecting service levels, King County works with the local agencies and the ALS providers to determine a best course of action.

The City of Sammamish is within Bellevue's paramedic service area, and is experiencing pronounced growth that is expected to continue for some time. This presents a challenge to emergency medical responders since the growth includes a number of planned roadway projects in Sammamish, Redmond, and Issaquah along key arterials. In order to maintain paramedic service levels during a six month period where road construction is particularly high, a temporary, part-time ALS unit was approved by the King County EMS Financial Advisory Committee on June 21, 2017. The unit is to be housed in Sammamish at Eastside Fire & Rescue Station 83. The temporary unit is operating 12 hours per day, 7 days per week, starting August 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018.

Resolution No. 8669 contained language that allows the City or his designee to approve future contract amendments to the ALS contract. An amendment has been processed to the City ALS contract for 2017-2018, however the anticipated revenue and expenditures associated with the part-time unit were not included in the adopted 2017-2018 General Fund Budget.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

If approved, this Ordinance becomes effective on December 1, 2017.

### **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance amending the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget adopted on December 5, 2016, as previously amended, to increase the appropriation by \$356,000 and authorizing administrative officials to receive, and expend said funds to staff a part-time Medic One paramedic unit within the City of Sammamish for a six-month period, between August 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1

### **MOTION**

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6381 amending the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget adopted on December 5, 2016, as previously amended, to increase the appropriation by \$356,000 and authorizing administrative officials to receive, and expend said funds to staff a part-time Medic One paramedic unit within the City of Sammamish for a six-month period, between August 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Proposed Ordinance No. 6381

### **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY**

N/A