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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT FOR COUNCIL

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Caption Resolution authorizing city finance and fire departments to establish a special revenue fund to fulfill obligations of Resolutions 26-0221 and 25-1472. (Tri State Ambulance Leased Employee Agreement and Local 127 MOU for Ambulance Transport Compensation)

Staff/Department Responsible for Legislation

Chadwick Hawkins, Director of Finance

Requestor of Legislation

Jeff Schott, Fire Chief

Location, if applicable

Summary/Purpose

The resolution requests the finance department establish an appropriate special revenue fund to fulfill the obligations required of recently adopted resolutions governing the Tri State Ambulance leased employee agreement and associated compensation changes with additional training and overtime needs.

The special revenue account will ensure the program is self sustaining and will not infringe on the general fund nor exceed fire department adopted operational annual expenditures.

Background

The Fire Department has an established leased employee program currently operating on a part time basis. The truck is staffed with fire department paramedics outside of the regular work schedule and is billed directly for hours worked. The recently passed amendment to the leased employee agreement moves to a 24/7 model that has the flexibility to staff the ambulance with on duty paramedics and EMT's. Additional staff training, potential for overtime backfill, and changes to compensation structure bargained under the Local 127 CBA MOU, require funding outside the scope of the operating budget. The additional revenue will provide direct funding to operate the ambulance via an appropriately established special revenue account.

Fiscal Impact

The cost to operate the ambulance with fire department staff should be offset by the revenue generated through the leased employee agreement with TSA.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt