

AGENDA

**Recommendation for Council Action****AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL****Regular Meeting: February 15, 2018**Item Number: **081**

Management Services

Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20171214-019 relating to specialized functions, certifications, assignments, and additional pay, and authorizing vacation accumulation leave for emergency medical services personnel employed by the Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department; and declaring an emergency.

Lead Department	Management Services, Labor Relations Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Emergency Medical Services Department's Operating Budget.
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Additional Backup Information:

The City of Austin and the ATCEMSEA's previous meet-and-confer agreement expired on October 30, 2017. At that time, certain stipends to EMS employees under the expired agreement were discontinued.

On December 14, 2017, the Council approved an ordinance reestablishing those stipends through February 18, 2018, with direction to City management to attempt to engage in further labor negotiations with the EMS Association during that time.

The parties once again sat down to negotiate a contract on February 6, 2018 and the parties

agreed to a second bargaining date on March 7, 2018.

The parties are currently engaged in good faith bargaining with the hopes that an interim agreement will be reached in March.

The ordinance will expire on the effective date of any meet and confer agreement ratified by the City and the EMS Association, or March 30, 2018, whichever date occurs first.