

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 16, 2018 AT 5:30 PM
Arlington Community Center – Council Chambers**

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve the Agenda

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Review Requirements for the recently created Monday – Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. EMT and existing Monday – Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Paramedic position.
4. Adjournment

**NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THIS MEETING.
THE MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2018**

The Council Workshop meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m., Mayor Nagel presiding.

Members present: Mayor Rich Nagel, Michelle Battcher, Adam Cowell, Tom Hatlestad, Ben Jaszewski

Members absent: Jim Heiland

Also present: City Adm. Pat Melvin and the Arlington Area Ambulance members: Bob Lueth and Neal Wisch.

Motion by Jaszewski, seconded by Battcher, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

The Council was brought up to speed on a prior discussion that Mayor Nagel and Administrator Melvin had with Ambulance Manager Sullivan regarding his concerns that a certain paramedic, if required to continue working at the Community Center, would be resigning next Wednesday causing the daytime ambulance shift to be nonfunctional.

There was some discussion about trying to restrict the work that the EMT's and Paramedics are being asked to perform to only police, fire and ambulance department related work. Some felt that this would alleviate concerns that they are being asked to do less important work.

There was discussion about communications and in some cases the lack of communication between the Ambulance Department the City Council. It was noted positively that the Ambulance Department was switching meeting schedules to avoid conflict with City Council meetings and this will allow Council members to attend meetings and stay better in touch with what is happening in the Ambulance Department. Until some of these issues are resolved the Council felt that they should communicate directly with all the EMT's and Paramedics.

There was discussion about the small number of daytime EMT's and the burden that is creating on current daytime EMT's, who sometimes are unable to join family on vacations or leave town. Staff present reminded the Council that it takes 3-4 months to become EMT certified and that young people are not engaging like they used to and stepping up to serve. There was a suggestion to look to consolidate with Gaylord to make the workload lighter and sustain some services.

This issue of requiring EMT's and Paramedics to work in other departments within the City is on the April 16 City Council agenda which follows and will be discussed further and decided at that time.

Motion by Jaszewski, seconded by Hatlestad, and passed by unanimous vote of those present to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm.

City Administrator Patrick Melvin

Mayor Richard Nagel