

Mayor Pro Tem Art Smyth called the Special Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Council Members present were Jan May, John Housden and Tim Rieb. Council Member Ramiro Villagrana was absent. A quorum was present. Also present were City Clerk Misty Ruiz, Deputy Clerk Desha Dawson and Public Works Director Lynn Lawson. City Attorneys Chuck Zimmerman and Julie Norton were present via speaker phone.

MED STAR LEASE – ANDERSON FIELD AIRPORT:

Council met today to review and discuss the approval of the Med Star Lease at Anderson Field Airport. The draft was provided to Council for review on March 25th from the office of Ogden Murphy Wallace. Council Member Jan May raised concerns regarding the City being protected in terms of severing the lease, and having the option at the end of the 30 yrs to not renew. She feels it is very favorable to Med Star, but not to the City.

Much discussion followed this concern. City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman stated that this is a 50 year lease – which consists of a 30 year original lease, with a 20 year renewal option at the end of the 30yr portion. As long as they (Med Star) are not in default on lease payments and are not violating any City Ordinance or codes with respect to the terms of their lease, then the City will be required to permit Med Star to renew this lease. He does not believe that the terms of this lease in any way put the City at a disadvantage and feels that entering this lease with Med Star will only benefit us and our Citizens, as Med Star provides a public health and safety function.

Council was in agreement with Mr. Zimmerman. Council is in favor of the draft lease agreement as presented.

MOTION: **Council Member Housden made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the lease in the form provided on March 25th and execute all other documents to make Med Star the tenant on Lot #20, including termination of all other leases for this lot. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of three (3) in favor (Housden, May, Rieb.)**

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Council regarding the Special Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Art Smyth

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer Misty Ruiz