



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#26-0169

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: February 17, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement for Medical Director Services for the Fire
Rescue Department - Jim Roach, D.O., P.A. - \$473,515.80 (Five (5)-Year
Total) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for a five (5)-year period for medical director services for the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department with Jim Roach, D.O., P.A.

Background

The direction of a licensed Florida physician is required for the administration of drugs and the performance of invasive emergency procedures. The City has been under contract with Jim Roach, D.O., P.A., to provide medical and administrative oversight for the City's delivery of basic and advanced life support emergency medical services since 2021 (CAM #21-0069). Staff recommends awarding a five (5)-year contract for the continuation of these services. The year one (1) contract amount is \$84,000 and increases by six percent (6%) annually.

Services provided under the contract include:

- Assuming direct responsibility for the medical performance of the emergency medical technicians and paramedics operating for the City of Fort Lauderdale's emergency medical services system
- Prescribing and instructing the City's Police Department on the proper administration of emergency opioid antagonists
- Serving as a liaison between the City and various community hospitals and other local emergency medical services agencies to ensure compliance with all federal and state standards and regulations regarding infectious disease exposures and reporting requirements for the Fire Rescue Department

Jim Roach, D.O., P.A. has the necessary licensures, credentials, education and

experience to successfully fulfill the role of medical director for the Fire Rescue Department. Pursuant to Section 2-176(e)(15) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, professional medical services are excluded from competitive solicitation.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the General Fund in the amount of \$49,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. Funds are available in the FY 2026 Operating Budget account listed below:

| <i>Funds available as of January 20, 2026</i> | | | | | |
|---|------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER | COST CENTER NAME | CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | AMOUNT |
| 10-001-4020-522-30-3299 | Fire Operations | Services & Materials/ Other Professional Services | \$6,188,523.00 | \$3,408,715.07 | \$49,000 |
| PURCHASE TOTAL ► | | | | | \$49,000 |

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiatives.

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Coastal Management, Community Health, and Safety Element
- Goal 4.5: Community Health and Safety. Ensure local standards and proactive measures to enhance community health and safety in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

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