




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

#16-0172

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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager 

**DATE:** February 2, 2016

**TITLE:** **WALK-ON** - Motion approving Benny Menendez, M.D. as Interim Medical Director for the Fire-Rescue Department

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission accept the offer by Benny Menendez, M.D. to serve as interim Medical Director for \$4108 per month and authorize Dr. Benny Menendez, M.D. to provide Medical Director services for the Fire-Rescue Department for a period of thirty days or until further action by the City Commission, whichever is earlier, conditioned on the City's receipt of insurance certificates satisfactory to the Risk Manager and the City Attorney.

**Background**

Due to the unfortunate and untimely death of Nabil El Sanadi, M.D. who provided Medical Director services, the Fire-Rescue staff requests that the City Commission accept the offer by Benny Menendez, M.D. to serve as Interim Medical Director for responsible medical and administrative oversight for the City's delivery of basic and advanced life support emergency medical services. These services are provided by fire rescue paramedics and emergency medical technicians under the direction of a Florida licensed physician who is board certified in emergency medicine. The duration of this approval should be thirty days or until further action by the City Commission, whichever is earlier.

Pursuant to Subsection 2-172(a)(8), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the Purchasing Division of the Code of Ordinances does not apply to professional medical services.

**Resource Impact**

There is a financial impact to the City in the amount of \$4,108.00 per month.

<b>Funds available as of 02/02/16</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)</b>	<b>PURCHASE AMOUNT</b>
001-FIR030101-3199	FIRE-RESCUE SUPPORT	SERVICES/MATERIALS /OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$3,045,890	\$1,518,793	\$4,108
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>					<b>\$4,108</b>

**Strategic Connections:**

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.
- Objective 2: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.
- Initiative 2: Remain on the leading edge of advanced pre-hospital medical interventions.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*

**Attachments:**

- Exhibit 1 - Benny Menendez, M.D. letter
- Exhibit 2 - ACLS Certificate
- Exhibit 3 - Medical License
- Exhibit 4 - DEA License

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