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**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

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A Workshop Meeting of the Deltona City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 in the City of Deltona City Commission Chambers at 2345 Providence Blvd., Deltona, Florida.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor Mulder.

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**2. ROLL CALL:**

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Mayor	Dennis Mulder	Present
Vice Mayor	Michael Carmolingo	Present
Commissioner	Zenaida Denizac	Present
Commissioner	Janet Deyette	Present
Commissioner	Michele McFall-Conte	Present
Commissioner	Paul Treusch	Absent (Excused)
Commissioner	Herb Zischkau	Absent
Acting City Attorney	James "Skip" Fowler	Present
City Manager	Faith G. Miller	Present

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Also present: Deputy City Manager Dave Denny and Fire Chief Robert Staples.

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**3. BUSINESS:**

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**A. Presentation & Discussion re: Fire Department EMS Transport.**

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Chief Staples gave a brief PowerPoint presentation which included a review of historical data, the number of potential EMS Transports between the year 2007 and 2009, the possible revenue generated based upon EVAC's current fee structure between the year 2007 and 2009, the initial start-up costs, recurring costs, review of several assumptions, and benefits of Fire Department EMS Transport.

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Vice Mayor Carmolingo asked if there is any grant money available for this and Chief Staples replied there is always a potential for grants because of the dual training as firefighter/paramedics. He stated there are Federal grants which provide additional firefighting staff that has an escalating scale that generally pays 100% the first year, 75% the second year, 50% the third year, 25% the fourth year and then the City would assume all costs of the employees from the fifth year out.

1 Commissioner McFall-Conte stated she thinks if several cities banded together it might illicit  
2 more of a response from Volusia County.

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4 **Mayor Mulder suggested staff meet with other City Managers and engage what the interest**  
5 **is, to see what the challenges would be moving forward and to see what the strategy would**  
6 **be to overcome them and the Commission concurred.**

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8 Vice Mayor Carmolingo stated most of the time the City's Fire Department is the first provider  
9 and he asked if the City could recoup the cost of what is being spent on medications and supplies.  
10 Chief Staples replied there are changes to Medicare that do not allow it.

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12 Commissioner Denizac questioned EVAC's average response time from EMS was. Chief  
13 Staples replied he did not know. He stated the majority of the time the response time is good but,  
14 there are times staff has been on scene for an excess of 10 minutes. He stated EVAC does not  
15 have a response time requirement in their contract.

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17 Commissioner Deyette stated there is a Bill in congress to try and provide cities over a certain  
18 population a local option to provide emergency transport. **She suggested having staff look into**  
19 **it and draft a resolution in support of the Bill and the Commission concurred.**

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21 Mayor Mulder suggested Chief Staples, the union, and staff could work on a resolution that is  
22 acceptable with all the cities who want to participate.

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24 **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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26 Lieutenant Len Taft, Daytona Beach Fire Department, Fire House #3, 945 Halifax Avenue,  
27 addressed what could be done right now to afford options available to any city in Volusia County to  
28 engage in fire transport should they chose. He stated fire transport is used by the majority of cities  
29 and counties throughout the State of Florida finding it the most efficient way to deliver emergency  
30 services. He stated fire transport out numbers the number of ALS transport agencies that are Fire  
31 Department based and out numbers private ambulance companies by more than two (2) to one (1).  
32 He stated Daytona Beach has applied for a certificate with Volusia County and statutorily the only  
33 thing the County is supposed to consider during the awarding of a Certificate of Public  
34 Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) is the recommendations of all the municipalities within that  
35 particular county. He stated it would be extremely helpful if Deltona were to consider fire transport  
36 a good option for it in the future or for some other city to be able to do to add its recommendation  
37 on an official level to the Volusia County Council. He stated there is going to be legislation  
38 proposed this next session that will allow municipalities with a population over 30,000 to have an  
39 alternative method of receiving that license as an administrative automatic function of the county  
40 rather than a year and a half or two (2) year laborious process to go through. He stated the  
41 legislation requires the support of the Volusia Delegation whose meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup> and  
42 Deltona's support at that two (2) year elected State representatives and senators would assist in that  
43 legislation.

1 John D. Adams, Firefighter Pension Board Member, stated having no legs causes him problems and  
2 in the beginning he fell a lot which is embarrassing and frustrating. He stated he has called the  
3 Deltona Fire Department and EMS who have responded within 10 minutes of his call. He stated if  
4 he fell and broke his hip or had to go to the hospital he would be sitting on the floor with the Fire  
5 Department treating him but, not having the ability to transport him to the hospital and he would  
6 have to wait on EVAC.

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8 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**  
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10 Vice Mayor Carmolingo stated at the last Volusia Council of Government (VCOG) Meeting  
11 Rapheal Montavlo spoke about having contacted several cities to participate in a workshop on  
12 smart growth and he asked if the City had been contacted. Ms. Miller replied that he had contacted  
13 the City and Chris Bowley was going to follow up with Mr. Montavlo.  
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15 Vice Mayor Carmolingo shared his opinion on the “opinion signs”. He stated there was a request  
16 regarding an opinion sign which provides a gentleman’s name, his position and a statement that  
17 reads “believes everyone deserves justice”. He stated he thinks an opinion sign should be the  
18 person’s name and a statement but, not what the person’s job description is. He stated he will be  
19 discussing this issue with the Legal Department.  
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21 Commissioner Denizac stated she read a legal opinion where if a Commissioner is present during a  
22 vote and there is no conflict of interest that Commissioner should be voting and not leaving the  
23 room so as to not vote. She suggested that Commissioners not be able to leave the room during a  
24 vote to avoid making those hard decisions.  
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26 **5. ADJOURNMENT:**  
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28 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.  
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**Joyce Kent, DEPUTY CITY CLERK**  
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