Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE	SPONSORED BY
November 10, 2026	George Scarpelli, City Councilor, Anna Callahan, City Councilor, Isaac Bears, Council President

AGENDA ITEM

26-200 - Resolution Inquiring Into the Contractual and Community Impacts of the Sale of Cataldo Ambulance Service

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, emergency medical services and reliable ambulance transport are critical components of public safety, health, and welfare for the residents of our community; and

Whereas, Cataldo Ambulance Service currently serves as the primary provider of emergency medical and transport services under negotiated agreements with the city; and

Whereas, reports and discussions have emerged regarding a potential sale of Cataldo Ambulance Service; and

Whereas, any transition in ownership, management, or corporate structure of a primary emergency services vendor introduces potential uncertainties regarding service continuity, response times, staffing levels, and the enforcement of existing public agreements; and

Whereas, the City Council seeks to proactively protect the public interest, ensure strict adherence to previously negotiated terms, and understand any legal or operational contingencies available to the municipality; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we respectfully request that the City Administration, including the Mayor's Office, and relevant public safety officials, to provide a formal update and comprehensive analysis regarding the potential sale of Cataldo Ambulance Service; and

Be it Further Resolved that this inquiry specifically requests the Administration to clarify:

1. The exact legal and contractual impacts a sale would have on the community and the active agreements currently in place.

2. Whether existing contracts contain assignability clauses, performance guarantees, or change-of-control provisions that protect the city's interests.
3. What measures the Administration is taking to guarantee that emergency medical service levels, response times, and local staffing remain uncompromised.

Be it Further Resolved that the City Council receive an update on businesses that have complained that Cataldo Ambulance is using their private parking lots as bases of operations due to the continued lack of a fixed base of operation for Cataldo in the City of Medford.

Be it Finally Resolved that the Administration be requested to provide a written response or appear before the City Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting to brief the body on these matters.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None