

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 2, 2004

THROUGH: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY FOR A MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER SYSTEM AND RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA for a period of three years, for operation of a municipal animal control program, animal shelter system and rabies control program. The not to exceed amount for the first year shall be \$903,657 which shall be adjusted annually based upon the change in the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles-Orange-Riverside area for the latest available preceding 12-month period; and,
2. Grant this contract an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance pursuant to P.M.C. 4.08.049(B) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND:

The California Health and Safety Code, Section 1920, mandates that the governing body of each city maintain an animal control shelter system and a rabies control program to provide for public health and safety. The primary components of an animal and rabies control program include: stray animal control, canine immunizations, public education, and animal bite investigations. Among the options available to the City of Pasadena to facilitate compliance are: (a) City administered animal control services; (b) contracting with Los Angeles County to provide the service; and (c) contracting with a public or private entity other than Los Angeles County.

Based on a review of each of these options, staff recommends continuing the City's contract with the Pasadena Humane Society as the most advantageous to the City. The Pasadena Humane Society has a long-standing history of providing a cost-effective and high quality animal and rabies control program to the City. Renewing the current contractual relationship will ensure that the City receives continuity of services for animal and rabies control.

The contract amounts for the past three years have been \$837,000 in FY 2002, \$862,110 in FY 2003 and \$887,973 in FY 2004. The proposed contract amount for the year beginning July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, is \$903,657. The term of the contract shall be for three (3) years. At the end of the first contract year, and at each subsequent anniversary date, the total contract price would be adjusted by the change in the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles-Orange-Riverside area for the latest available preceding 12-month period.

Staff completed a telephone survey of surrounding cities that contract their animal control services with a private entity. The result of this survey is presented in the table below and shows that the Pasadena Humane Society is a competitively priced provider for animal control services among cities of similar size. The total cost for Glendale is lower because Glendale's service level is lower with 57% fewer field service calls and 65% fewer animals handled than in Pasadena.

City	Provider	Population	FY 2004 Contract	Cost Per Capita
Burbank	Burbank Animal Control*	100,316	\$883,825	\$8.81
Glendale	Pasadena Humane Society	194,973	\$805,000	\$4.13
Pomona	Pomona Valley Humane Society	149,473	\$859,000	\$5.75
Pasadena	Pasadena Humane Society	133,936	\$887,973	\$6.62

* Burbank animal control program is administered by the Burbank Police Department

Staff recommends that the proposed contract be exempt from the vendor selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, P.M.C. 4.08, pursuant to P.M.C. 4.08.49(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. Maintaining the current contractual relationship will ensure that the City receives continuity of services for animal and Rabies control by retaining the Pasadena Humane Society.

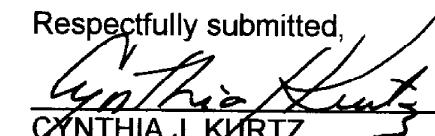
Questions have been raised by City Council about improving the after hours response to barking dog complaints. Expanding the Humane Society services to provide a comprehensive barking dog response program would cost \$90,200 for staff, vehicles,

equipment and other operating expenses. Staff recommends further review of this issue and will examine plausible alternatives and report back to City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

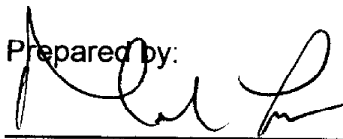
The animal control contract is paid for by the General Fund through a transfer to the Public Health Fund. Accordingly, funding in the amount of \$903,657 has been included in the FY 05 recommended operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,



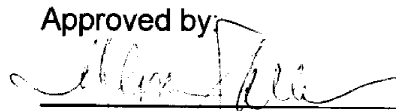
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