

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** JULY 20, 2009

**FROM:** 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 one-year contract with the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA for operation of a municipal animal control program, animal shelter system and rabies control program in an amount not to exceed \$1,052,672. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services;
2. Grant the proposed contract an exemption from the competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the best interests of the City are served;
3. Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to four additional one-year periods provided the annual not to exceed amount does not exceed the amount of the immediately preceding term adjusted by an amount equal to the change in the consumer price index for the Los Angeles-Orange-Riverside county area for all urban consumers for the most recently available 12 month period.

## **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.

For over 30 years, the City has contracted with the Pasadena Humane Society to provide stray animal control, canine immunizations, public education, and animal bite investigations. The Pasadena Humane Society provides cost-effective, high-quality service and has a commitment to preserving life. The only alternative provider of these services is Los Angeles County. Contracting with Los Angeles County Animal Control

and Care is not recommended because of the distance to the nearest County animal control shelter in Baldwin Park, which would impact both residents seeking to adopt or recover pets and response time of Animal Control Officers. In addition, the County's adoption rate is much lower than the Pasadena Humane Society's adoption rate of 90%, making the proposed contract a much more humane option.

The most recent contract between the City and the Pasadena Humane Society was for a one-year term, expiring on June 30, 2009. The Pasadena Humane Society has proposed a fee of not to exceed \$1,052,672 for a new annual contract. This amount represents an increase of 3% increase over the prior contract. Given the considerations noted above, staff believes it is in the best interests of the City to accept this proposal.


Additionally, staff has had preliminary discussion with the Humane Society regarding a longer term agreement coupled with City support for the planned expansion of the Humane Society's current facility. However, recently the Humane Society has suspended its capital campaign in light of current economic conditions and the City's current budgetary condition remains a concern. Both parties have agreed to continue exploring this option and there are hopes that a proposal will be developed in this regard prior to the end of the proposed contract term.

Nevertheless, staff is requesting authorization to extend the contract for up to four additional one year terms, and without further City Council approval, provided the negotiated cost of service does not exceed the change in the consumers price index.

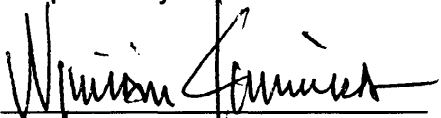
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Sufficient funds have been included in the Public Health Department's fiscal year 2010 operating budget and represent a transfer from the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment of 2000  
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Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than a 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:  
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**1. Contractor/Organization Name:**

PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY SPCA

**2. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:**

<u>STEVE MCNAUL - PRESIDENT / CEO</u>

**3. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:**

<u>N/A</u>

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