

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** JUNE 11, 2007

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 two-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 the amount of \$987,450 for the first year, to be adjusted for the second year based upon the change in the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside area for the latest available preceding 12-month period; and
2. Grant this contract an exemption from the competitive bidding process pursuant to Section 4.08.049(B) of the Pasadena Municipal Code, contracts in which the best interests of the City 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. For over 30 years, Pasadena has contracted with the Pasadena Humane Society to provide stray animal control, canine immunizations, public education, and animal bite investigations. For fiscal year 2008, the proposed contract amount of \$987,450 is 3% higher than the fiscal year 2007 contract amount of \$958,690 and meets the City standard for not exceeding the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (the most recent available, from April 2006 to April 2007, was 3.6%). Periodically, staff has researched and analyzed various options to comply with the State code, including: (a) a City administered program; (b) contracting with Los Angeles County; and, (c) contracting with other public or private entities.

Continuing to contract with the Pasadena Humane Society is in the best interests of the City. Results of a telephone survey of nearby cities that contract their animal control services with a private entity show that the Pasadena Humane Society is a competitively priced provider for animal control services among cities of similar size with superior service levels.

City	Provider	Population	FY 2007 Contract	Cost Per Capita
Burbank	Burbank Animal Control	100,316	\$1,482,000	\$14.77
Pomona	Pomona Valley Humane Society	149,473	\$1,092,000	\$7.31
Pasadena	Pasadena Humane Society for Pasadena	145,166	\$958,690	\$6.60

The costs of a City administered animal and rabies control program at the same level of service provided by the Pasadena Humane Society would exceed the cost of the contract with the Humane Society and also would require construction of an animal control shelter.

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 Pasadena Humane Society has a history of providing cost-effective, high quality animal and rabies control services to Pasadena and to the neighboring cities of Arcadia, Glendale, La Canada-Flintridge, San Marino, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena. Contract amounts are dependent upon the level of service requested and geographic area covered. The Humane Society is currently in negotiation with all contract cities for two-year contracts and has advised staff of a 3% increase. The City of Glendale has a 17 year contract with the Humane Society, and has negotiated no increases for the first six years of its contract.

City	FY 2007 Amount	FY 2008 Amount	Increase
Arcadia	\$73,614	\$75,822	3%
Glendale	\$745,000	\$745,000	0%
La-Canada Flintridge	\$68,808	\$70,872	3%
Pasadena	\$958,690	\$987,450	3%
San Marino	\$53,189	\$54,784	3%
Sierra Madre	\$22,461	\$23,135	3%
South Pasadena	\$103,234	\$106,331	3%

Contracting with the Pasadena Humane Society will ensure a cost-effective, quality level of animal control and rabies prevention services. In addition, the City will benefit from continuity of services resulting from the Humane Society's familiarity with the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

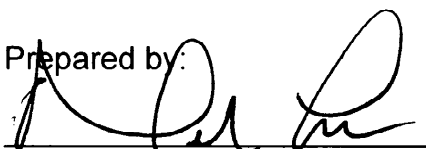
Funds for the first year of the contract in the amount of \$987,450 have been included in the City Manager's recommended operating budget for fiscal year 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



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