

Agenda Report

September 20, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Public Health Department

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 payment to the Pasadena Humane Society for animal control shelter system and rabies control services rendered from July 1, 2010 to present, totaling \$233,926.96;
2. Authorize the City Manager to contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA for operation of a municipal animal control program, animal shelter system and rabies control program on an month to month basis for a period of up to 12 months at an amount not to exceed \$88,985.83 per month; and
3. 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.

Since 1904, the City of Pasadena has contracted with the Pasadena Humane Society for these services. In addition to being cost-effective as compared to the direct City operation of an animal control shelter, the Pasadena Humane Society

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offers services and programs far exceeding those offered by the County of Los Angeles; the alternate provider for these services.

The most recent contract with the Humane Society, which was for a three-year term, expired on June 30, 2010. Since this time the Humane Society has continued to provide service while negotiations have occurred regarding a new contract. These negotiations have extended longer than anticipated and as a result approximately two and a half months of invoices for service have gone unpaid. Staff is requesting Council approval to pay the outstanding bills for the months of July, August and the portion of September already incurred, which total \$213,458.35.

The negotiating of a new contract has been complicated by the Humane Society's request for financial support from the City for its proposed expansion project. As envisioned, the expansion of the Humane Society will include a new two-story 31,531 square-foot kennel/treatment facility located on the site north of the existing facility. This new facility would include a state of the art veterinary hospital supporting a high-volume spay/neuter program, vaccination and microchip clinics. The expanded facility will also provide significant additional space that would be useful in staging pets in any evacuations such as those which occurred as a result of the Station Fire.

The Humane Society has previously requested between \$2 – \$2.5 million of direct City support for the expansion project. While the Humane Society's expansion would certainly benefit the City's animal control program, as well as the community at large, given the City's current financial condition staff does not recommend making such a contribution.

As an alternative, staff has suggested exploring the potential for the Humane Society to either augment or assume the City's animal license function as a way of generating new, incremental revenues that could be applied to the proposed project. Over the past several years the City has averaged roughly \$80,000 in revenue from animal license. Anecdotal evidence suggests that perhaps as many as 3,000 dogs in Pasadena are unlicensed resulting in lost revenues of up to \$200,000. In addition to lost revenue, unlicensed animals make enforcement more difficult and decrease the likelihood of reuniting lost pets with their owner.

Staff is requesting authorization to continue service with the Humane Society on a month to month basis while this concept is further analyzed. As proposed, the fee for service during this interim period would be the fee for last fiscal year, \$87,722.61 per month, increased by an amount equal to the change in the Consumers Price Index for the Los Angeles-Orange-Riverside area over the twelve month period ending June 30th, 1.44%, for a new fee of \$88,985.83 per month.

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COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION

The operation of an animal control shelter and rabies control services system is consistent with the City Council's strategic plan goal to ensure public safety.

FISCAL IMPACT:

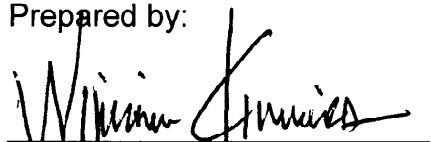
Sufficient funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget.

Respectfully submitted,



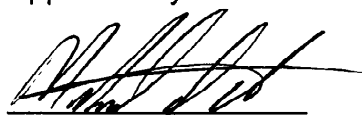
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**Disclosure Pursuant to the
City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

(If printing, please print legibly. Use additional sheets as necessary.)

1. Contractor/Organization Name:
Pasadena Humane Society : SPCA

2. Type of Entity:
 non-government nonprofit 501(c)(3), (4), or (6)

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

Steven R. McNall - President / CEO
Nancy Plamann - Chairman of the Board

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

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