

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** August 7, 2000

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2001 CONTRACT WITH THE PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$694,939 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 execute a contract in the amount of \$694,939 for Fiscal Year 2001 between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA for operation of a municipal animal control program, animal shelter system and rabies control program in the City of Pasadena. The proposed contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (f) Professional and Unique Services; and,
2. Grant this contract an exemption from the vendor selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance PMC 4.09 pursuant to Section 4.09.060(C) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND:

For FY 2001, the Pasadena Humane Society has indicated that the amount necessary to operate a municipal animal control shelter and rabies control program is \$694,939. This amount is \$51,435 higher than the prior fiscal year and represents an increase of approximately 8% over the prior year. This increase is attributable to a variety of factors including: increases in labor costs, veterinary expenses, and facility maintenance costs as well as a certain new equipment, including new mobile radios that are necessary in order to be compatible with systems currently in use by the City.

The California Health and Safety Code, Section 1920, mandates that the governing body of each city maintains 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.

Due to budgetary constraints, a City administered animal and rabies control program is not a recommended option. Annual City expenditures would be required for direct and indirect costs, including personnel wages and benefits, operating supplies, and operating support systems such as radios, telephones and computers. The City would also have to construct and maintain a permanent animal control shelter system, which might require acquisition of property.

Contracting with the Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control Department is not a recommended option for several reasons. First, the nearest animal control shelter is located in Baldwin Park, posing an inconvenience for Pasadena residents. Second, the County's general philosophy regarding the treatment of impounded animals differs from the Pasadena Humane Society and similar animal welfare organizations. Finally, County costs proposed for this program in FY 2000 would be more than \$160,000 higher than the costs charged by the Pasadena Humane Society.

Staff completed a telephone survey in July 2000 of surrounding cities, similar to Pasadena, 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 continues to be a competitively priced provider for animal control services.

City	Provider	1999 Population	FY 2001 Contract	Cost Per Capita
Burbank	Burbank Animal Control	105,300	\$732,000	\$6.95
Glendale	Glendale Humane Society	199,200	\$540,000	\$2.71
Pomona	Pomona Valley Humane Society	145,400	\$767,000	\$5.28
Pasadena	Pasadena Humane Society for Pasadena	142,500	\$694,939	\$4.88
Pasadena	L.A. County Animal Control for Pasadena	142,500	\$855,000	\$6.00

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 animal and rabies control program to the City.

Staff recommends that the proposed contract be exempt from the vendor selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance, PMC 4.09, pursuant to PMC 4.09.060(C), 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.

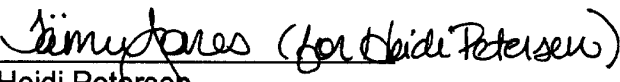
FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for the contract have been included in the Public Health Department's FY 2001 Environmental Health Division adopted budget, account # 562200.

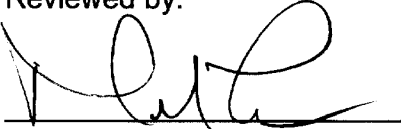
Respectfully submitted,


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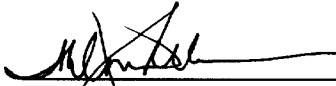
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