

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed contract with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to provide animal spay/neuter surgeries at the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center Spay/Neuter Clinic located at 1850 West 60th Street.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Animal Services (DAS), to execute an agreement with the ASPCA for spay and neuter and related services at the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center for a term of three years, from February 1, 2014 through March 31, 2017, with three one-year extensions options, at an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per year, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the above recommendation will authorize the DAS to execute a contract with the ASPCA for spay and neuter services at the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center for a maximum period of up to six years at an annual cost not to exceed \$500,000. Funding for this purpose is available in the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund to support animal sterilization services. There is no additional impact to the General Fund. Execution of the proposed contract agreement complies with the City's Financial Policies in that budgeted funds are used for budgeted purposes and that ongoing costs are supported by ongoing revenues.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 3, 2014**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - FEBRUARY 28, 2014)**

Summary:

On January 21, 2014, your Committee considered a December 18, 2013 DAS and January 16, 2014 CAO reports relative to proposed agreement with the ASPCA for spay and neuter and related services at the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center for a term of three years, from February 1, 2014 through March 31, 2017, with three one-year extensions options, at an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per year. According to the CAO, on October 4, 2013, the DAS issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit contract spay/neuter. services for the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center. In response to the RFP, the ASPCA was selected as satisfactorily meeting the service requirements. Subsequently, on December 10, 2013, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Commission) reviewed and approved ASD's recommendations to contract with the ASPCA for the operation of the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center Spay/Neuter Clinic.

In accordance with Charter Section 1022, the Personnel Department completed a Contract Review Report (attached to the January 16, 2014 CAO report) on November 11, 2013, for the services provided at the South Los Angeles Spay/Neuter Clinic. The Personnel Department determined that although City classifications could perform the required work, the workload exceeds current staffing availability and is of limited duration, which would result in a layoff at the end of the work project. The total cost for services under the proposed contract amendment will remain at a not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000 per year. The proposed agreement also includes the use of the facilities at the South

Los Angeles Animal Care Center as governed in the facility license agreement with the General Services Department (Exhibit A of the proposed contract and attached to the January 16, 2014 CAO report). Finally, the ASPCA is in compliance with the standard provisions for City contracts. In consideration of the no-cost use of a City facility, the ASPCA will provide discounted services to the DAS equal to 50 percent of Board-approved fees for spay/neuter surgeries performed on Care Center animals and animals adopted from the Care Center.

Funding for spay/neuter surgeries is provided through the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund. The Fund is established under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 5.199 to provide funding for pet sterilization services to residents of the City of Los Angeles. A portion of funds from each paid dog license sold in the City (\$2.00 for unaltered dogs and \$7.00 for altered dogs) is deposited into the Fund to support the cost of animal sterilization. Additionally, \$710,000 has been appropriated in the General Fund 2013-14 Adopted Budget to support the Fund. Along with public donations, the Fund is expected to receive \$1.5 million in 2013-14 to support animal sterilization services.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the proposed contract with the ASPCA for spay/neuter services at the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

**MEMBER    VOTE**

KORETZ:    YES

O'FARRELL: YES

FUENTES:   YES

**-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-**