



CITY OF SALINAS FINANCE COMMITTEE

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DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

It is recommended that the Finance Committee recommend that the City Council approve a Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Salinas and the County of Monterey regarding Animal Control Services Administration.

DISCUSSION:

In the Fall of 2015, the County of Monterey and City of Salinas retained Management Partners to review the ongoing animal control services functions provided by Monterey County and the City of Salinas at separate locations in very close proximity to one another on Hitchcock Road. Management Partners presented their findings to both the County Board of Supervisors and the City Council on June 28, 2016. At that time, the County and City agreed to establish an Animal Services Ad Hoc Committee. Appointed members included Supervisors John Phillips and Chris Lopez, and the City's current members include Mayor Kimbley Craig, and Council Members Carla Gonzalez and Tony Barrera.

In November of 2017, the Salinas City Council and Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved an MOA for a shared Animal Services Administrator (Administrator) position to review options for consolidated animal services between the two entities. The position was filled in May 2018 and a joint effort on animal services operations began.

The Ad Hoc Committee agreed in October of 2019 to have staff explore the additional shared staffing services in the area of Animal Care and Veterinary Services. Discussions then took place

with representatives of City and County staff and management and SEIU regarding feasibility and support for shared positions. All parties agreed to move forward, and on February 25, 2020 Amendment No. 2 was approved, thereby modifying the scope to include greater animal care and veterinary services, and adjusting the total funding of the pilot project. Amendment No. 3 was approved in July 2021, extending the terms of the prior Agreement to December 31, 2021. On Monday, November 15, 2021, members of the Ad Hoc Committee met again to discuss possible management options for the operations, including a review of a contract for services and the future possibility of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). The Ad Hoc Committee agreed that this Agreement would keep the shared animal services continuing while more information is determined prior to a JPA.

This Agreement will:

1. Allow the County to continue to provide animal control services for the City and County; and
2. Begin on January 1, 2022 and remain in effect for a total of twelve (12) months, unless extended or shortened by mutual written agreement of the parties; and
3. Obligate the City to pay a total amount not to exceed \$665,000 to the County for the one year of service. This amount does not include the City's personnel costs to staff the shelter. (Based upon the terms of the current MOA, the estimated cost for the current fiscal year to the City for County-provided services plus costs for services and supplies included in the proposed total but not currently paid to the County is \$606,400.)

The continuation of shared services will allow the County and the City time to develop a Joint Powers Agreement and assess the interest in shared animal control services with other communities in our region.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

By utilizing shared services, the City and County Animal Shelter operations can continue to consolidate and save resources. City and County staff, working with the Administrator and the Ad Hoc Committee, will continue to look for ways to save as they move forward in jointly providing Animal Control Services.

ATTACHMENTS:

Agreement