



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 7, 2021

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution approving an agreement between the County of Monterey and the City of Salinas regarding Animal Control Services Administration.

BACKGROUND:

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.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The proposed action meets the Goal of improving the City's operational efficiency.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Administration, Police and Human Resources Departments coordinated on this effort.

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:

Resolution
Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
MONTEREY AND THE CITY OF SALINAS REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas and the County of Monterey decided and approved on November 17, 2017, for mutually beneficial purposes and on a pilot program basis, to combine animal control services administration management under an employee of one agency instead of their respective agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Original MOA was later amended three times (April 2, 2019; February 25, 2020; and July 1m 2021) in order to, among other things, further define the roles and the responsibilities of the City and the County in their efforts to combine animal control management services and to extend the term of the Original MOA; and

WHEREAS, the City and County continue their efforts toward collaboratively providing animal control services and provide additional changes by way of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the City of Salinas to execute the Agreement between the County of Monterey and the City of Salinas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of December 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Kimbly Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk