



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: June 16, 2020

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Renewal of Agreement with County of Santa Barbara for Animal Control Services for Fiscal Year 2020-21; Adoption of Resolution No. 6342(20) Appropriating Funds

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year Ninth Amendment to Agreement for Animal Control Services (Amendment) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 with County of Santa Barbara (County) in the total amount of \$334,984 (Attachment 1); and
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 6342(20) appropriating funds to pay for those services (Attachment 2).

Background:

The City has historically contracted with the County of Santa Barbara for animal control services, operating out of the Lompoc Animal Control Shelter. The County provides services including regulation, control and enforcement of Lompoc Animal Control Ordinances set forth in Title 6 of the Lompoc Municipal Code. (See Attachment 3 for the original agreement including statement of work.)

In 2018, staff brought forth the option to extend the agreement with the County for FYs 2018-20 with 1.5% increases each fiscal year, or renew the animal services contract for both shelter and field services for one year and build structures needed for a full animal shelter with both an administrative office and kennels. The latter option included contracting with a private consultant to provide scope of field and kennel services.

At the June 19, 2018, City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff to move forward with renewing the contract with the County for all animal control services with proposed 1.5% increases for two fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Upon discussion with the County in 2019, it was agreed that the contract amount for FY 2019–20 would not

increase by 1.5%, therefore the amount of the contract for FY 2019-20 stayed the same as FY 2018-19, a total of \$326,814.

At the May 21, 2019 City Council meeting, the City Council approved FY 2019-20 contract renewal in the total amount of \$326,814.

Discussion:

Due to rising costs in food, medical care, and other services and supplies for animal care, the County has proposed an increase of 2.5% for animal services for the City. The ninth amendment is for the FY 2020-21, a one-year contract so that services can be renegotiated in the following fiscal year 2021-22.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact to the City will be the amount of the one-year Amendment totaling \$334,984, with a 2.5% increase for FY 2020-21. This is an increase of \$8,170 from the prior contract.

Conclusion:

Continuation of this essential full-service Animal Control Program provided by the County is in the best interest of the City for the upcoming fiscal year because the County can provide the animal control services the City does not have the capacity to provide. The County and City will renegotiate the terms of the Animal Control Services Agreement for FY 2021-22. The City has researched doing animal control on its own, but the research showed that it would a much larger financial burden to the City, than it would be contracting with the County.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine McGinty, Senior Administrative Analyst

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Jim Throop, City Manager

- Attachments: 1) Ninth Amendment to the Agreement for Animal Control Services
2) Resolution No. 6342(20)
3) Agreement (original) for Animal Control Services and Statement of Work