

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed agreement with the Heaven on Earth Society For Animals, Inc. partnering with the Latino Alliance for Animal Care Foundation (Heaven/LAACF) for the operation of the West Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Animal Services (DAS), or designee, to execute an agreement with Heaven/LAACF for the operation of the West Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic for a term of three years from the date of execution, with two one-year extensions for a maximum amount of \$500,000 per year, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the recommendation contained in the May 4, 2018 CAO report will authorize the DAS to execute a contract with Heaven/LAACF for spay and neuter services at the West Valley Animal Shelter for a maximum period of five years at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 per year. 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 - JULY 9, 2018

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - JULY 3, 2018)

Summary:

On June 6, 2018, your Committee considered a May 4, 2018 CAO report relative to proposed agreement with Heaven/LAACF for the operation of the West Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic. According to the CAO, on September 1, 2017 the DAS issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit contract spay/neuter services for the West Valley Animal Shelter, which included posting of the opportunity on the City's Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (LABVN) system. This is the first RFP issued by DAS for these services at West Valley; however, the DAS maintains contracts for spay/neuter clinics at five other Shelters throughout the City. Only one proposal was received as a result of the September 2017 solicitation, that being from Heaven/LAACF.

After an evaluation by DAS staff, the Heaven/LAACF proposal was deemed responsive in meeting all required criteria and qualifications. Subsequently, on February 13, 2018, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Commission) reviewed and approved the DAS recommendations to contract with Heaven/LAACF for the operation of the West Valley Animal Shelter Spay/Neuter Clinic. Previously, this space was utilized by DAS for veterinary staff. In early 2017, construction was completed on an area within the Shelter to relocate City operations, freeing up space at this shelter for a private veterinary clinic to offer general, low-cost veterinary care to the community as well as spay and neuter services to the DAS.

DAS staff was relocated to another area of the shelter and will continue to perform various specialized services including animal intake, health assessment, and treatment of diseased shelter animals. Under the proposed agreement, Heaven/LAACF will provide five service categories:

- a. Affordable spay and neuter
- b. Low cost veterinary wellness
- c. Low Cost vaccine clinics
- d. Community outreach and advocacy
- e. Assistance in selling dog licenses to City residents.

The type of animals referred to the Clinic will depend on the number of adoptions that day and the Department's needs. The DAS reserves the right to perform the spay/neuter surgeries with its own staff, or to send animals to off-site veterinarians in the event that Heaven/LAACF is unable to accommodate all of the Shelter's spay/neuter needs. Heaven/LAACF will also perform spay/neuter surgeries on animals brought to the clinic by members of the public, and may offer microchipping services. It is expected that Heaven/LAACF will perform approximately 30 surgeries per day consisting of both shelter animals and animals from the public.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the agreement as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
PRICE:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT

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