

MOTION

The proposed contract with Best Friends Animal Society (Best Friends) to operate the Northeast Valley Animal Care Center for a three year period (with two optional one-year extensions) carries with it benefits to the City of Los Angeles (City) because the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services (LAAS) does not have the staffing resources at this time to operate the facility as a municipal shelter. The proposal as it stands would provide the City and its constituents with adoption, spay-neuter and educational services that are needed in Council District 7 and surrounding neighborhoods.

However, in agreeing to this proposal the City should receive certain assurances that enhance the benefit of entering into an agreement with Best Friends. This amendment to the Council's action enumerates those enhancements and specifies other considerations pertinent to, and stemming from, the process that led to this action.

NOW, I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and the City Attorney to include provisions in the contract with Best Friends for the operation of the Northeast Valley Animal Care Center as follows:

1. That the facility be available to LAAS at its request and as necessary to deal with any and all aspects of emergency situations that may arise as a result of fires, floods, earthquakes or other events that require emergency mobilization, evacuation of household pets and large animals, emergency staging operations, and so forth.
2. That LAAS may assign Animal Control Officers and/or other staff at the shelter during daily hours of operation, in a manner that does not interfere with Best Friends' operation in any way, in order to provide basic service call response and emergency service to the shelter's normal service area during those hours.
3. That LAAS commit to continuing to provide normal animal control services, including law enforcement, impoundment, pickup of stray animals and protection of the public from dangerous animals, to the shelter's service area.
4. That Best Friends commit to adhering to all pertinent spay-neuter, vaccination and licensing requirements of the State of California and City of Los Angeles, and adhere to an existing litigation-related injunction on "trap, neuter, return" and related activities unless and until said injunction is lifted, in its operations at the shelter.
5. That, upon the request of LAAS, Best Friends agree to include any information regarding the department's programs and/or the City's laws and requirements regarding

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animals in its education and information programs offered at the Northeast Valley center, and to display them at the center in locations visible to the public and its staff, including, but not limited to, spay/neuter requirements, dog licensing requirements, leash laws, nuisance and dangerous animal laws, and so forth.

6. That, upon the effective date of the City's final approval of Code amendments permitting it to do so, Best Friends will sell dog licenses to pet owners from the center, requiring all adopters to purchase them as they would at any City shelter, and encouraging other dog owners to do so as well.

7. That, at the earliest possible opportunity but in no case later than 120 days after final approval of this action, Best Friends will submit to Council District 7, LAAS and the Board of Animal Services Commissioners a full schedule of adoption and spay-neuter fees and charges and that such fees and charges shall be no more than those charged at other LAAS shelters, with the exception of special promotions, events and circumstances, during which lower fees may be charged as deemed appropriate. This schedule shall be attached to the contract and the file for public reference.

AND, I further move that the City shall ensure that a Request For Proposals (RFP) process be implemented should any other City-owned animal shelter be considered for the outsourcing of management at any time in the future.

MOVED BY:

Paul Kretz

SECONDED BY:

Tony Cardenas

ADOPTED

As Amended
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see attached motion
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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VERBAL MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND Motion 60A (Item #60, Council file 11-1345) relative to a sole source management contract with Best Friends Animal Society for the operation of the City's Northeast Animal Care Center, to include the following recommendation:

INCLUDE in the negotiations of the contract with Best Friends Animal Society: increase the minimum daily average of animals from 50 to 100; take quarantine animals from other shelters, specifically those available for shelter to shelter transport; address the issue of timing of how long they should have at a minimum a certain number of days past a certain threshold that they will replenish; and include 48 hours as a replenishment period.

PRESENTED BY _____
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY _____
TONY CARDENAS
Councilmember, 6th District

August 16, 2011

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ADOPTED

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