

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE relative to proposed Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. C-125233 with SPAY4LA, Inc. (SPAY4LA) for mobile spay/neuter services.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Animal Services (DAS), or designee, to execute Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. C-125233 with SPAY4LA for as-needed animal spay/neuter surgeries from a mobile clinic to City residents who meet applicable program eligibility requirements with said amendment to provide for, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form, the following:

- a. Expansion of the service area of the Contractor.
- b. Updating reimbursement rates for spay and neuter surgeries.
- c. Incorporating language in accordance with DAS.
- d. Extending the term of the agreement for one year, beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
- e. Increasing the maximum allowable compensation by \$500,000 for a total contract amount of \$2.5 million.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of Amendment No. 5 as detailed in the November 27, 2018 CAO report, attached to the Council file, will have no impact on the General Fund. Funding for this contract is provided off-budget through the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund (Fund) for this purpose, which includes a \$425,000 appropriation in the 2018-19 Adopted Budget, and an additional \$425,000 provided in the Unappropriated Balance. The Fund is administered by the General Manager, DAS in accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 5.199. Execution of Amendment No. 5 complies with the City's Financial Policies in that budgeted funds are used for intended purposes.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT ITEM - JANUARY 28, 2019

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - JANUARY 25, 2019)

Summary:

On December 5, 2018, the Chair of the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee considered October 25, 2018 DAS and November 27, 2018 CAO reports relative to proposed Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. C-125233 with SPAY4LA for mobile spay/neuter services. According to the DAS, Amendment No. 5 would expand the mobile spay/neuter program services to include all zip codes within the City of Los Angeles, extend the contract term for one

year, to December 31, 2019 and revise the scope of work and other conditions of the contract as follows:

- Include language to allow participation in the client's Self Verification of Income and Residency via a Department approved affidavit.
- Include language pertaining to Injunction Action No. BS115483 excluding services to "unowned or community" cats including feral cats and trap-neuter-return.
- Allow pre-release and voucher program participation inclusion.
- Update the fee rates.
- Update the procedures for reporting animal deaths.
- Update the LA Animal Services mailing addresses.

In 2014, the DAS released a Request for Proposals for the operation of a mobile spay/neuter program based on zip codes. As a result, SPAY4LA was awarded a one year agreement with five one year options to renew. Since SPAY4LA began its program in 2015, it has performed over 8,000 surgeries and would like to expand services so that it can operate at maximum efficiency to cover costs.

According to the CAO, the DAS is requesting authority to execute the proposed Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. C-125233 with SPAY4LA for the provision of free and low-cost mobile spay/neuter services within the City of Los Angeles. This amendment will expand the service area of the Contractor, update reimbursement rates for spay and neuter surgeries, incorporate language in accordance with Department policies, extend the term of the agreement for an additional one year, beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, and increase the maximum allowable compensation by \$500,000 from \$2 million to \$2.5 million. After consideration, the Committee Chair moved to recommend approval of Amendment No. 5 as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ, CHAIR
PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

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

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