

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE relative to proposed Second Amendment to Contract No. C-129781 with Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine (Western University), to provide spay/neuter and related veterinary services at the East Valley Animal Services Center.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Animal Services (DAS), or designee, to execute the Second Amendment to Contract No. C-129781 with Western University to provide spay/neuter and related veterinary services at the East Valley Animal Services Center from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for an amount not to exceed \$350,000, subject to the review and approval by the City Attorney as to form.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the recommendation contained in the June 8, 2021 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will have no additional impact on the General Fund. All spay and neuter service costs are funded through the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund and sufficient funding for this purpose is available therein.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that execution of the proposed agreement complies with the City's Financial Policies in that budgeted funds are used for intended purposes, and ongoing revenues are used for ongoing expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - AUGUST 9, 2021

LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - AUGUST 6, 2021

Summary:

On June 16, 2021, the PAAW Committee Chair considered a June 8, 2021 CAO report relative to proposed Second Amendment to Contract No. C-129781 with Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine (Western University), to provide spay/neuter and related veterinary services at the East Valley Animal Services Center. According to the CAO, the DAS is requesting authority to execute the Second Amendment to Contract No. C-129781 with Western University to provide spay/neuter and related veterinary services at the East Valley Animal Services Center. The Second Amendment will extend the term of the Agreement from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This will be the second and final extension of the contract, which was established as a three-year agreement with the option to extend for two additional years in one-year increments. The DAS released a Request for Proposals on November 4, 2016, to provide spay/neuter and related veterinary services at the East Valley Animal Services Center.

On June 30, 2017, Council approved the initial contract with Western University for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 annually, with the option to extend for two additional years in one-year increments. On April 7, 2020, the Council approved the First Amendment, extending the term of the Agreement from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 annually. The proposed Second Amendment will extend the term of the Agreement from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, this time for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 annually. Subsequent to the Department's transmittal to the Mayor's Office dated May 5, 2021, additional negotiations between the City Administrative Officer, the City Attorney, the Department, and the Contractor reduced the annual extension amount from \$500,000 to \$350,000 to better correspond to anticipated expenditures and to similar recent on-site spay/neuter contracts at the DAS's other Animal Services Centers. This is the final extension available on this contract. Funding for this contract is provided through the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund, which is funded through the City budget process as well as through licensing and adoption fees and donations. The Fund is administered by the DAS General Manager in accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 5.199. Eligible expenditures from the Fund include providing animal sterilization services to residents of the City of Los Angeles who meet applicable program eligibility requirements. After consideration, the PAAW Committee Chair moved to recommend approval of the Second Amendment. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilmember Paul Koretz, Chair
Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee

KORETZ:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT
BONIN:	ABSENT

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