

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 1, 2025
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Roque Salinas, MPA, Executive Director
THROUGH: Dr. Crystal Caldera, City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the City of Converse to Provide Vaccination and Veterinary Services.- R. Salinas, Executive Director.

SPONSOR(S): N/A

PURPOSE

The City currently lacks a dedicated animal shelter, and residents have expressed opposition to increasing taxes for such a facility during recent town hall discussions. In some cases, the City has no other option but to impound a dog, and for the general safety of the public, staff and others involved with the dog it is best practice to get vacancies for the dogs. Furthermore, it does make the dog easier to get adopted out. In FY 2024, the City impounded 41 dogs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact will vary based on the number of dogs impounded by the City. Additionally, costs will depend on whether spaying or neutering is required, as this is the most significant expense. If the City impounds 41 dogs within a year, the estimated cost would be approximately \$7,000. The City already allocates funds for dog vaccinations each fiscal year. Currently, veterinary services are obtained from private clinics based on availability, resulting in fluctuating costs. This MOU will enable the City to secure significantly lower service rates.

Item	Cost	DogCount	Total	Comment
DHPP	10	41	410	
Rabies	10	41	410	
Spaying/ Neutering	150	41	6150	Highest price- based on weight
Total	170	25	\$ 6,970	

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this request. The final decision is at the City Council's discretion

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

ATTEST:

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary