

Meeting Date: September 25, 2018



Agenda Item #: 4A

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Type of Item:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Council Approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordinance Second Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resolution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion & Action	<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop

SUBJECT: Veterinarian Services for Orange City

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, Orange City Animal Control was directed to implement a Trap Alter Return Program (TARP) within the municipal limits of Orange City. Prior to the implementation, the City would take free roaming and trapped nuisance cats to the City's animal kennel and subsequently transport them to the Halifax Human Society in Daytona Beach for euthanasia at a cost of \$80 per animal. In addition, the City contracted the SPCA of Volusia to maintain the kennel and feed the animals. Moreover, the animal control officer would have to drive to Daytona and drop off the animals resulting in loss of productive time and an invoice of \$80 per animal. The average cost for altering a feral cat through TARP is \$55.00.

The Cities of Orange City and DeBary have used the services of Woodland Animal Clinic, 1501 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand; Volusia Woods Animal Clinic, 547 North Volusia Ave., Orange City; and VCA Animal Hospital, 1220 S. Volusia Ave., Orange City for surgeries. Generally, a typical surgery cost as little as \$42.50 to \$57.50. There are conditions or medical circumstances that could increase that cost. The selected veterinarian offices have provided the Cities of Orange City and DeBary with a significant discount for service for feral cats. We use multiple veterinarian offices for flexibility since the trapping of feral cats are sporadic and sometimes a specific veterinarian office is full and not available.

TARP has been successful and an economical way to address the feral cat population for Orange City. Since the City formally established TARP, most cities who, do not operate their own kennel facility, have a TARP to include our surrounding jurisdictions of Volusia County, DeBary and Deltona.

The cost of veterinarian services for the current fiscal year exceeded the City's threshold of \$10,000 which would require the issuance of a formal Invitation to Bid (ITB). It is anticipated expenditures for animal services for fiscal year 2018/19 will remain the same, if not increase. After discussions with the City's animal control officer, Staff recommends approval of veterinarian services with Woodland Animal Clinic, Volusia Woods Animal Clinic and VCA Animal Hospital based on location, price and availability of services when needed by the City.

Under the City's current Purchasing Code; Chapter 12.3-33, Unique Circumstances, the City Council reserves the right to consider purchasing needs on their merits and make appropriate purchasing decisions for unique circumstances, which may arise.

COUNCIL DISTRICT:

City Wide

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve veterinarian service for Orange City and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase orders, under Section 12.3-33, Unique Circumstances, of the Orange City Purchasing Code.

ATTACHMENTS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds are available in the Police Department operating budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The action promotes the City's Priorities and Goals. Strengthen Quality of Life, Promote Public Safety.