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Memorandum 21-215

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: December 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Animal Shelter Contract Amendment

The City of Homer's Animal Shelter is operated under a contract held by Homer Animal Services, LLC (formerly known as Alaska Mindful Paws). They also provide animal control services in partnership with the Homer Police Department. So far in 2021, Homer Animal Services has facilitated more than 82 adoptions, taken in 120 stray dogs and cats, reunited 82 animals with their owners, and taken in 86 owner surrendered animals. Additionally they have responded to approximately 200 calls for animal-related complaints. Homer Animal Services provides an excellent level of service to the community and has been an extremely good partner for the City.

In 2018, Council approved Resolution 18-072 which was a contract renewal and amendment for a five year contract that included annual increases over the first three years, but did not include increases for the last two years (2022 and 2023). While this made sense in late 2018, the impacts of COVID on the economy, work force, supply chain, etc. have made it difficult for our contractor to maintain a high level of services within the contracted amount.

The Director of Homer Animal Services reached out to the City to discuss the potential of amending the contract to account for the expected fiscal realities of 2022 and 2023. After discussing needs with Homer Animal Services, Administration is proposing a 5% increase for calendar year 2022 and 3% increase in 2023. The cumulative difference for calendar years 2022 and 2023 would be approximately \$25,830. If approved, we would modify the Animal Shelter budget in a mid-biennium budget adjustment to reflect the change.

Year	Original Contract	Proposed Amendment
2019	\$188,107	\$188,107
2020	\$191,870	\$191,870
2021	\$195,707	\$195,707
2022	\$195,707	\$205,587
2023	\$195,707	\$211,657

Staff Recommendation: Approve an amendment to Animal Shelter Contract which includes a 5% increase for calendar year 2022 and a 3% increase for calendar year 2023.