

OF AUSTRALIA

City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3210, Agenda Item #: 51.

10/1/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an eighth renewal to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services, for 3-month period beginning October 1, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$518,717 to be paid to the City.

Lead Department

Animal Services Office.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

On September 20, 2018, Council approved the negotiation and execution of a sixth amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services, for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$1,817,740, on a vote of 10-0 with Council Member Alter absent.

On September 19, 2019, Council approved the negotiation and execution of a seventh amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services, for a 12 month period beginning October 1, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$2,064,686 on a vote of 11-0.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Pursuant to the terms of various agreements, the City has provided animal services throughout the unincorporated areas of Travis County (County) through various agreements since 1985. City and County staff worked together for several years in an effort to consolidate the patchwork of agreements and amendments for these services, resulting in an interlocal agreement (ILA) that was approved by the County Commissioners Court and City Council on September 27, 2007, and October 18, 2007, respectively. This original ILA was renewed several times.

Today's action will authorize negotiation and execution of the eighth renewal of the current ILA for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for a 3- month term beginning October 1, in an amount not to exceed \$518,717.

Pursuant to this ILA, the Animal Services Office will continue to provide animal protection, shelter services, wildlife mitigation services and public education to Travis County residents. A portion of the payment from Travis County will provide funding for the permanent wildlife services officer position proposed in the City Manager's FY2021 budget.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.