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**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting May 5, 2026

**DATE:** April 28, 2026

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**Spay and Neuter Services for Animal Care Services**

**CAPTION:**

Motion authorizing the execution \$250,000 which consists of two, one-year professional service agreements, in the amount of up to \$125,000 each with two one-year options, with a potential up to \$750,000.00 if options are exercised, and funds are available, with The Cattery, Inc., and South Texas Animal Rescue Group to provide spay and neuter services for Corpus Christi Animal Care Services, with funding from the FY 2026 General Fund.

**SUMMARY:**

The City Council has authorized \$250,000 in the FY 2026 General Fund budget to enhance access to free spay and neuter services within the community. To facilitate these services, a Request for Qualifications process was conducted to select a pool of qualified firms. The City received two proposals, which were evaluated through a formal procurement process. Both The Cattery, Inc. and the South Texas Animal Rescue Group will each receive \$125,000 to provide spay and neuter services for Corpus Christi Animal Care Services.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Corpus Christi Animal Care Services recognizes that access to free pet sterilization is vital to reducing pet overpopulation, particularly for residents unable to afford these procedures. Identifying spay-and-neuter service partners and expanding access to reliable, high-volume sterilization providers will directly support community health and public safety by reducing the number of stray and roaming dogs.

Contracted services under these agreements encompass veterinary spay-neuter procedures, assessing animals for suitability, performing the surgeries, and providing post-operative care. These surgical procedures will be provided at no cost to pets owned by residents of Corpus Christi

residing in specified zip codes identified through an analysis of call volume and household income and approved by the Director of Animal Care Services. Targeted zip codes primarily serving Council Districts 1, 2, and 3 are identified as 78401, 78405, 78408, 78411, 78412, and 78415. The Director may also authorize the use of vouchers for residents who do not live in the defined target areas. Surgeries must be performed in a manner consistent with, or that exceeds, the prevailing standard for veterinary care in the state of Texas.

**PROCUREMENT DETAIL:**

Finance & Procurement conducted a competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ 6954) process for Animal Care Services to obtain a pool of qualifying firms to provide spay and neuter services. The RFQ process allows the City to ensure the firms interested in providing these services are qualified and hold the appropriate credentials and licenses to perform the services. The City received two submissions and is recommending awards to both firms.

This was the second attempt at a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The initial RFQ 6820 was issued on October 27, 2025, and concluded on November 25, 2025, without receiving any responses. The subsequent RFQ 6954 was initiated on December 15, 2025, with a scheduled closing date of January 20, 2026. However, due to the lack of responses, the deadline was extended by 2 weeks to February 3, 2026. During this period, the Buyer made calls to vendors on the notification list.

The selection committee comprised representatives from Animal Care Services. Final evaluations ranked firms based on three factors: 1) firm's experience 2) team experience and identification, and 3) understanding of project scope.

The City currently uses services from South Texas Animal Rescue Group, ACS's current spay-and-neuter provider for ACS pets, and has previously contracted with The Cattery, Inc. for similar services.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If Council elects not to authorize these contracts, there will be no increased access to free spay and neuter services for pet owners without the necessary resources to secure them independently. Since the purpose of the funding is to address the community's animal overpopulation, without this increase in service availability, the City will continue to struggle to address this issue.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact will be \$250,000.00 across the two contracts over the term of the original agreements, with FY 2026 funding from the General Fund.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12680	Animal Care Services
Department:	052	
Project # (CIP Only):		
Account:	530000	Professional Services
Amount:	\$250,000	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing the execution of two one-year professional service agreements with the option to extend two additional one-year periods with The Cattery, Inc. and South Texas Animal Rescue Group as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Evaluation Matrix  
Professional Service Agreements  
Presentation