

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	March 17, 2025
Action Required:	Approval of resolution
Presenter:	Eden Ratliff, Deputy City Manager
Staff Contacts:	Eden Ratliff, Deputy City Manager Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget
Title:	Resolution authorizing the execution of an Agreement for Provision of Animal Shelter Services with the Charlottesville Albemarle Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (CASPCA) (1 reading)

Background

The City of Charlottesville has an agreement with the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA for the provision of services to lost stray, stranded, and surrendered animals within the city. The SPCA terminated that agreement in March 2024 which kicked off a year of negotiations between the CA-SPCA, Albemarle County, and the City of Charlottesville, to see if terms could be reached for a new agreement. The CA-SPCA provides services that the City is required by law to ensure they are provided as well as other services deemed beneficial to the community.

Discussion

The CA-SPCA is a nonprofit animal shelter that provides a variety of services to the community for dogs, cats, and other animals brought to their door. Some of the services provided by the SPCA are required by state law, including holding animals that are under investigation, managing the aggressive animal process, and handling stray dogs in the community. Other services they provide include community education, adoption programs, 'trap-neuter-release' for cats, and veterinarian services for animals requiring care but do not have the financial resources to see a private practice.

The essence of the negotiations over the last 12 months has been about the need for the SPCA to have a revenue program from the City and the County to ensure they could continue to provide the services currently available. The negotiation process included a lot of time for the City and County to better understand the operations of the CA-SPCA, their financial needs, and the benefits of a lasting partnership. The presented agreement allows for there to be financial stability for the CA-SPCA at an improved revenue stream as well as continuation of services for the City and County.

The agreement is for 3 years with the option for two 1 year extensions or a total of 5 years.

The revenue to the CA-SPCA will be based on the population size of the municipalities. The first year of the agreement is \$13.00/capita or \$596,219 for the City. The County of Albemarle will pay \$1,477,879 in the first year.

The agreement also allows the governing body to appoint one individual to serve as a Director of the SPCA Board of Directors.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This agreement aligns well with the Partnership priority of the City Council in the strategic plan.

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

Contract Pricing Terms are as follows:

Year 1: \$13.00/capita

Year 2: \$16.00/capita

Year 3: \$17.50/capita

Renewal Terms if Exercised:

Year 4: \$19.00/capita

Year 5: \$20.00/capita

Recommendation

Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement between the CA-SPCA, Albemarle County, and the city of Charlottesville, as presented.

Alternatives

Attachments

1. SPCA County City Shelter Services Agreement County rev 2025.03.03
2. SPCA Contract Resolution 2025