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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 10

Ordinance/Resolution# 13-065

For Meeting of _____
(Ordinance First Reading Date)

for Meeting of November 5, 2012
(Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL

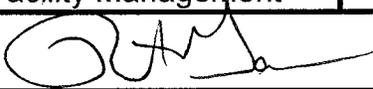
LEGISLATIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY (ASCMV) LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL SEEKING FUNDING FOR A TRANSPORT VAN, AMENDING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP) FY 2014-2018, AND SERVING AS THEIR FISCAL AGENT.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To support the efforts of the ASCMV to seek Legislative funding.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1		
<u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> D. Eric Martin	<u>Department/Section:</u> Public Works/ Facility Management	<u>Phone:</u> 541-2616
<u>City Manager Signature:</u>		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) is tasked with looking at various approaches to accomplish its mission of placing healthy or treatable animals into safe, loving, and permanent homes whenever possible.

Although the existing system of animal care and control has worked well due to the active involvement of various local agencies, organizations, and pet owners; due to over-crowding and limited ability to engage in adoption activities, thousands of healthy or treatable dogs and cats at the shelter are euthanized each year. The ASCMV works diligently to help improve this situation.

An effective way to increase animal placement is to transport animals to local and state-wide adoption events, as well as to rescue organizations throughout the southwest. To aid with this approach, the ASCMV desires to obtain a new and improved transport van. Such an asset would allow the shelter to transport twice as many animals as are handled now. In addition, this would improve the safety and well-being of the animals along with the staff that are tasked to care for them on such trips.

The ASCMV desires to seek funding via the 2013 Legislative cycle to procure such a vehicle. It is specifically a La Boit Mobile Unit, custom fitted with 37 cages that can accommodate 40 or more animals (depending on size); estimated cost of this unit is \$190,000.00. The ASCMV is requesting City Council to amend the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2018. In addition, assistance is requested to help draft and submit a capital outlay request to the Legislature, and to serve as fiscal agent upon award of such funding.

The attached Resolution provides the mechanism to execute the request.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
2. Exhibit "A", Amended Infrastructure Capital Improvement Program FY 2014-2018.
3. Attachment "A", ASCMV Board of Directors Resolution No. 2012-07.
4. Attachment "B", Specifications and related information for the Legislative request.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted? N/A		
	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expense reallocated from: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.	
Does this action create any revenue? N/A		
	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ p__ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY__.
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

N/A

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will authorize staff to update the ICIP, assist with development and submittal of a capital outlay request to the Legislature, and to serve as fiscal agent on the award; thereby, providing needed services to animals located at the ASCMV shelter.
2. Vote "No"; this will not authorize staff to update the ICIP, nor assist with development and submittal of a capital outlay request to the Legislature, nor serve as fiscal agent on the award; thereby, needed services to animals located at the ASCMV shelter will not be provided.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could direct staff to proceed as amended by City Council. This may delay the legislative application process.
4. Vote to "Table"; this could provide staff with further direction. This could delay the legislative application process.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 13-065

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY (ASCMV) LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL SEEKING FUNDING FOR A TRANSPORT VAN, AMENDING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP) FY 2014-2018, AND SERVING AS THEIR FISCAL AGENT.

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces is informed that:

WHEREAS, the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) is tasked with placing healthy or treatable animals into safe, loving, and permanent homes whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the existing system for animal care and control is working well because of the active involvement of local agencies, organizations, and pet owners; and

WHEREAS, thousands of healthy or treatable animals are euthanized each year at the shelter and the ASCMV is continually working to change this situation by, among other efforts, greatly increasing the number of animals placed in good homes; and

WHEREAS, the ASCMV recognizes that an effective way to increase animal placement is to increase the center's capacity to transport animals to local and state-wide adoption events and rescue organizations throughout the southwest; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the ASCMV does hereby request that the Las Cruces City Council endorse the efforts of the center to acquire a new and improved transport van as an opportunity to double the number of animals that can be transported to placement sites and, at the same time, improve the safety and welfare conditions of the animals and transport staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the ASCMV further requests that the City Council will agree to support and work with the ASCMV to fund this project through a capital outlay request to the State legislators.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT City staff is authorized to amend the ICIP in support of this request as shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution; assist with the development and submittal of a capital outlay request; and to serve as the fiscal agent upon award of such funding from the legislature.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Smith: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Thomas: _____

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Priority Ranking	Project Title	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Funding Source
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7	Transportation ICIP						
11	Air Traffic Control Tower - Construct					4,750,000	FAA/State/Local
12	Airport Maint. Equipment Facility - Design/Construct	2,100,000					FAA/State/Local
13	Airport Parking Ramp - Rehabilitation						CIR
14	Airport Terminal - Facility Improvements						CIR
15	Automated Bus Wash						FED
16	Automatic Vehicle Location System						FED
17	Bus Stop Signage and Accessibility						FED
18	City Hangar - Design/Construct				600,000		Local
19	Electronic Airport Layout Plan						FAA/State/CIR
20	Fuel Farm Upgrade						State/CIR (50/50)
21	Municipal Operations Center - Ph 1 - Fleet					6,000,000	Bond Cycling, CP#12
22	Runway 12-30 - PAPI Install				400,000		FAA/State/Local
23	Runway 26/30 - Holding Pad - Enlarge	500,000					FAA/State/Local
24	Runway 8-26 Extension - EA & Design				200,000	1,000,000	FAA/State/Local
25	Runway 8-26 Rehabilitation		550,000	3,360,000			FAA/State/Local
26	Security Fence & Gate Rehabilitation		500,000				FAA/State/Local
27	Taxiway "A" Reconstruct		450,000				FAA/State/Local
28	Taxiway D - Install Medium Intensity Taxiway Lights			1,750,000			FAA/State/Local
29	Taxiways B & C - Rehabilitate Pavement						FAA/State/Local
30	Terminal & West End Apron - Rehabilitation	1,750,000					FAA/State/Local
31	Transit Intermodal Center - Construct						FED
32	Transit Maintenance Facility - Upgrade						FED
33	Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility		3,100,000		3,100,000		FED, Bond Cycling
34	West End Taxi Lane - Construct				500,000		FAA/State/Local
35	Wildlife Barrier Fence					1,280,000	FAA/State/Local
38	Total Transportation ICIP	3,850,000	6,850,000	5,110,000	4,800,000	13,030,000	\$ 33,640,000
39							
40	Facilities ICIP						
41	Amador Hotel		5,000,000			5,000,000	Bonding Cycling
42	ASCMV - Transport Van	190,000					State
43	Benavidez Community Center - Remodel/Expansion		1,600,000				Bond Cycling, CIR
44	Branigan Library - Branch Expansion		800,000			7,200,000	Bond Cycling, Local
45	Branigan Library - Expansion - Design/Const. - Ph 2		7,200,000				Bond Cycling, Local
46	Castaneda - Renovation	300,000					Club Fusion proceeds
47	Central Kitchen - Construction					2,500,000	Bond Cycling, SAP, CP#11
48	City Building Roof Replacement Program	727,159	519,124	391,810	280,000	495,000	CIR
49	City Hall Parking Deck - Solar						NMFA, CIR
50	Community of Hope - Jardin de los Ninos Rehabilitation						SAP 12, CIR
51	Community of Hope - St Luke's HVAC						CDBG - Fed, CIR
52	Downtown Parking Garage - Design/Const.	3,000,000	3,000,000				TIDD & TBD
53	East Mesa Fire Station - Design/Const.		5,000,000				Bond Cycling
54	East Mesa Multigenerational Center - Const.	2,000,000		1,000,000			State
55	East Mesa MVRDA - 911 & Traffic Management					6,000,000	Bond Cycling, FED, Local
56	East Mesa MVRDA - Build and Equip					6,000,000	Bond Cycling, FED, Local
57	East Mesa Police Station - Design/Construct		1,200,000				Bond Cycling

CITY OF LAS CRUCES
Infrastructure Capital Improvement Program
FY 2014-18

Resolution of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley

Resolution No. 2012-07

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as part of its Mission, the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is tasked with utilizing all avenues available to it in placing healthy or treatable animals into safe, loving and permanent homes whenever possible, and

WHEREAS, dogs and cats can be wonderful companions and provide important benefits to their owners, and

WHEREAS, the existing system for animal care and control in the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County is working well because of the active involvement of pet owners, animal advocacy organizations, the Animal Control units of the City and the County, and the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV); however, with one notable exception, and

WHEREAS, the notable exception is that thousands of healthy or treatable dogs and cats are killed each year at the ASCMV shelter, and

WHEREAS, the ASCMV is continually working to change this situation by, among other efforts, greatly increasing the number of animals placed in good homes, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, Executive Director of the ASCMV, has long recognized that an effective way to increase animal placement is to increase the capacity of the ASCMV to transport animals to local and state-wide adoption events and rescue organizations throughout the southwest,

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, does hereby request that the Board of Commissioners of Dona Ana County and the Councilors of the City of Las Cruces endorse the efforts of the ASCMV to acquire a new and improved transport van as an opportunity to double the number of animals that can be transported to placement sites and at the same time improve the safety and welfare conditions of the animals and transport staff and further requests that the Commissioners and Councilors agree to support and work with the ASCMV to fund this project through a capital outlay request to the State legislators (ICIP information is attached hereto), all with the added benefit of bettering the way our community addresses animal issues and enhancing the efficiency of public expenditures.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this of , 2012

Board of Directors for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, New Mexico

_____ yea __ nay
Nathan Small, Chair

_____ yea __ nay
Billy Garrett, Vice Chair

_____ yea __ nay
Miguel Silva, Member

_____ yea __ nay
Karen G. Perez, Member

_____ yea __ nay
Greg Smith, Member

_____ yea __ nay
Jess Williams, Member

Attested: Lynn Ellins, County Clerk

ICIP REQUEST

Item: Animal Transport van, specifically a 33 foot La Boit Mobile Unit, custom fitted with 37 cages to accommodate 40 or more animals (depending on size)

Requested by: Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, Executive Director

Cost: The estimated cost is \$190,000

Purpose: The van will be used to transport animals to adoption events and rescue sites and as an overflow recovery facility for public animals who are at the Center for spay and neuter services

Need: Urgent

Time Frame: Spring of 2013

Contacts: Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, Executive Director, ASCMV, 382-0018, Paul Richardson, Kennel Supervisor, ASCMV, 382-0018, and Susan Krueger, ASCMV volunteer, 640-4266.

NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY THE ICIP SPECIFICATIONS

Demand: To increase the placement of healthy or treatable dogs and cats in good, safe, loving and permanent homes

Need: The existing transport van is a used, 18 foot Roadrunner bus, purchased by Dr. Beth from the City of Las Cruces three years ago for \$4,000. It is now inadequate: it breaks down all too often posing a threat to the safety of animals and staff, and to date has cost the ASCMV well over \$5,000 to repair and maintain.

Benefits: To increase the number of animals that can be transported to both adoption events, which now number approximately 125 a year, and to rescue sites and thereby increase their exposure to people looking to adopt.

Current adoption events and rescue sites include:

1. Weekly off-site Saturday adoption events at the Downtown Farmers Market and at Petco on Lohman Ave.
2. Special off-site adoption events, such as the annual Woofstock event held in August in Edgewood, NM; the MUTTSHOW held annually in May at Young Park, which includes a variety of pet competitions and demonstrations; Fetchapalooza, New Mexico's largest pet adoption and pet education event held every spring in Albuquerque, NM; and the Renaissance Fair, held at Young Park in November .
3. Rescue sites, which are a type of humane society organization that will take animals from overcrowded animal shelters and put them up for adoption. Examples include the Dumb Friends League in Denver Colorado, a very large adoption center, to which the ACSMV transports some 25 animals/month; and the Animal Humane society in Albuquerque, to which the ACSMV transports about 20 animals up to bi-weekly.