

## **MEMORANDUM**

Council Agenda Item No. VII.N. 1/5/2016

## The City of **OKLAHOMA CITY**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Resolution approving Memorandum of Understanding with the Patrons of the Oklahoma City Animal Shelter, to create a public-private relationship that will enable The City to expand and better serve the Oklahoma City community through its operation of the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare Shelter.

Purpose

To adopt a Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between The City of Oklahoma City (The City) and The Patrons of the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare shelter that will enable The City to expand and better serve the Oklahoma City community through its operation of the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare Shelter.

Background

The Development Services Department, Animal Welfare Shelter anticipates increasing demands for services to the community that are currently not funded by City budget appropriations. Patrons has identified areas of need that, if adequately funded, would provide the community better facilities and enhanced staff support, to result in better and expanded animal services.

The City and Patrons share a common vision and commitment for the care and welfare of animals in The City of Oklahoma City, which includes Pet Adoption programs; behavioral testing; enhanced lost and found services; Pet Partner transfer programs; medical services that include vaccinations, spay/neuter, and general care; outreach, marketing and education to the community; proactive services to benefit pet owners; volunteer programs; and adequate capital needs.

Patrons has graciously offered to raise funds intended to augment those monies already budgeted and designated for the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare Division and would like to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The City in order to accomplish the shared goals of both organizations.

Review

**Development Services Department** 

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.