

**ANIMAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
City Hall, Community Room – 77 Fair Drive
May 22, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The Animal Services Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Walls at 5:30 P.M. on May 22, 2024.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Becca Walls, Vice Chair Minjares, Committee Member Diana Gardiner, Sean Healey, Caley Turner, Calvin Alvarez

Absent: Committee Member Cara Stewart

Staff Present: Jessica Torrejon, Animal Services Coordinator, D. Cattouse, Animal Control Supervisor, Lieutenant S. Selinske, Animal Services Manager

Liaisons Present: Mayor John Stephens

Let the Records show that Mayor John Stephens arrived at 5:45 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Walls opened Public Comments.

Seeing no hands raised, public comments were closed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND LIAISON COMMENTS

All committee members and staff liaisons introduced themselves as there were two newly appointed committee members present.

Chair Walls made a motion to cancel the June 2024 meeting due to no new business with contingency that stats are emailed to committee members.

Vice Chair Minjares seconded the motion.

Committee all voted “aye” to cancel the June meeting 6/0.

1. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 24, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION/SECOND: Committee Member Alvarez made a motion to approve the April 24, 2024, meeting minutes. Seconded by Vice Chair Minjares.

Ayes: Chair Walls, Vice Chair Minjares, Committee Members Gardiner, Alvarez, Healey, Turner, Gardiner.

Nays: None

Absent: Committee Member Cara Stewart

Motion Carried: 6/0

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continued Discussion of Animal Services Committee Goals
 - i. ASC TNR Research – 2021

The Committee had a back and forth conversation about past research on TNR and City ordinance codes and previously made suggestions to change that code to allow people to release animals that cannot be owned back where they were found.

Conversation continued and question of its necessity was asked.

Lt. Selinske informed the committee the past research would need to be renewed since TNR is new to the Police Department and no new research has been presented since 2022 and an ad hoc would need to be requested to continue that research.

To start, the Committee agreed to request the formation of an ad hoc committee to change the existing ordinance which disallows the release of animals back into the community.

Mayor Stephens informed the committee that he would support the formation of an ad hoc committee.

Chair Walls informed the committee that she will support the ad hoc but she would not be interested in assisting with the new research as she has done in the past.

The committee made a motion to review and renew TNR research after an ordinance is drafted and pending approval from City Council of the formation of an ad hoc committee.

Motion carried 6/0

The committee also made a motion to select three committee members who will be assigned to do the research on the change of ordinance prior to continuing the TNR research. Those three committee members are Alvarez, Gardiner, and Healey.

The committee voted aye to approve the nomination of the three committee members pending the approval from City Council to approve an ad hoc committee to work on rewriting the ordinance.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

4. STAFF REPORT

- a. Animal Services Report
 - i. April 2024

Ms. Torrejon provided an update to the committee on the upcoming microchip/vaccine clinic and gave an update on the animal shelter statistics.

Committee members share their past experiences at City events and working the Animal Services Booth, where educational flyers were made available to the public.

Mayor Stephens requested staff to reach out to Priceless Pet Rescue to request their availability to attend the July 3rd Independence Day event.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walls adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2024, at City Hall – Community Room (77 Fair Dr.)