

## MEMORANDUM

**To: Mayor and City Commissioners**

**From: Bill Bronson**

**Re: Proposed Amendments to Resolution 9749 (Animal Ordinance)**

**Date: 6/6/08**

**CC: Greg Doyon/Cheryl Patton**

I've attached some proposed amendments to the Animal Shelter Ordinance Resolution. They are noted in bold and/or with underlining or strikeouts. Other than a few grammatical/style changes, the following summarizes the principal amendments:

1. If I'm right that there is a consensus that the City will maintain control of enforcement for the immediate future, the focus of this Committee's work should be on shelter operations, although I suggest some other tasks for them as well;
2. The resolution should also reflect the work of the Special Investigators and Kim Staton. Their reports offer a good guide to the Commission and the proposed Committee;
3. Since it appears the Animal Foundation is the only entity prepared to go forward with a building, then we should be working with them in terms of this facility being a major part of future animal operations in the city. We maintain flexibility as to how we will work with that group;
4. There is always the prospect that we may do something co-operatively with the County in the future, and the Committee should have the flexibility to work with ideas/proposals involving the County;
5. Another area that will need to be explored over time is a possible update to the animal ordinance itself. The Investigators also made recommendations in that regard, and there may be some need to tweak the ordinance adopted last year.
6. I don't see a need to involve financial staff right now with the proposed Committee; I leave it to the City Manager to decide when that may be appropriate, if at all;
7. The Commission maintains flexibility in directing other assignments to the proposed Committee.

I think it best that we develop some consensus about this Committee going forward. While the financial issues and any possible agreements with the Foundation still need to be worked out, they will likely be worked out in the near future. It will take some time to get this Committee up and running. I anticipate that whatever arrangements we might work out with the Foundation will be worked out or will be close to being worked out by the time the Committee membership is chosen. They can then start on matters pertaining to future operations of the facility. My concern is that if we wait too long to get the

Committee up and running, we may lose some time in getting the entire animal control/enforcement/shelter operations issues resolved.

I also see this Resolution as keeping faith with what the City has been attempting to do up this point regarding implementation of the Staton Report recommendations, and also with the recommendations made by Beth Baker and Amy Christianson, which have merit.

Obviously I would like Dave Gliko's input on the text. I am not permanently wedded to all of these proposed changes, so input is welcome.