



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date: June 22, 2016

Agenda Item #: 4 Office of the City Clerk Proposed Changes for Boards

Vote: 3-0-0 [Committee members are Mayor Pro Tem Tovo (chair), Council Member Troxclair (vice-chair), Council Member Pool, and Council Member Renteria]

Sponsors/Department: Office of the City Clerk

Summary of Discussion:

The Office of the City Clerk presented proposed changes for the Animal Advisory Commission that would amend their board's bylaws and City Code § 2-1-102 Animal Advisory Commission. The following amendments would be recommended:

- (A) The Animal Advisory Commission is established as prescribed by Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 (Animal Shelters). The board has thirteen members appointed by the council. Each council member shall nominate one member, and the Travis County Commissioners Court shall nominate two members.
- (B) The council shall appoint among the commissioners at least:
 - (1) one licensed veterinarian;
 - (2) one city official;
 - (3) one person whose duties include the daily operation of an animal shelter;
 - (4) one animal welfare organization representative; and
- (C) A commissioner need not be a city resident.
- (D) The commission shall meet not less often than three times a year.
- (E) The commission shall:
 - (1) advise the city council and the Travis County Commissioners Court on compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 (Animal Shelters);
 - (2) advise the city council and the Travis County Commissioners Court on animal welfare policies and on budget priorities identified by the Commission and the community, except on issues related to the administration of the Animal Services Division;

Direction:

The proposed changes for the Animal Advisory Commission are to increase their membership by two members which will increase membership to thirteen total and making a necessary quorum of 7 members. The board will also advise the Travis County Commissioners Court on animal welfare policies and budget priorities.

Recommendation:

The motion to forward the proposed changes to Council for consideration was approved on Council Member Renteria's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 3-0 vote. Chair Tovo was absent.