

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REPRESENTATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VINELAND TO ATTEND AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WITH RESPECT TO THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A COOPERATIVE OR OTHER JOINT SERVICES ENTITY TO ADDRESS THE ANIMAL SHELTERING NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES WITHIN CUMBERLAND AND SALEM COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, there is a need in Cumberland and Salem County, New Jersey, to provide animal sheltering services on behalf of municipalities which are facing the potential loss of animal sheltering services, currently provided through one or more organizations or entities; and

WHEREAS, private animal sheltering services may no longer be readily available for use by communities within Cumberland and Salem Counties to meet their animal sheltering needs; and

WHEREAS, one or more private entities have either ceased, discontinued, or reduced their capability to accept animals; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of ability and resources through public agencies or entities to provide animal sheltering services to municipal and public entities within the region of Cumberland and Salem County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County SPCA in Vineland, New Jersey, presently operates an animal sheltering facility which has heretofore provided sheltering and related services to municipalities in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County SPCA has experienced financial difficulties and pressure resulting in uncertainty as to whether or not the Cumberland County SPCA will remain willing and able to provide animal sheltering services to the extent needed by communities within the Cumberland and Salem County region; and

WHEREAS, numerous communities within Cumberland and Salem Counties, New Jersey, have come together in an effort to address issues relating to animal sheltering, including but not limited to the possibility of organizing a cooperative association of communities, a purchasing cooperative, a shared service arrangement, or other similar undertaking in order to be better able to address animal sheltering needs on behalf of communities in these counties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Vineland has indicated that it is interested in participating in the possible formation of a group of communities to address the foregoing concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of having a representative on behalf of the governing body attend one or more meetings among representatives of communities within the Cumberland and Salem County region of New Jersey to further discuss and address potential solutions and the formation of an organization of communities to address and respond to the need to provide animal sheltering services and related services within these communities; and

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WHEREAS, a proposed preliminary and/or organizational meeting to explore options, formation, and a structure for communities to come together to address the foregoing problems has been scheduled for January 31, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center in the Township of Upper Deerfield; and

WHEREAS, the City council is desirous of appointing representatives to attend this meeting to discuss alternatives, strategies and the formation of a collective group and the operational framework for the public entities to collectively respond to and address animal sheltering needs, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of appointing the Legal Department of the City of Vineland as representatives on behalf of the City Council to attend the foregoing meeting, subject to the condition that any final determination as to whether or not the City of Vineland wishes to formally participate in an organization of communities to address animal sheltering needs, among other things, must be formally adopted and ratified by the City council;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that members of the Legal Department is hereby appointed as representatives to attend an exploratory and initial organization meeting or meetings of communities to address the formation of a collective body of communities to address animal sheltering needs, among other things, within and among the communities of Cumberland and Salem Counties, New Jersey, and the potential formation of a cooperative, cooperative purchasing association, shared services arrangement, or such other organization or formation as may be deemed in the interest of the participating communities and the City of Vineland and to report back to the Mayor and City Council as to the proposals made at the aforesaid meeting and to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council as to the course of action the City of Vineland needs to pursue in order that animal sheltering needs, among other requirements related thereto can be effectively provided and managed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the formation and participation of a formally organized association, cooperative, shared services arrangement, or such other undertaking between the communities as will further the interests of the City of Vineland and its citizens with respect to animal sheltering needs and related services must be approved by the City Council of the City of Vineland.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk