

SERVICES COMMITTEE SUMMARY

JUNE 2, 2009

CM Ellinger chaired the committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. All committee members were present. CM Blues and CM Stinnett were present as well.

1. Animal Cruelty Ordinance

Rick Curtis, Chair of Animal Care & Control Advisory Committee gave a report of their recommendations regarding this issue. He stated the ACCAC is suggesting a complete change to the animal cruelty ordinance (see attached), that if implemented will not only give ACC officers additional authority, but will enhance the overall care and treatment of all animals.

Keith Horn, Dept. of Law, discussed the changes (see attached) that were made to the ordinance. He stated it still parallels the state statute.

CM Lane asked if it would be beneficial to have a more comprehensive animal cruelty ordinance that includes horses and all kinds of animals.

Mr. Horn stated it would be very helpful if there was a comprehensive state statute that would cover horses as well as other animals.

Several committee members made comments and asked questions regarding the changes as well as adding horses to the ordinance.

Chief Bowling, Animal Care & Control, spoke regarding the enforcement of the ordinance. He stated the enforcement will come fairly easy for them.

Mr. Horn stated if the committee wants an anti-tethering ordinance with an administrative process then they should consider a separate anti-tethering ordinance.

A motion by CM Myers to move the advisory committee animal cruelty ordinance draft to the full council with the amendment to include adequate shade, seconded by CM Beard, passed with two nays.

A motion by CM Henson to amend the motion to include the portion of SOARS draft that states "can't tether if the owner or harborer isn't within auditory or visual range of the dog", seconded by CM Lawless, amendment fails.

A motion by CM Lawless to amend the original motion to include adequate shade meaning one or more separate outside areas of shade, large enough to contain all dogs at one time and to protect them from the direct rays of the sun. A dog house shall not constitute adequate shade. seconded by CM Beard, passed with two nays.

The committee heard from several members of the community who are in favor of an anti-tethering ordinance.

2. Underground Utilities – deferred to a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

