



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2017

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: DECLARE POLICE SERVICE DOG "NORAN" AS RETIRED AND SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF DONATED FUNDS FROM THE CANINE TRUST ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE A POLICE SERVICE DOG, TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Declare Police Service Dog "Noran" as retired and surplus property to the needs of the Police Department and authorize the allocation of \$20,000 in donated funds from the Canine Trust Account to Police Department Account No. 3195000-462299 to purchase a new Police Service Dog and provide the required training and equipment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Declare Police Service Dog "Noran" as retired and surplus property to the needs of the Police Department;
2. Authorize the allocation of \$20,000 from the Canine Trust Account No. 0000720-225140 to Miscellaneous Police Revenue Account No. 0000101-341190; and
3. Authorize the supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 to Police Capital Projects Account No. 3195000-462200 for the purchase of a Police Service Dog, the required training, and equipment.

BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Riverside Police Department K-9 Unit is to support all divisions within the department to search for felony suspects, suspects armed with a weapon, lost and missing persons, and to search for discarded evidence. Deploying a Police Service Dog (PSD) reduces manpower and time required to search scenes to locate a concealed suspect or suspects. This invaluable tool increases the safety of police personnel.

DISCUSSION:

Patrol Service Dog (PSD) Noran served the City of Riverside with distinction in resolving countless critical incidents. Unfortunately, PSD Noran, who was eight years old, had encountered severe medical conditions that limited his ability to maintain the rigorous tasks required from a police canine and required that he be retired. On October 2, 2017, the City's contracted veterinarian, Dr. Jezberra, recommended that PSD Noran be retired immediately. Officer Darrell Hill, PSD Noran's partner and handler, has been dedicated to the Police K-9 Program and was forced to make the difficult decision to have PSD Noran euthanized due to his medical conditions and inability to maintain any sustainable quality of life.



Noran and Officer Darryl Hill

The Police Department would like to purchase a police canine and handler training with the donated funds collected in the Canine Trust Account. In order to purchase the canine and handler training, funds from the Canine Trust Account must be appropriated to a Police Department expenditure account.

City Council approves acceptance of specified donations to be held in the Canine Trust Account. The donations are intended for future purchases and training of replacement Police Service Dogs. The Department is now ready to move forward with the purchase of a new Police Service Dog and training for the new canine and officer.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund. The cost of the replacement canine and required handler training will be solely funded through donations received and held in the Canine Trust Account No. 0000720-225140.

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