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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JULY 16, 2019**

**FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF POLICE SERVICE DOG, TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$20,000 WITH DONATED FUNDS FROM CANINE TRUST  
ACCOUNT – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUES:**

Authorize the allocation of \$20,000 in donated funds from the Canine Trust Account No. 0000720-225140 to the Grants and Restricted Programs (Fund 215) Revenue Account No. 3195001-341190 and a supplemental appropriation in estimated expenditures in the same amount to Fund 215 Police Capital Machine and Equipment Account No. 3195001-462200 for the purchase of a Police Service Dog, the required training, and equipment.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the allocation of \$20,000 in donated funds from the Canine Trust Account No. 0000720-225140 to the Grants and Restricted Programs (Fund 215) Revenue Account No. 3195001-341190; and
2. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in estimated expenditures in the same amount to Fund 215 Police Capital Machine and Equipment Account No. 3195001-462200 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 the use of manpower and time required to search scenes to locate a concealed suspect or suspects. This invaluable tool also increases the safety of police personnel.

On May 14, 2019, the City Council declared PSD “Rocco” to be retired and approved the donation of “Rocco” to his partner and handler, Officer Kevin Feimer, to assume the ownership and care of “Rocco” after retirement. The purchase of a new PSD would replace PSD “Rocco,” who served the City of Riverside for over eight (8) years with distinction in resolving countless critical incidents.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Council approval is required for the acceptance of specified donations to be held in the Canine Trust Account. The donations are intended for future purchases and training of replacement PSDs. The Riverside Police Department would like to purchase a PSD and handler training for the new canine and officer 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.

**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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