



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2019

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: DONATION OF CERTIFIED BLOODHOUND SERVICE DOG FROM OFFICER JEREMY MILLER AND PURCHASE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FOR DONATED SERVICE DOG AND OFFICER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 WITH DONATED FUNDS FROM CANINE TRUST ACCOUNT – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Accept the donation of a certified bloodhound service dog from Officer Jeremy Miller and authorize an allocation of \$15,000 in donated funds from the Canine Trust account to the Grants and Restricted Programs account for the purchase of the required training and equipment for the donated service dog and officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept the donation of a certified bloodhound service dog from Officer Jeremy Miller;
2. Authorize the allocation of \$15,000 in donated funds from the Canine Trust Account to the Grants and Restricted Programs (Fund 215) Revenue Account; and
3. Authorize a supplemental appropriation to increase estimated expenditures in the amount of \$15,000 to Fund 215 Police Capital Machine and Equipment Expenditure Account for the required training and equipment for the donated service dog and officer.

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.

With the addition of a certified bloodhound service dog, RPD will be able to perform scent identification. This is a process where the bloodhound can walk through a crowd and pick out a specific person. Bloodhound noses are so uniquely powerful that they can isolate and

compartmentalize individual scents. In practice, this allows police bloodhounds to hone in on the distinctive smell left on a sweaty baseball cap, and then follow that scent to a missing person or a wanted suspect that left the hat behind.

DISCUSSION:

The Police Department would like to accept the donation of a certified bloodhound service dog from Officer Jeremy Miller in order to preform scent identification.

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, equipment and training of replacement PSDs. The Riverside Police Department would like to purchase handler training for the new certified bloodhound service dog and officer with the donated funds collected in the Canine Trust Account. In order to purchase the handler training and needed equipment, funds from the Canine Trust Account must be allocated to a Police Department revenue account and then appropriated to a Police Department expenditure account.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund. The cost of the required handler training and needed equipment will be solely funded through donations received and held in the Canine Trust Account.

Upon acceptance of the certified bloodhound donation, an allocation of \$15,000 in donated funds will be made 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 will be made to increase expenditures in the same amount to the Police Capital Machine and Equipment (Fund 215) Expenditure Account No. 3195001-462200.

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