

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



### **Title: Request to Retire and Sale K-9 Sable**

**From:** Kenneth J. Shultz, Chief of Police

**Meeting Date:** May 16, 2016

**Public Hearing:** N/A

**Advertising Date /  
Advertised By:** N/A

**Attachments:** Resolution

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### **PURPOSE:**

The Police Department is requesting consideration for approval to retire (declare surplus) Police K-9 Sable.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Canine Sable is a multi-function (narcotics detection, tracking, search and apprehension), Belgium Malinois who was donated to the High Point Police Department in September, 2013. She is currently 4 ½ years old. Recent performance concerns were noted in regards to her failing to engage with suspects. This issue creates an officer safety problem and is a severe performance failure. Police K-9 Trainers have evaluated the canine and have declared her unfit for duty. Further testing resulted in them determining that she cannot be retrained.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

K-9 Sable, was originally donated to the High Point Police Department. As a result of her inability to perform, the Police Department will be required to purchase a replacement canine. The expense of the new purchase is expected to be \$8,000.00 and consideration for this purchase is included in our current budget proposal (FY 2016/2017).

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Police Department requests that K-9 Sable be declared surplus property and that we be allowed to retire her to Major Kenneth Steele who will purchase her and assume all responsibility and liability for her upkeep.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF  
RETIRED K-9 SABLE

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of High Point finds that Police K-9 Sable can no longer perform as required for her job and has received recommendation from the High Point Police Department K9 Supervisor that Sable be retired; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C.G.S. 160A-266(d) permits the City Council to authorize the disposition of personal property that is without value; and

**WHEREAS**, Major Ken Steele has agreed to purchase retired K-9 Sable from the City of High Point in the amount of \$1.00 and upon accepting custody of the dog will assume all liability and responsibility for the care of the animal for the remainder of its life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of High Point authorizes the purchase of K-9 Sable by Major Ken Steele for the amount of \$1.00 effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lisa Vierling, MMC  
City Clerk

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Mayor William Bencini



