

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: Request to Retire and Sell K-9 Gunner

From: Travis Stroud, Chief of Police

Meeting Date: September 20, 2021

Public Hearing: N/A

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

Attachments: Photo & Resolution

PURPOSE:

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

BACKGROUND:

The High Point Police Department purchased Canine Gunner from Vohnne Liche Kennels located in Denver, Indiana in April 2015 at a price of \$7,500. Gunner was purchased to maintain the appropriate level of the K-9 Unit's working animals. K9 Gunner served from April 2015 until October of 2021 as a dual-purpose patrol canine in the High Point Police Department K9 Unit. Generally, work life for a K-9 is approximately eight-to-ten years. Gunner has reached near retirement age, and training Gunner, at his age, to work with a new handler could be problematic and increase liability with little gain. Therefore, the Department wishes to retire him.

BUDGET IMPACT:

As a result of this K-9 reaching near retirement age, the Department will be required to purchase a replacement canine. The expense of the new purchase is anticipated to be between \$10,000- \$12,000 and budgeted funds have been identified in FY22

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Police Department requests that K-9 Gunner be declared surplus property and be allowed to retire him to Officer Zachary Wilkins who will purchase and assume all responsibility and liability for his upkeep.



RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
RETIRE K-9 GUNNER

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of High Point finds that Police K-9 Gunner has reached near the age of retirement for a working K-9 and his handler, Officer Zach Wilkins, has been promoted to Lieutenant. K-9 Supervisor has recommended that Gunner be retired from the High Point Police Department; 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, Officer Zach Wilkins has agreed to purchase retired K-9 Gunner 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 Gunner by Officer Zach Wilkins for the amount of \$1.00 effective September 20, 2021.

Adopted: _____

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

ATTEST

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk