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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: "Buddy" a police horse that has been in service with the Division of Police's Mounted Unit since 1994 needs to be retired. Dr. William M. Gesel, D.V.M., the Mounted Unit's veterinarian, has recommended that Buddy be retired from duty as a Mounted Unit horse. Buddy has been treated for and diagnosed with arthritis in both front shoulders and knees. In addition to this diagnosis, Buddy has muscle deterioration and wear on his hips and back. Buddy is not fully capable of performing the patrol related duties required of a Police Mount. The Division of Police concurs with the recommendation of Dr. Gesel that Buddy be retired from duty as a Police Mounted Unit Horse.

It is recommended that Buddy be sold to Sergeant Joseph E. Horton who is familiar with Buddy's medical problems and his treatment. Sergeant Horton has cared for Buddy since he was assigned to the Unit, and has overseen his routine care, health, and associated responsibilities.

Additionally, the Division of Police Legal Bureau has developed a general release document that relinquishes the City of Columbus from any liability as it relates to the post retirement care and control of "Buddy", and assigns that liability to Sergeant Joseph E. Horton.

FISCAL IMPACT:

At this time there are no plans to replace this donated horse. There is no impact on the General Fund due to the sale of "Buddy."

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to sell to Sergeant Joseph E. Horton, for the sum of \$1.00, a police horse with the registered name of "Buddy" which has no further value to the Division of Police and to waive the provisions of City Code-Sale of City-owned personal property.

WHEREAS, "Buddy" has been a Mounted Unit horse with the Division of Police since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mounted Unit's Veterinarian Dr. William M. Gesel, D.V.M., has recommended this horse be retired due to arthritis in both front shoulders and knees, muscle deterioration, and wear on his hips and back.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to allow this horse to be purchased by Sergeant Joseph E. Horton for the sum of \$1.00; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Finance and Management Director is hereby authorized and directed to sell a police horse with the registered name of "Buddy" to Sergeant Joseph E. Horton for the sum of \$1.00.

SECTION 2. That the Council of the City of Columbus finds it is in the best interests of the City that City Code 329.26 - Sale of City-owned personal property, be and is hereby waived to permit the sale of this specific horse to Sergeant Joseph E. Horton.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

