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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: “Sully” a police canine that has been in service with the Division of Police’s Canine Unit for four and a half years needs to be retired.

“Sully’s” handler is taking an assignment with the Auto Squad. It would cost \$5,000 to retrain the canine with a new handler. Placing “Sully” with a new handler would be neither wise nor economical as he is difficult to handle and he would only be of use for a few more years at best. Attempting to re-train this canine with a novice handler would not be in the Division's best interest. It would be in the best interest of the Division to take “Sully” out of service and retire him.

It is recommended that “Sully” be sold to Officer Ronald Lanning, who is “Sully’s” handler.

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 “Sully,” and assigns that liability to Officer Ronald Lanning.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds have been identified in the General Fund to replace this canine.

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to sell to Officer Ronald Lanning, for the sum of \$1.00, a police canine with the registered name of “Sully” 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, “Sully” has been a Canine Unit canine with the Division of Police for four and a half years; and

WHEREAS, “Sully’s” handler is taking an assignment with the Auto Squad, and

WHEREAS, it would cost \$5,000 to retrain the canine with a new handler, and

WHEREAS, placing “Sully” with a new handler would be neither wise nor economical as he is difficult to handle and he would only last another three or four years at best, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to allow this canine to be purchased by Officer Ronald Lanning 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 canine with the registered name of “Sully” to Officer Ronald Lanning 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 329.34 Sale of City-owned personal property, be and is hereby waived to permit the sale of this specific canine to Officer Ronald Lanning.

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