



Legislation Text

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“Glory” a police horse that has been in service with the Division of Police’s Mounted Unit since February of 2014 needs to be taken out of service.

“Glory” has not been responding to training and has become unpredictable when deployed on the street. This has created a risk of possible injury to the officer(s) riding her, the potential for a citizen to become injured, all of which could create a liability for the Division of Police and the City of Columbus. It is in the best interest of “Glory” and the Division to take her out of service and retire her. Retiring “Glory” would keep the Division from paying the additional cost for feed and medical expenses with no guarantee that she would become street worthy.

It is recommended that “Glory” be retired and to permit her last rider Officer John Shoopman #1461, to assume custody and care of “Glory” and purchase her from the Division of Police for the sum of \$1.00.(City Code 329). Officer Shoopman #1461 has agreed to accept Glory.

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 “Glory”, and assigns that liability to Officer John Shoopman #1461.

FISCAL IMPACT:

At this time there are no plans to replace this donated horse.

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to sell to Officer John Shoopman #1461, for the sum of \$1.00, a police horse with the registered name of “Glory” which has no further value to the Division of Police and to waive the provisions of City Code- 329 Sale of City-owned personal property.

WHEREAS, “Glory” has been a Mounted Unit horse with the Division of Police since February of 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended “Glory” be retired due to not responding to training and being unpredictable while on the street, which could lead to a liability for the Division of Police and the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to allow this horse to be purchased by Officer John Shoopman #1461 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 the police horse with the registered name of “Glory” to Officer John Shoopman #1461 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 to waive provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to the sale of City-owned personal property to permit the sale of this specific horse to Officer John Shoopman #1461.

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