



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Two donated police horses named “BO” and “Spirit” that have been in service with the Division of Police’s Mounted Unit since March of 2017 and August of 2019, respectively, need to be taken out of service.

“BO” is a 10 year old paint breed that appeared to be a street worthy horse. BO has not been responding to training and has been unpredictable. Bo has not been able to be deployed on the street. It would be in the best interest for the Division to take Bo out of service and retire him.

It is recommended that “Bo” be retired and to permit his last rider Officer Ronald Zaleski #1645, to assume custody and care of “Bo” and purchase him from the Division of Police for the sum of \$1.00.(ORC 9.62, (C)). Officer Ronald Zaleski #1645 has agreed to accept “Bo”.

“Spirit” is a 7 year old quarter horse that appeared to be street worthy. Spirit has not been responding to training and has become unpredictable. Due to this, Spirit has not been deployed on the street. It would be in the best interest for the Division to take Spirit out of service and retire him.

It is recommended that “Spirit” be retired and to permit his last rider Officer Sandra Silva #1537 to assume custody and care of “Spirit” and purchase him from the Division of Police for the sum of \$1.00.(ORC 9.62, (C)). Officer Sandra Silva #1537 has agreed to accept “Spirit”.

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 “Bo” and “Spirit”, and assigns that liability to Officer Ronald Zaleski #1645 and Officer Sandra Silva #1537, respectively.

FISCAL IMPACT:

At this time there are no plans to replace these donated horses.

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to sell to Officers Ronald Zaleski #1645 and Sandra Silva #1537, for the sum of \$1.00 each, police horses with the registered names of “Bo” and “Spirit” which have no further value to the Division of Police; and to waive the provisions of City Code- 329 Sale of City-owned personal property.

WHEREAS, “Bo” and “Spirit” have been Mounted Unit horses with the Division of Police since March of 2017 and August 2019, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, it is recommended that “Bo” and “Spirit” be retired due to not responding to training and being too unpredictable to be on the streets; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to allow these horses to be purchased by Officer Ronald Zaleski #1645 and Officer Sandra Silva #1537 for the sum of \$1.00 each; **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 “Bo” to Officer Ronald Zaleski #1645 and the police horse with the registered name of “Spirit” to Officer Sandra Silva #1537, for the sum of \$1.00 each.

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 these specific horses to Officer Ronald Zaleski #1645 and to Officer Sandra Silva #1537.

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