



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

E-SIGN:

FROM: Charlie Thorpe, Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT: Police

DATE: 02/23/2023

MEETING DATE: 02/28/2023

SUBJECT / TOPIC: K9 Solo Retirement

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Please see attached Memo.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Two: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Consent Motion

Yes	N/A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Document(s) Reviewed for ADA compliance (required if for agenda posting)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Attorney Reviewed/Approval
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Management Review
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance Department Review/Approval
		Funds Availability (account number):



CITY OF VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHARLIE THORPE * Police Chief

TO: City Manager Ed Lavallee

FROM: Chief Charlie Thorpe 

DATE: 02/22/2023

SUBJECT: K9 Solo Retirement

With the promotion of Officer Rodrigo Morales to sergeant, the Venice Police Department command staff has determined that the re-deployment of his K9 partner Solo to another handler is uneconomical and inefficient for the police department and the City of Venice. The full-time sworn officer position that this change creates can be better utilized by the VPD. Therefore the VPD will retire K9 Solo.

Considering all factors that may apply, including asset depreciation as depicted in Captain Leisenring's attached memo and lack of commercial value, I concur with the recommendation of transfer of ownership of Solo to Sgt. Morales. In review of the statute referenced in the captain's memo, I believe city council can approve this city asset for donation to the former handler, thereby removing it as an obligation to the city for care and maintenance.

Sgt. Morales agrees to personally take over all care, maintenance, and liability for the animal from the council approval date forward.

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CHARLIE THORPE * Chief

TO: Chief Thorpe
 FROM: Captain Leisenring *AL331*
 DATE: February 21, 2023
 SUBJECT: K9 Solo Retirement

This memo is to verify the retirement of VPD K9 Solo with the promotion of his current handler, Officer Morales, to the rank of Sergeant, effective February 27, 2023. Officer Morales will be assigned to a patrol squad, and his responsibilities will not allow him to continue as a canine handler.

Officer Morales has offered that he would like to continue to care for Solo. Solo was born on April 3, 2019. Using the industry standard for an assumed useful life (8 years) and reducing the original purchase value (\$9,500) using a Sum-of-the-Years-Depreciation (SYD) method, the estimated current value is \$2,969.00. SYD has been the method preferred by previous City Councils.

Florida Statute 274.06 permits a governmental entity to transfer ownership of tangible property "for value to any person." When the governmental unit estimates the value under \$5,000.00, "the governmental unit may transfer ownership in the most efficient and cost-effective means as determined by the governmental unit."

With your approval, I recommend we submit to the City Council transfer of ownership to Officer Morales on the next agenda to allow for planning and timely disposition.

Cost: \$9,500.00, Salvage: \$0.00
 Life: 8 years, First Year: 9 months

Depreciation Schedule

Year	Book Value Year Start	Total Cost Depreciable	Depreciation Percent	Depreciation Expense	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value Year End
2019	\$9,500	\$9,500	17%	\$1,583	\$1,583	\$7,917
2020	\$7,917	\$9,500	20%	\$1,913	\$3,497	\$6,003
2021	\$6,003	\$9,500	17%	\$1,649	\$5,146	\$4,354
2022	\$4,354	\$9,500	15%	\$1,385	\$6,531	\$2,969
2023	\$2,969	\$9,500	12%	\$1,122	\$7,653	\$1,847
2024	\$1,847	\$9,500	9%	\$858	\$8,510	\$990
2025	\$990	\$9,500	6%	\$594	\$9,104	\$396
2026	\$396	\$9,500	3%	\$330	\$9,434	\$66
2027	\$66	\$9,500	1%	\$66	\$9,500	\$0

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Chief's approval: Yes *[Signature]* No _____
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