

TAB 9

POINT PAPER
Budget Amendment #09-47
K-9 Unit / K-9 Replacement
Palmetto Police Department

ISSUE:

The City of Palmetto has received donations from several business and individuals to purchase a new K-9 for \$8,500. The department's current police K-9 (Canto) needs to be retired due to medical issues that prevent him from being an active contributor to the police department. With Canto's retirement, a new K-9 needs to be purchased so there is only a minimal break in service within the K-9 Unit.

BACKGROUND:

Replacement of current Police K-9 Canto-

Canto is in his 3rd plus year of service with the Palmetto Police Department, and during that time he has been an asset to the department. Since January 09, K-9 Officer Liester has noticed a lack of energy in Canto's performance. It was then determined that Canto had dental problems and those problems were interfering with his performance. Once the dental work was completed on Canto, Officer Liester still noticed a lack of energy in Canto's performance. Canto was then taken to the department's veterinarian (Dana Walstad, DVM), and it was determined that Canto had a Thyroid problem that directly interfered with his performance drive/energy. Canto has received treatment for the Thyroid issue but has shown no significant improvement. P.P.D. K-9 Officer Chris Liester, MSO K-9 Trainer-Deputy Keith Sutton, and Veterinarian Dana Walstad all recommended that Canto be retired from active duty.

On October 9, 2009, Deputy Chief Hannaford and K-9 Officer Liester inspected police K-9's at the Southern Hills Kennels (New Smyrna Beach, Fl.) and found an excellent dual purpose police K-9 to replace Canto. Southern Hills will hold the K-9 until the purchase is approved. Southern Hills Kennels has an excellent reputation for supplying quality police K-9's, and back their K-9's with guarantees (1 year training / 2 years medical).

In addition, the City has received a donated K-9 (7 Month old German shepherd).

Officer Liester was contacted in September by Joseph Perusky in reference Mr. Perusky donating a German Shepherd to the Palmetto Police Department. Officer Liester received permission to meet with Perusky and inspect his canine (Family pet). Officer Liester brought the canine to the police department where he was also inspected by the Chief and Deputy Chief. With Mr. Perusky's permission his canine (Leroy) was examined by the departments Veterinarian (Walstad) and received a clean bill of health. On Oct. 12, 2009 the departments new K-9 Officer Jeff Lewis received the canine from Mr. Perusky. Once Officer Lewis and the donated K-9 (to be renamed) received their 400 hrs of training and receive their FDLE certification they will be assigned to a night shift. No additional cost for training is expected.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Do Nothing
2. Accept the donation of \$8,500 and approve Resolution 09-47 for the purchase of Canto's replacement. In addition, retire Canto, declare him surplus, and allow Officer Liester to purchase him for one dollar (\$1.00). Also, accept the donation of Mr. Perusky German shepherd (Leroy)

BUDGET IMPACT:

The overall budget impact is zero. Resolution 09-47 establishes budget in equal amounts for Revenue (001-369-9000) and Expense (001-521-6402).

RESOLUTION NO. 09-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 09-38, WHICH RESOLUTION ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to increase or decrease revenues and expenditures in certain accounts, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide budgetary authorization for the expenditure of these funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That Revenue Account 001 369 9000, Police Dog Fund, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 is increased by Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$8,500) to recognize budget for the replacement K-9.

Section 2: That Expense Account 001 521 6402, Police Dog Expense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 is increased by Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$8,500) to recognize budget for the replacement K-9.

Section 3: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Section 4: All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in regular session, by the City Commission of the City of Palmetto, with a quorum present and voting, this 19th day of October, 2009.

CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA
BY AND THROUGH THE CITY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
PALMETTO

By: _____
SHIRLEY GROOVER BRYANT,
MAYOR

ATTEST: JAMES R. FREEMAN

By: _____
City Clerk