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DATE: January 20, 2026

TO: City Council

FROM: Steve Williams, Interim City Administrator

RE: **RESOLUTION 26-16 – Agreement 26-07** - Approving the Transfer of Ownership of Canine Valkyire to Officer Jodi McDearmid for the Amount of One Dollar (\$1.00), Subject to the Execution of a Release of Liability and Transfer Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve Resolution 26-16

BACKGROUND:

Officer Jodi McDearmid has submitted her resignation from the Angels Camp Police Department. As part of her separation, Officer McDearmid has requested to retain custody and ownership of her assigned Police Canine (K-9) upon the K-9's retirement from service.

The Police K-9 is a Belgian Malinois, female, currently nine (9) years old, who entered service with the Angels Camp Police Department in 2019. The K-9 was originally acquired by the City for \$1.00 from the Angels Camp Police K-9 Association.

The K-9 and Officer McDearmid completed their initial and ongoing training through Top Dog K-9 Training in Ripon, California, under the direction of retired Modesto Police Captain Ron Cloward, a California POST-recognized K-9 training expert. The City paid for the initial training and required maintenance training to maintain California POST certification.

The K-9 and handler were certified in Human Tracking, Narcotics Detection, and Patrol Apprehension, making the K-9 a dual-purpose police service animal.

DISCUSSION:

Upon Officer McDearmid's separation, the K-9 will be retired from law enforcement service and will not be reassigned for use by State Parks or any other agency. She has agreed to purchase the retired K-9 for \$1.00, consistent with the City's original acquisition cost.

It is common practice for law enforcement agencies to transfer ownership of retired K-9s to their handlers due to the established bond, familiarity, and best interests of the animal. As part of the transfer, Officer McDearmid will assume full responsibility for the K-9's care, medical needs, and liability, and will execute a Release of Liability and Transfer Agreement releasing the City from any future claims or responsibility.



FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City. The K-9 will be transferred for a nominal fee of \$1.00, and all future costs associated with care and ownership will be borne by Officer McDearmid..

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment "A" – Release of Liability and Transfer of Ownership Agreement

Attachment "B" – Resolution 26-16

