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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Date: November, 9, 2021

Item Details

Presenter(s): Mitch McKinney, Deputy Chief of Police

Department(s): Police

Requested Motion

Motion to formally retire Apex Police Department Canine Rocky from police service and allow him to remain in Ofc. Scott James's stewardship for the remainder of Rocky's life.

Approval Recommended?

Yes

Item Details

Canine Rocky has served almost a decade with his partner Ofc. Scott James, and with Council's permission, will have the distinguished honor of being Apex Police Department's first Canine retiree. Initially, we anticipated making this request in June associated with a health concern; however, Rocky's handler worked with the canine veterinarian to resolve the issue. As a result, we agreed to postpone the date for Rocky's retirement after determining that no decline in quality of life for Rocky was identified, and his service continued to benefit the community. Additionally, this decision allowed us to acquire another canine and supplement our existing resources. After some recent conversations, we are confident the community will have their new canine available without delay. Also, after assessing and reviewing Rocky's physical capability and considering what is in his best interest, we have decided to begin the process of retiring him from service with the Town of Apex to support a peaceful and relaxing quality of life for Rocky's remaining years. . Rocky will have a formal retirement at the police department with the date TBD.

Attachments

- None

