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**FORESTPARK**

# City Council Agenda Item

**Subject:** Council Discussion and Approval to Accept the Donation of a Bloodhound

**Submitted By:** Brandon Criss (Police Chief)

**Date Submitted:** April 8, 2024

**Work Session Date:** April 15, 2024

**Council Meeting Date:** April 15, 2024

### Background/History:

The Forest Park Police Department operates around the clock, every day of the year, with four shifts managing service calls. Currently, the department employs four Dual Purpose Canines, which undertake tasks such as search and rescue operations for missing persons, detection of illegal narcotics, and assistance in criminal apprehension. These Canines also engage in community-building activities by participating in educational programs in schools.

The department is seeking approval to accept the donation of a Bloodhound from The Jimmy Rice Center. Established by the parents of Jimmy Ryce after his tragic kidnapping, rape, and murder in 1995, The Jimmy Ryce Center aims to prevent the sexual exploitation and predatory abduction of children, provide resources to parents and law enforcement in abduction cases, and assist in safely bringing abducted children home. The Bloodhound will be utilized primarily for search and rescue operations for missing persons, particularly those suffering from mental illness. The Jimmy Ryce Center has generously donated over 600 Bloodhounds to law enforcement agencies nationwide.

The department is committed to covering all expenses related to the training, equipment, and healthcare for the Bloodhound.

<b>Cost: \$</b>	<b>Budgeted for:</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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**Financial Impact:** 0

**Action Requested from Council: Vote for Approval**

