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City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Council Discussion and Approval to Purchase (2) Canines and Enter into an Agreement with between the Owners and the Forest Park Police Department

Submitted By: Brandon Criss (Police Chief)

Date Submitted: January 25, 2024

Work Session Date: February 5, 2024

Council Meeting Date: February 5, 2024

Background/History:

The Forest Park Police Department operates 24/7, 365 days a year with four shifts managing service calls. Currently, two Canines are on duty for two of these shifts, performing tasks such as search and rescue for missing persons, detecting illegal narcotics, and aiding in criminal apprehension. Outside of normal shift work, our current Canines serve as a community-building resource by participating in educational programs in schools.

The department seeks approval to acquire two more Canines to occupy the two vacant shifts. This will allow us to have a Canine available 24/7, 365 day a year. Officers Deondre Hunt and Jamal Hunter, the handlers, intend to sell their Canines to the department for a symbolic \$1.00. The department will cover all costs related to training, equipment, and healthcare for the Canines, with officers committing to a 2-year commitment for any and all training expenses.

Cost: \$ 2.00

Budgeted for: Yes No

Financial Impact: \$2.00

Action Requested from Council: Vote for Approval