MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From:	Emily Kane, Deputy City Attorney	**Meeting Date:**	January 14, 2025
Presenter:	Meridian Police Department	**Estimated Time:**	0.5 minutes

Topic: Resolution no. 25-2497: Approving the retirement of police canines from active duty; authorizing the transfer of ownership of retiring police canine Arco to Sgt. Bryan Albers; authorizing the transfer of ownership of retiring police canine Gus to Officer Peter Glynn; authorizing the transfer of ownership of retiring police canine Griz to Sgt. Taylor Aja; authorizing the transfer of ownership of retiring police canine Wyatt to Officer Tyler Marston; authorizing the Chief of the Meridian Police Department to effectuate the transfer of ownership of the retiring police canine canines to their respective handlers; and providing effective dates.

Recommended Council Action:

Approve resolution for Mayor's signature.

Background:

Police canines Arco, Gus, Griz, and Wyatt have served as members of the Meridian Police Department and have been retired due to their age. City of Meridian Standard Operating Procedure no. 9.07 states that the process for transferring retiring police canines into private ownership is as follows: completion of a property information form, approval by the chief and Finance Department, and City Council's authorization of the canine's transfer to a qualified handler, pursuant to the recommendation of the Chief of Police, via resolution. This resolution is the final step in effectuating the transfer of the retiring canines from City ownership into the private ownership of their respective handlers.