



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Scott Morgan, Interim City Manager

THRU: Mariano Augello, Chief of Police

DATE: January 2, 2025

RE: Consideration of a Canine Purchase Agreement for the transfer of ownership for the Belgian Malinois (Zeke).

SUMMARY:

On July 15, 2024, the City of Palm Bay acquired the Belgian Malinois canine, "ZEKE," for use in the Police Department. However, due to medical and training concerns, the city has determined that it is in the best interest of the animal and the community to transfer ownership to Officer Jennifer Blackledge, who has expressed a desire to care for ZEKE. Ms. Blackledge is prepared to pay the agreed-upon amount of \$11,000 to the City of Palm Bay for the transfer of ownership. Additionally, she understands and agrees to assume full responsibility for ZEKE's care, including the associated risks and liabilities.

This agreement ensures that ZEKE will be properly cared for and that the city will be compensated for the canine's transfer of ownership. Upon approval, the necessary documentation will be completed, and the transfer of ownership will take place within seven days.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT:

Police

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this transaction will be the receipt of \$11,000, which will be deposited into the appropriate fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve the Canine Purchase Agreement.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Canine Purchase Agreement