

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 5, 2004

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER THE OWNERSHIP OF ONE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S K-9 DOGS

**ISSUE:** City Council consideration of a resolution to transfer ownership of K-9 dog, Stryker, from the Alexandria Police Department to retiring Sergeant Guy Bishop.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council adopt the attached resolution.

**DISCUSSION:** Sgt. Bishop has commanded the K-9 Unit for several years, and retired on April 30, 2004. His K-9 partner, Stryker, is now over 8 years old and, due to his age, will retire from duty as well. Sgt. Bishop has requested to take possession of Stryker as his pet after being his handler for more than six years.

Typically the City allows departing K-9 handlers to take their dogs if they desire, but bills them for the prorated value of a replacement dog based on eight years of working life. If the dog is over eight years of age, the City requests a transfer of property since the dog is at retirement age and cannot be transferred to a new handler effectively. The Police Department supports the transfer of the ownership of the dog to Sgt. Bishop for no cost due to Stryker's age. Sgt. Bishop will be responsible for all veterinary, food, and other costs associated with Stryker.

In the past, Council has authorized the transfer of K-9 dogs to their Police Department handler when the dogs have retired because of age or medical problems in accordance with Section 2.03 (g) of the City Charter. I recommend that Council authorize the transfer of ownership of Stryker to retired Sergeant Guy Bishop.

**ATTACHMENT:** Resolution

**STAFF:**

Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager  
 Charles Samarra, Police Chief  
 Amy Flenniken, Division Chief, Fiscal and Fleet Management

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Police canine Stryker has served the City of Alexandria for 6 years, and his handler, Sergeant Guy Bishop, retired on April 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, canine Stryker lived with Sergeant Bishop and his family and is now considered by them to be a member of their family; and

WHEREAS, due to Sergeant Bishop's retirement, canine Stryker would need to be retired from service due to his age of more than 8 years; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bishop has expressed a desire to keep canine Stryker with his family as a pet; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to make the canine available for Sergeant Bishop;

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

1. That the transfer of canine Stryker to Sergeant Bishop shall be, and hereby is, approved.
2. That there shall be no cost for the canine since he is over 8 years of age, which is normal retirement age.
3. That the City Manager shall be authorized to undertake any action on behalf of the City, including the execution of documents that are necessary or desirable to implement this resolution.
4. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.
5. Adopted this 12th day of May, 2004.

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE    MAYOR

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JACKIE HENDERSON  
CITY CLERK

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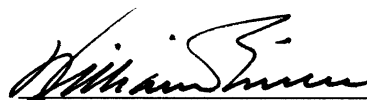
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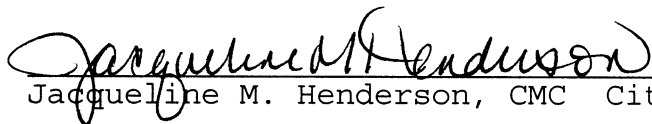
ADOPTED: May 12, 2004



WILLIAM D. EULLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:



Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk