



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 1, 2022

PREPARED BY: Eric T. Werner, Chief of Police

AGENDA ITEM: Maple Grove Police K9 Calo retirement Resolution No. 23-072 and memorandum of understanding for transfer of ownership

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Mayor Mark Steffenson administered the oath of office to K-9 Calo at the August 6, 2018, regular city council meeting.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-072 and approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the retirement and ownership transfer of K-9 Calo to Sergeant Keith Stuart.

COMMENTS: Adam Linqvist, Commander, Patrol Division

In 2018, the city council authorized the restart of a police department canine program following over 20 years of not providing canine services. Sergeant Keith Stuart and his canine partner Calo led the re-implementation of the program after they graduated from the rigorous 12-week St. Paul Police K-9 Academy. Calo received certifications for apprehension and narcotics detection. Sergeant Stuart and Calo were an immediate success in their daily service and especially with their community outreach work during patrol shifts or special events. Calo has had an incredible high drive personality and provided five years of tremendous service to the citizens of Maple Grove.

Due to the unique relationship between Sergeant Stuart and Calo and that Calo is unsuitable as a pet for any owner except his handler, the city agrees to transfer ownership, responsibility, and liability to Sergeant Stuart at no cost to the city.

The police department thanks Sergeant Stuart and Calo for their outstanding service to the community during the past five years and successfully restarting the canine program.

City Attorney Justin Templin reviewed Resolution No. 23-072 and the Memorandum of Understanding between Maple Grove Police Department and Sergeant Keith Stuart.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Resolution No. 23-072 Acknowledging the Retirement and Transfer of Ownership of Maple Grove Police Department K-9 Calo to Sergeant Keith Stuart

Attachment B - Memorandum of Understanding between Maple Grove Police Department and Sergeant Keith Stuart