



AGENDA REPORT

Police Department

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| DATE: | December 20, 2022 |
| TO: | Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council |
| FROM: | Bisa French, Chief of Police Daniel Reina, Sergeant |
| Subject: | Police Department Canine Purchase |
| FINANCIAL IMPACT: | Funding in the amount of \$18,017.50 will come from the Police Department's Asset Forfeiture Fund - account string 10491521-400605. |
| PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: | n/a |
| STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE: | City staff is requesting approval to purchase a police canine to replace a recently retired canine from Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc. |
| RECOMMENDED ACTION: | APPROVE the purchase of one police canine from Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$18,017.50 - Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802). |

DISCUSSION:

Richmond Police Department utilizes police canines to assist officers daily. Police canines are used to search residences and buildings that have been burglarized. They also help locate narcotics and firearms, and assist to apprehend violent individuals who have committed crimes and pose a threat to the community. Police canines are vital members of our police force, and their service is important to the safety of police personnel and the community.

The City of Richmond Police Department's Canine Unit has identified three vendors, Alderhorst International LLC, Top Dog Police K-9, and Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc., who provide dual purpose police canines. Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc. quoted the lowest price and has the largest selection of police canines on hand at any given time. Their flexibility, location, and number of available dogs would allow us to fill the vacancy and begin training and certifying the canine immediately. Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc. is recognized as one of the nation's premier police service dog suppliers and trainers.

Funding for the new police canine will come from the City of Richmond's Police Department's Asset Forfeiture Fund – no general funds will be used. Money is deposited into the Asset Forfeiture Fund after police seized assets are released by a court judge. After release, the assets can only be used to fund additional asset forfeiture investigations. Police canines are an invaluable tool and help with almost every asset forfeiture investigation; the purchase of a new canine to replace the recently retired K9 officer will prove to be an invaluable use of asset forfeiture funds

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Quote Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc.

Attachment 2 – Quote Top Dog Police K-9

Attachment 3 – Quote Adlerhorst International, Inc.