



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 7, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Chief's Staff, Police Department

SUBJECT: Donation To Police Canine Unit Trust Fund For Purchase Of New K-9 And Related Expenses

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Accept a donation of \$45,000 from the Santa Barbara Police Foundation for the Canine Unit Trust Fund;
- B. Increase appropriations and estimated revenue by \$18,000 to cover the purchase of a new K-9 and the related training costs in the amount of \$15,000, and ongoing handler training and monthly expenses totaling \$3,000; and
- C. Find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid procedure as authorized by Municipal Code 4.52.080 (k) and approve the purchase of a new canine, equipment, and related training from Mission Canines for the next three fiscal years, in accordance with approved budgets.

DISCUSSION:

The Canine Unit Program was established to augment police services to the community. Canine units are used to supplement police operations when locating individuals or contraband and to apprehend criminal offenders. This program relies on donations from the community for the continued development of highly skilled and trained teams of handlers and canines. The funds in the Canine Unit Trust Fund are used for the purchase of new canines, for regular care and maintenance of the canines, and for necessary training for the handlers.

With the recent appointment of a new K-9 Police Officer, and the retirement of the K-9 "Brag", a new specially trained K-9 police dog will be purchased, along with the related necessary training and equipment. The estimated costs associated with the purchase will be \$15,000. There will also be monthly expenses and additional training for the new handlers at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

Staff proposes to purchase the replacement canine from Mission Canines, the vendor used by the Police Department since 1991. Mission Canines is a highly responsible local vendor. Staff is very satisfied with their services and wants to ensure the

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consistency of the K-9 program. Mission Canines also provides the department's ongoing monthly training for the handlers and canines.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The balance of \$27,000 of this generous donation will be placed in the Canine Unit Trust and used when needed for the purchase of new canines, regular care expenses and training.

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