



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 14.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

DEPARTMENT: DETENTION AND ENFORCEMENT

DIRECTOR: KAREN M. COYNE

Consent **Discussion**

SUBJECT:

Approval of Canine Transfer Agreement between the City of Las Vegas, Department of Detention and Enforcement, and the Nevada Department of Public Safety for adopting Evita and Bronco for use as police dogs.

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

A Canine Transfer Agreement between the City of Las Vegas, Department of Detention and Enforcement, and the Nevada Department of Public Safety will allow for the donation of Evita and Bronco for use as police dogs. The Department of Detention and Enforcement recently ceased its K-9 operations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Canine Transfer Agreement - Public Safety

Motion made by LARRY BROWN to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

CHIEF KAREN COYNE, Detention and Enforcement Department, recollected a previous decision to eliminate the City's K-9 unit. She was honored that the City had an opportunity to help the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, launch a new program using dogs from the City's K-9 unit. She noted that JERRY HAFEN, Director of the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, and DEPUTY CHIEF GANNON would have ample opportunity to interdict the drug traffic on Nevada's highways with their new K-9 program.

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DEPUTY CHIEF GANNON stated that the program was ready to launch with seven canines ready for on-the-job training. He explained that Nevada is one of the main distribution centers for methamphetamines and this program was an effort to stop the flow of drugs and money. He added that the Badge pinning ceremony will be held on October 1st at 10:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Memorial and he invited everyone to the ceremony.

MAYOR GOODMAN expressed his hope that the two dogs would have an opportunity to work with NEIL FERGUSON, former City Marshal, and KEITH GORDON who are currently training with the State of Nevada's K-9 unit and had worked with the dogs previously. He questioned CHIEF COYNE regarding the status of OSCAR, the former canine partner of CORRECTIONS OFFICER NANCY CARLIN, and CHIEF COYNE stated that OSCAR was being examined for a possible degenerative bone disease or a slipped disc. She explained that his medical condition remained uncertain and assured MAYOR GOODMAN that she would keep him informed on OSCAR'S condition.

