



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Councilors

FROM: Rich Olson, City Manager
Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr. Chief of Police

DATE: February 7, 2013

RE: Consideration - Purchase of Two New Police Canines

BACKGROUND:

The Elizabeth City Police Department has had a K-9 program in place for approximately the last 20 years. Canines are beneficial to the law enforcement profession in the apprehension of suspects and detection of narcotics, which aids in the successful prosecution of offenders. Maintaining the Elizabeth City Police Department's K-9 program is a necessary and vital function of the Department, as the citizens of Elizabeth City expect and demand the highest level of police services available, including the use of canines in its daily operations. In order to continue the K-9 Program, the purchase of two new canines is necessary, as well as the training of two new canine handlers.

ANALYSIS:

The Elizabeth City Police Department's K-9 program has recently gone through a restructuring phase. The end goal is to have a two-canine, two-handler team that will be assigned to the night shifts and will focus on the high crime areas of town as part of the Department's strategy to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the City. Originally, there were four canines on the ECPD roster: Buck, Ciro, Baska, and Nero. Last year, Ciro had to be euthanized because of his age and health issues. In addition, both Baska and Nero were retired and removed from the K-9 roster due to their age and health concerns. The K-9 handlers of both Baska and Nero were allowed to purchase the dogs from the City and keep them as personal pets. Buck, the remaining dog, is very close to retiring; however, he will remain on the roster at this time. With the changes that have occurred, the Department needs to purchase two new canines to be added to the current roster, as well as train two new canine handlers within the Department. This purchase needs to be made as expeditiously as possible in order to maintain the Department's K-9 program. A quote has been provided from East Coast

Canine, Inc. (attached) for the total amount of \$16,100.00. This quote includes two police canines that are trained in tracking, article and narcotics search and training for two canine handlers. The funding sources recommended to be used in the financing of this project are as follows:

\$ 7,912.00	(Police Donations Revenue Account)
3,188.00	(Democratic National Convention Reimbursement)
<u>5,000.00</u>	(K-9 Expenses Line Item/FY 12-13 Budget)
\$16,100.00	

The Finance Committee discussed this matter during their meeting on February 7, 2013 and recommends approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, adopt the attached budget amendment allowing for the purchase of two new police canines.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013:

SECTION I. That the General Fund Balance Appropriated (103990.0000) be increased by \$7,912; the Police Salaries (105100.0200) be decreased by \$3,188; and Police Dog Expenses (105100.3320) be increased by \$11,100.

(To purchase two police canines and training - total cost \$16,100, \$5,000 budgeted, \$7,912 from donations, and \$3,188 from DNC reimbursement.)

Joseph W. Peel, Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC, City Clerk

East Coast Canine Inc.**QUOTE**

Tim Braddy-President
 1018 S. Howard Circle
 Tarboro, NC 27886
 Phone 252-813-2543

INVOICE #101
 DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2013

TO:
 Chief Eddie M. Buffaloe
 Elizabeth City Police Department
 302 East Colonial Ave
 Elizabeth City NC 27909

COMMENTS OR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: K9 QUOTES FOR TWO DOGS WITH TRAINING OF TWO HANDLERS.

SALESPERSON	P.O. NUMBER	REQUISITIONER	SHIPPED VIA	F.O.B. POINT	TERMS
TIM BRADDY		Elizabeth City Police Department			Due on receipt

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
2	Police Canines Tracking, Article Search and Narcotic search	12,600.00	12,600.00
2	Training for Canine Handlers	3,500.00	3,500.00
SUBTOTAL			16,100.00
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL DUE			16,100.00

Make all checks payable to East Coast Canine Inc.
 If you have any questions concerning this invoice, contact: Tim Braddy (252)813-2543 tim@eastcoastcanine.com

Thank you for your business!