



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** January 2, 2008

**ITEM NUMBER:**

**SUBJECT:** RETIREMENT OF POLICE SERVICE DOG ROBBIE AND THE SALE OF POLICE SERVICE DOG ROBBIE TO OFFICER JERRY HILDEMAN.

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 19, 2007

**FROM:** POLICE DEPARTMENT / FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION / K-9 DETAIL

**PRESENTATION BY:** PHIL MYERS, POLICE SERGEANT

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve the retirement of Police Service Dog Robbie and commend him for four years of outstanding service to the community.
2. Approve the sale of Police Service Dog Robbie to Officer Jerry Hildeman as per the attached purchase agreement and authorize the Chief of Police to enter into such agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Robbie was born in Holland where he lived the first three years of his life. Robbie joined the Costa Mesa Police Department in December 2003 and was assigned to Officer Hildeman. Robbie and Officer Hildeman graduated number one in their K9 Basic Training class in February 2004 earning their certification to perform police work together.

During the last four years, Robbie has saved countless human hours in conducting building and area searches and has made numerous finds of criminal suspects. Robbie has participated in over 226 narcotic searches throughout Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties. Robbie has been instrumental in the seizure of more than 60,000 grams of cocaine, 7,000 grams of methamphetamine, 20 grams of heroin, 49,000 grams of marijuana and approximately 40,000 pseudoephedrine pills. In addition, Robbie has help seize \$197,000 in U.S. Currency and numerous drug paraphernalia items resulting in the arrest of over 129 subjects for narcotic violations.

Robbie has served the community of Costa Mesa well, frequently putting his life on the line for citizens, his partner and co-workers.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Robbie is eight years old and beginning to see the twilight of his career as a Police Service Dog. Staffing and age precludes him from further service. Robbie should be retired.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

No alternatives were considered on this item.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

None

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney's Office has approved the attached purchase agreement as to form and legality.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that City Council approve Police Service Dog Robbie's retirement and allow Officer Jerry Hildeman to purchase him.

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**PHIL MYERS**  
Sergeant

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**CHRISTOPHER SHAWKEY**  
Chief of Police

Attachment 1: [City of Costa Mesa Police Department Purchase Agreement](#)