

TITLE A Resolution authorizing the donation of Shreveport Police Department surplus property, specifically retiring one Police K-9 "Cairo," and otherwise providing with respect thereto.	DATE 10/04/2023	ORIGINATING DEPT./DIV. Shreveport Police Department SPONSOR OR COUNCILMEMBER Shreveport Police Department
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PURPOSE

This resolution will authorize the Shreveport Police Department to donate K-9 "Cairo" to a current Shreveport Police K-9 Handler, Corporal Philip Tucker.

This Ordinance or Resolution will have direct impact on Council District: **ALL**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

"Cairo" is a ten-year-old Malinois K-9 that has served the citizens of Shreveport honorably for six years, working as a dual-purpose K-9 in both patrol and narcotics functions. However, within recent months, "Cairo" has begun having health issues, that coupled with his age, has made it imperative "Cairo" retire.

Based on what is in the best interest of the service animal, and the citizens we serve, the Shreveport Police Department wishes to donate "Cairo" to a current Shreveport Police K-9 Handler, Corporal Philip Tucker, so that he may be retired in a humane and dignified manner commensurate with his service to our city.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: **October 10, 2023**

Final Passage: **October 24, 2023**

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**FINANCES**

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

CONCLUSION

The council may:

1. Approve the Resolution if deemed appropriate.
2. Approve an amended version of the Resolution.
3. Reject the Resolution.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:

Angela Willis, Chief Administrative Assistant

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF _____ 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS PROPERTY, SPECIFICALLY RETIRING ONE POLICE K-9 "CAIRO," AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCIL MEMBER:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport Police Department's K-9, "Cairo", a ten-year-old Malinois K-9, that has served the citizens of Shreveport honorably for six years, working as a dual-purpose K-9 in both patrol and narcotics functions; and

WHEREAS, this dog's health and age have made it imperative he retire; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to donate K-9 "Cairo" to a current Shreveport Police K-9 Handler, Corporal Philip Tucker; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Philip Tucker, has agreed to accept all responsibility, financial obligations and liability associated with the acceptance of this donation; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport City Code Section 26-53(b) states that "public funds or property of the city shall not be donated, loaned or pledged to any person, except for public purposes"; and

WHEREAS, although Louisiana Constitution Article 7, §14, generally prohibits loan, donation or pledge of public property; under La. R.S. 33:4712 a municipality may sell, lease, exchange, or dispose of public property which is not needed for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, due to health and age, K-9 "Cairo" described herein, is unable to perform his duties as a patrol canine for the Shreveport Police Department. K-9 "Cairo" has reached the end of his service career with the Shreveport Police Department and is hereby deemed surplus of the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, donation of "Cairo" to a current Shreveport Police K-9 Handler, Corporal Philip Tucker, serves a public purpose and renders a public service because this donation under these circumstances provides for the most humane and dignified way to retire this service animal that has served the citizens of Shreveport honorably

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that Mayor Tom Arceneaux is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and/or agreements between the City of Shreveport and Corporal Philip Tucker whereby the City shall make donations, effective on October 24, 2023, as follows:

"Cairo"	Service Animal	A ten -year-old Malinois
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or application of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

