

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF  
SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS  
PROPERTY, SPECIFICALLY RETIRING ONE POLICE K-9  
“GUUS,” AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT  
THERE TO.**

**BY: COUNCIL MEMBER:**

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

**WHEREAS**, this dog's age has made it imperative he retire; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to donate K-9 "Guus" to a current Shreveport Police K-9 Handler, Corporal Gregory Gagneaux; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporal Gregory Gagneaux, 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 age, K-9 "Guus" described herein, is unable to perform his duties as a patrol canine for the Shreveport Police Department. K-9 “Guus” 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 "Guus" to a current Shreveport Police K-9 Handler, Corporal Gregory Gagneaux, 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 Gregory Gagneaux whereby the City shall make donations, effective on October 24, 2023, as follows:

“Guus”	Service Animal	A thirteen -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:**

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

