



# City of Yuma

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**TITLE:**  
**Transfer of Ownership: Police Canine**

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the retirement and transfer of ownership of one Yuma Police Department canine to the assigned handler. (Police/Patrol) (T. Garrity)

**STRATEGIC OUTCOME:**

This transfer of ownership is in accordance with the City Council's Respected and Responsible strategic outcome. The transfer allows the handler of the police canine to responsibly and safely assume legal ownership of the animal.

**REPORT:**

The City of Yuma Police Department (YPD) owns a 6-year-old male Belgian Malinois named Messi, who has served the Police Department since May of 2022. Messi is a certified dual-purpose Patrol Service Dog able to locate and apprehend persons. YPD recommends Messi retire due to his age, length of duty, and rotation of his handler, Sergeant Zachary Miner, to another assignment. Because Messi is not a typical domestic canine, Messi should not be sold to or adopted by the general public.

Messi has lived with his handler, Sergeant Zachary Miner, and his family since YPD acquired him. Messi has since established bonds with Sergeant Miner and his family. Sergeant Miner wishes to obtain ownership of Messi and has agreed to sign a waiver of liability and assume all expenses associated with Messi. Messi has

been a loyal and faithful servant to the City of Yuma and should be allowed to maintain a high quality of life in retirement.

By approving this motion, the Mayor and Council authorize the sale and transfer of legal ownership of this one City-owned canine to his respective handler, as outlined above.

**FISCAL REQUIREMENTS:**

CITY FUNDS:	\$ 0.00	BUDGETED:	\$ 0.00
STATE FUNDS:	\$ 0.00	AVAILABLE TO TRANSFER:	\$ 0.00
FEDERAL FUNDS:	\$ 0.00	IN CONTINGENCY:	\$ 0.00
OTHER SOURCES:	\$ 0.00	FUNDING: ACCOUNT/FUND #/CIP	
TOTAL \$ 0.00			
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To total; right click number & choose "Update Field"			

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

NONE

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM THAT ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

NONE

IF CITY COUNCIL ACTION INCLUDES A CONTRACT, LEASE OR AGREEMENT, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTING THE DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE AFTER CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL?

- Department
- City Clerk's Office
- Document to be recorded
- Document to be codified

Acting City Administrator: John D. Simonton	Date: 07/23/2024
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