



CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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TO: Adam Waldron, President
Bethlehem City Council

DATE: January 28, 2021

REF.: RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF "HIX" - BETHLEHEM POLICE K-9

The Bethlehem Police Department would like to retire Hix, one of three Police K-9's, as recommended by Emmaus Animal Hospital due to severe arthritic conditions.

Funding for Hix was donated to the City of Bethlehem in December of 2015 by Joe's Battery and Tire located in the City of Bethlehem. Hix was then purchased by the City of Bethlehem from Castle's K-9 in December of 2015.

The Bethlehem Police Department's K-9 Unit is seeking approval to properly retire Hix per Third Class City Code guidelines.

The Bethlehem Police Department is seeking to transfer Hix to Patriot K-9 Rescue via adoption at no charge to the Rescue so that he may be able to live out the remainder of his life in a happy and loving environment. The Rescue will evaluate Hix, and if it is determined that he is safe for third-party adoption, they will work to find a suitable adopter. The Rescue has advised that their adoption fee is only \$250 for the average person and that if the adopter is prior or current police, military or first responder they waive the adoption fee. If the Rescue decides not to proceed with a third-party adoption or if they determine that Hix is not adoptable, then Hix will live out his retirement in the care of the Rescue.

I am requesting permission from Council to retire Hix to Patriot K-9 Rescue.

Under 11 PA C S, Section 2402.1© of the Third Class City Code, Hix's transfer must be approved by City Council by Resolution. I am requesting Council to issue a Resolution for this sale so that the K-9 Unit can continue to move forward in its service to the citizens of Bethlehem.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle L. Kott".

Michelle L. Kott
Chief of Police

cc: Mayor

