



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.

Michelle L. Kott Chief of Police

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cc: Mayor

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WHEREAS, in 2015 the Bethlehem Police Department purchased Hix, a German Shepherd-Malinois mix, with a donation by local business owners Joseph Hixson Jr. and his wife Shirley Hixson;

WHEREAS, Whereas Hix, as a dedicated and talented member of the Bethlehem Police Department K-9 Unit, and as an expert Patrol & Explosives Detection K-9 for more than five (5) years, has provided service of the highest order to protect the residents of Bethlehem and officers of the Bethlehem Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Police Department now wishes to retire Hix and to transfer ownership of Hix to Patriot K9 Rescue, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, Hix has earned the honor of commendation with all the incidental rights and benefits of being a retired police K-9 service dog that he may have been deprived during his service; and

WHEREAS, Patriot K9 Rescue, Inc. will care for Hix with the possibility of Hix being adopted if he is deemed safe to adopt; and

WHEREAS, if Hix is deemed safe to adopt, Patriot K9 Rescue, Inc. will work to find a suitable adopter who has adequate property, restrictive fencing and time to manage Hix and his needs, with the goal of a lifelong match so that Hix will live out his retirement in a loving and happy environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem is authorized pursuant to 11 Pa.C.S. § 12402.1 of the Third Class City Code to dispose of personal property by sale or otherwise upon approval by City Council via resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that Hix be extended the gratitude of the City of Bethlehem, which has benefited from his more than five years of service and the special contributions he made to promoting public safety and protecting the lives and property of Bethlehem residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, now that Hix is retired, he can relax and enjoy all that life has to offer him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hix is extended every good wish for a long and happy retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that Hix is hereby approved to be transferred by the Bethlehem Police Department to Patriot K9 Rescue, Inc.:

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	ADOPTED by Council this	day of	, 2021.	
ATTEST:			President of Council	
City (Clerk			