

Subject: **[**EXTERNAL**]** Council Meeting question.

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Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers, and Cheif.

Now that we have three active K9s, I believe we need to make sure our K9 partners are protected, not only today but after they stop working.

1. Can you share our policy on aftercare when these dogs retire, or heaven forbid, get hurt?
2. Will the city allow the K9 to stay on the vet insurance and let the handler pay the monthly bill, or whoever takes ownership?
3. What is our policy for retiring them? If the handler wants to promote, will the dog be moved to a new handler, or will the city retire them? What are the minimum years that we will expect a canine to work?
4. What is the process and cost for the handler to keep the dog after retirement if they choose to do so?
5. What is the policy so a working dog doesn't get sent to a shelter after retirement? Yes, I see it happen monthly!
6. Will the city pay for the spay and neutering so the cost doesn't fall on the handler?

I know the dogs are not even six months on the job, but we need to protect them now before they are no longer of value to a city.

And I look forward to getting my questions answered.

Christina Laughlin