

Agenda Report

To: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** MARCH 18, 2001

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF A HORSE (SURPLUS PROPERTY) TO THE
ALTADENA STABLES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the transfer of a horse from the Pasadena Police Department Equestrian Unit to the Altadena Stables. It is further recommended that the City Council, based upon the information contained herein, find that a public purpose is served by exempting the proposed transfer from the provisions of the Surplus Equipment and Goods Ordinance, P.M.C.4.04, pursuant to section 4.04.080.

BACKGROUND

The Pasadena Police Department currently has three horses in its equestrian unit, including the horse to be donated named Sport. The equestrian unit services the City using mounted officers during routine patrols, special events, such as the Rose Parade, and policing the city's parks. Because of the rigorous demands placed on horses that serve in police units, they are continually assessed and monitored for duty readiness. Therefore, periodically, horses are retired from service due to age and other factors. In this case, Sport has admirably served the City of Pasadena since July 1998; however, the department has concluded that Sport is no longer serviceable by the Police Equestrian Unit.

The Altadena Stables, located at 3064 Ridgeview Drive, in Altadena, administers an equestrian program that teaches children how to groom, tack and ride horses. The Altadena Stables will provide a good home for Sport and the opportunity for him to continue to serve this community. Sport's handlers at the Police Department have determined that Sport is perfectly suited to work with children in the instructional environment offered by the Altadena Stables.


The Salvage Equipment and Goods Ordinance requires that surplus property be disposed of through a public auction, sealed bid or negotiated sale. However,

the Ordinance enables the City Council to authorize alternate methods of disposal, including donation, provided such authorization contains a finding that a valid public purpose is served by granting such request. Donating Sport to the Altadena Stables constitutes a valid public purpose for which an exemption from provisions of P.M.C. 4.04 is appropriate.


FISCAL IMPACT

Sport was originally donated to the Pasadena Police Department in 1998. Although the exact monetary value of Sport is difficult to determine, it is estimated to be less than \$1000.00.

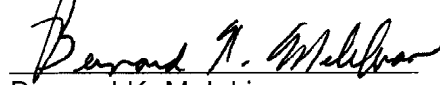
Respectfully submitted,


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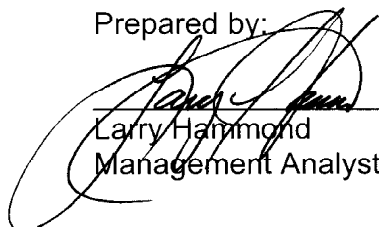
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