

support, often donating his own personal time. He has established a strong bond with Dude. Officer Arcand has indicated a willingness to take the horse, thereby alleviating the City the expense of boarding it, and/or finding another suitable owner. Consequently, it is in the best interests of the City as well as the horse, that it be transferred to Officer Arcand.

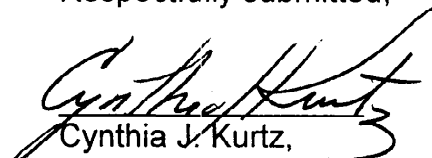
The Disposition of Salvage and Scrap Property Ordinance prohibits the sale or transfer of salvage or surplus property to city employees except through public auction or sealed bids open to the general public. However, staff recommends that an exception be made for animals performing police services and the ordinance modified accordingly.

The Department also has two police dogs. It has been the past practice to allow handlers to retain the dogs assigned to them upon the animals' end of service. These animals receive special training with their handlers and are often not suitable for other owners. Amending the Disposition of Salvage and Scrap Property Ordinance to allow for such transfer would conform policy to practice and would memorialize Pasadena's commitment to animal welfare.

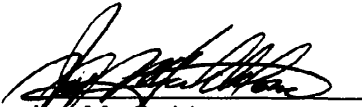
FISCAL IMPACT

The transfer of the horse to Officer Arcand will alleviate the \$420 monthly boarding expense currently being incurred by the Police Department. Staff estimates the value of the horse to be between \$1,000 and \$1,200. Nevertheless, given the circumstances staff is requesting the transfer to Officer Arcand at no cost.

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