



Staff Report

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO ACCEPT A PRIVATE DONATION OF \$500.00 TO BENEFIT THE BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT K9 PROGRAM.

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Adams have sent a check in the amount of \$500.00 to benefit the Belmont Police Department K9 Program. The check is drawn from their personal bank account.

Background

In the beginning of the year, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Adams were the victims of frequent, threatening phone calls from a collection agency located in Michigan. It was established that the company was calling the wrong party. On the advice of the telephone company, Mr. and Mrs. Adams called the Belmont Police Department to file a police report. Within a half hour, Officer Mike Chicas arrived at their home and handled the situation in a very courteous, professional and effective matter. Because of his actions, the problem of the phone calls ended. Mr. and Mrs. Adams greatly appreciated how understanding and sympathetic Officer Chicas was in listening to their frustrations. They also noted that during his visit he had a German Shepherd, Nitro, in his vehicle. They were interested to hear from Officer Chicas about the Belmont Police Department K9 Program. Officer Chicas provided Mr. and Mrs. Adams with a brief history of the K9 Program, and explained to them the duties of a K9 Officer, and introduced him to his K9 partner Nitro.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams were thankful and impressed with the Belmont Police Department K9 Program and wished to offer financial assistance in order to further the development of the program.

Discussion

With this money, the Belmont Police Department plans to further the community outreach mission of the K9 Program. The mission of the Belmont Police Department K9 Unit is to reach out to the community through service and demonstrations and to inform our community of the role of our police K9 partners through education. They augment the general patrol functions of the department by providing assistance in situations where the assistance of a police K9 is necessary.

Officer Chicas and K9 Nitro take part in community events by making appearances at school classrooms and functions, block parties, Boy and Girl Scouts Troop meetings, the Belmont Festival, Red Ribbon Week, G.R.E.A.T. graduations, church functions, birthday parties, Belmont Pet Parade and other community functions.

Fiscal Impact

Donation will be deposited into an account intended only for use by the Belmont Police Department K9 Program for the benefit of the community.

Public Contact

This item was placed on the City Council agenda, and posted as required by the California Government Code.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Chief of Police to accept the private donation in the amount of \$500.00 to benefit the Belmont Police Department K-9 Program.

Alternatives

1. Deny the Resolution
2. Refer back to staff for further research

Attachments

- A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

Donald J. Mattei
Chief of Police

Jack Crist
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ACCEPT A PRIVATE DONATION OF
\$500.00 TO BENEFIT THE BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Adams have given a check in the amount of \$500.00 to the Belmont Police Department K9 Unit; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Adams specifically requested that these funds be used to further develop the Belmont Police Department K9 Program; and,

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to further the mission of the Belmont Police Department K9 Program relative to community outreach for the City and for the Police Department; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont authorizes the Chief of Police to accept a check in the amount of \$500.00 to benefit the Belmont Police Department K9 Program.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on August 14, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont