



Action Requested/Required:

- ☒ Vote/Action Requested
☐ Discussion or Presentation Only
☐ Public Hearing
Report Date: _____
Hearing Date: _____
Voting Date: _____

Department: Police Presenter(s) & Title: Stephen Merrifield
Chief of Police

Agenda Item Title:

Glock 17 Disposal

Summary:

Request sworn employees be allowed to keep their current firearm as we transition to new firearms.

Budget Implications:

Budgeted? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Total Cost of Project: _____ Check if Estimated ☐

Fund Source: General Fund ☐ Water & Sewer ☐ Sales Tax ☐ Other: _____

Staff Recommendations:

Approve request to allow sworn employees to keep their current firearm.

Reviews:

Has this been reviewed by Management and Legal Counsel, if required? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Attachments:

Memorandum "Glock 17 Replacement"



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: Stephen Merrifield, Chief of Police
Date: October 25, 2022
Ref: Glock 17 Replacement

Beginning November of this year, our department began the process of transitioning our current duty firearm from the Glock 17 model to the Glock 45 model with RMR optic sights. This was done due to the normal "wear and tear" we were starting to notice on our current models and the need to provide a better sighting system on our weapons. This improved sighting system will result in creating a safer environment for our officers and citizens alike.

After we have completed the transition for all sworn personnel, we will be left with the former weapons and will need to find a responsible method of moving them out of our inventory. The options available are we could sell the weapons to our current vendor, sell the weapons at auction, allow officers to buy their weapon, or allow the officers to keep their former weapon, with appropriate taxes applied.

While I support whichever option is selected by Mayor and Council, I would ask consideration to be given to the option of "gifting" the weapons to our officers. I believe this would be a kind and generous gesture to reward our staff who have served as "first responders" during the length of the pandemic, and also who have worked short staff for months due to the nationwide shortage of applicants for law enforcement positions. In addition, I believe this would be a safe and responsible method of moving the replaced handguns out of our inventory, while remaining in the care of the women and men we have previously trusted to safeguard the weapons.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping 'A' followed by a horizontal line.

Stephen Merrifield
Chief of Police